

KIMS ratings honour is first in Gulf



■ Mr Johnston presenting the award to Mr Jawahery, fourth from right, Dr Sahadulla and Dr Mohammed, watched by Mr Al Sho'ala, Dr Hamza, Mr Shetty, Dr Yen and Mr Kavanagh

THE KIMS Bahrain Medical Centre (KBMC) yesterday became the first of its kind in the GCC to receive an international healthcare accreditation from Australia.

It was officially granted the accreditation by the Australian Council for Health Care Standards International (ACHSI).

Although several hospitals have won the ACHSI accreditation, KBMC is the first medical centre in the Gulf to achieve such recognition, said ACHSI chief executive officer Brian Johnston, who handed over the accreditation certificate at a ceremony held at the Crowne Plaza's Bahrain Conference Centre.

It was jointly received by KBMC chairman

Ahmed Jawahery, vice-chairman Dr M I Sahadulla and managing director Dr M A Mohammed.

The ceremony was held under the patronage of Health Minister Dr Faisal Al Hamer, who delegated Health Under-Secretary Dr Aziz Hamza to the event.

Indian Ambassador Balkrishna Shetty also inaugurated the KBMC website.

Among the speakers were Bahrain-India Society chairman Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala, Mr Johnston, Mr Jawahery, Dr Sahadulla, KBMC executive manager Dr Desmond Yen and commercial and senior trade commissioner at the Australian Embassy in Riyadh, Michael Kavanagh.

Dr Mohammed welcomed the gathering and

KBMC chief executive Arun Govind proposed a vote of thanks.

"With the completion of the ACSHI accreditation process, KBMC has developed a firm system of patient care based on infection control and safety," said Mr Johnston. "It has also helped in creating a culture of evidence-based approach to healthcare and data-driven decision-making.

"Thus KBMC has taken the right step in upholding their vision of providing quality health care at an affordable cost."

Opened in June 2004, KBMC, is a multi-speciality medical centre offering outpatient and diagnostic services, from Umm Al Hassam.