

On behalf of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ali Bin Khalifa inaugurates the Gulf Refining Federation Exhibition

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Manama, Oct. 23, (BNA) His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, inaugurated the first edition of the Gulf Refining Federation Exhibition, October 23-25, 2018 at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Center under the theme "Towards Competitive Refining through Innovation, Cooperation and Technology", organized by the Gulf Refining Federation in cooperation with the National Oil and Gas Authority and supported by Bahraini, Gulf and International companies

His Highness the Deputy Prime Minister and the attendees toured the exhibition, during which he learned about the latest products in the field of oil refining and petrochemical industry

In a statement, HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa conveyed the greetings of His Royal Highness the Prime Minister to the organizers and participants of the exhibition. His Highness wished the exhibition to contribute to the exchange of experiences in everything that would contribute to the development of the refining industry and benefit from the latest .Scientific innovations in this field

He expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Gulf Refining Federation, the National Oil and Gas Authority and all the Bahraini, Gulf and International companies participating in the exhibition for their efforts in order to be such a distinguished level and make it a good opportunity to exchange experiences and benefit in all matters related to the . development of the oil, gas and petrochemical sector

HH the Prime Minister stressed the government's keenness to support the oil sector and related industries because of their impact in supporting the Kingdom's efforts in the field of sustainable development in light of the strategic .importance of these industries in upgrading the national economy at all levels

He said that the development of the refining and petrochemical industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain is booming, as part of .the government's plans and programs to promote investment in oil and gas to meet the continuous increase in demand

He pointed out the importance of benefiting from such global conferences in the development of the oil and gas sector and petrochemicals in Bahrain by reviewing the various advanced experiences in the fields of refining and petrochemical industries, as well as benefiting from the experiences of developed countries in the fields of renewable energy, The .comprehensive development witnessed by the Kingdom of Bahrain in various fields

He stressed that Bahrain's success in attracting major international exhibitions, including the first exhibition, reflects the great confidence in the Kingdom's capabilities in the exhibitions and conferences sector, with its facilities and .infrastructure which made it a preferred venue for such events

For his part, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Minister of Oil, expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister for his patronage of the exhibition, stressing that this generous care confirms the government's keenness to support the oil refining industry, Of the industries that constitute an addition to the national economy. He also thanked His Highness Sheikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Deputy .Prime Minister for his opening the exhibition on behalf of His Royal Highness the Prime Minister

He stressed the importance of the oil refining and petrochemical industry and its great positive impact on the national economy by boosting investments in the oil industry as well as the economic gains that benefit the national economy and contribute to increase trade and tourism movement and highlight the security and stability of Bahrain under the .leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the country

He pointed to the positive return of the oil refining and petrochemical industry in diversifying sources of income and enhancing the Kingdom's position as one of the attractive destinations for investments, pointing to the importance of the exhibition in providing the appropriate climate for exchanging ideas and experiences and holding large trade and

He pointed out that the strategy of the National Oil and Gas Authority aims to attract and attract more international conferences and exhibitions on topics related to oil, gas and energy and its establishment in the Kingdom of Bahrain, as the strategic plans of the Commission with the Government's efforts to strengthen its position on the global events map To achieve many of the scientific gains represented in the development of the workforce and the motivation of the .human element, which is considered leadership of the capital of Bahrain is inexhaustible

He added that such events contribute to the acquisition of the Bahraini element of practical experience by taking advantage of the presence of the leaders of refining and petrochemicals present in this important event, and that such conferences and exhibitions highlight the reach of the refining industry and petrochemicals in the Kingdom of .development

More than 150 companies exhibiting refining and petrochemical products and services from more than 35 countries around the world will be exhibiting over 8,000 square meters of state-of-the-art technologies, new products and the .best services available in the refining and petrochemical industry

The exhibitors of the exhibition include major companies from the Gulf region, rich in natural resources and all over the world, all of which occupy high positions in the markets. Major international companies in the oil industry have been keen .to have a strong presence in the important global event specialized in the field of refining and petrochemicals

It is expected that there will be a large participation in the number of visitors (visitors to the exhibition), especially through the King Fahad Causeway coming from the GCC countries, where the number of visitors to the exhibition is expected to reach more than 5000 visitors and participants from the senior departments of oil companies and .petrochemicals and directors and engineers of petroleum Refining and pollution control specialists and project managers

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