



Mr Al Sho'ala hosted a dinner on Thursday night for members of the Ashrm board of trustees and delegates attending the teleconference. At the event, at Le Royal Meridien Hotel, are Mr Al Sho'ala, fourth from left, chamber president All bin Yousuf Fakhro, second from left, US Ambassador David Ransom, fifth from left, and other guests.

Stage is set for opening of pioneering mini-cinemas

BAHRAIN'S first mini-cinemas are to be opened to the public on September 26.

The cinemas, Delmon 1 and Delmon 2, will be located on the first floor of the Gosi (General Organisation for Social Insurance) Centre, along Exhibition Avenue.

An Italian firm is currently finalising the decoration work at the cinemas.

The Bahrain Cinema Company (BCC), which has set up the cinemas at a cost of BD300,000, is planning to screen only English movies there.

"However, the newly-released Arabic film, *Nasser 56*, will be screened as an inaugural movie in one of the cinemas, because of its popularity," said its general manager Ahmed Rashid.

"The other cinema will screen the popular English movie, *Mission Impossible*. Delmon 1 and Delmon 2



Mr Rashid

have a capacity of 130 and 170 seats respectively.

Each will screen four shows daily, but five shows during the weekend, Wednesday to Friday.

The show timings at Delmon 1 are 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.15pm and 11.30pm, and at Delmon 2 are 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm and 11pm.

Tickets are a flat rate of BD2.

Mr Rashid said the experiment of operating movie theatres in a commercial complex was commercial.

Training 'key to career success'

● 400 attend global teleconference

TRAINING and human resource development are vital for creating corporate leaders, said Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala.

It was a recognition of this and the need to optimise employment of Bahraini youngsters that authorities had launched the drive to consolidate Bahrain's position as the regional centre of excellence in training, he said.

Mr Al Sho'ala was speaking as he inaugurated the showing yesterday of a prestigious management teleconference, beamed via satellite to 40 countries, including Bahrain.

The event, the first 'World-wide lessons in leadership' teleconference, featured three top management gurus.

Opening

Present at the opening were Commerce Minister Ali Saleh Al Saleh, top officials and about 400 participants.

The event was hosted in Bahrain by the Saudi-based Arabian Society for Human Resource Management (Ashrm) in association with the Bahrain Society for Training and Development.

It was telecast at the Holiday Inn's Bahrain Conference Centre, under Mr Al Sho'ala's patronage.

The event in Bahrain was sponsored by the BDF, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Arab Banking Corporation.

It featured Dr Stephen Covey, Dr Tom Peters and Dr Peter Senge, who are leaders in modern management.

Dr Covey is the author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, which has sold more than nine million copies in 29 countries and is the world's number one best-selling book on personal and professional development.

Dr Peters' books *In Search of Excellence* and *A Passion for Ex-*



Mr Al Sho'ala, front row, third from left, at the teleconference with Mr Al Saleh, front row, second from right, and other participants.

cellence, Thriving on Chaos and Liberation Management and others have made him the world's number one business author of all time.

Dr Senge, author of *The Fifth Discipline* is the world's number one authority on the art and practice of building learning organisations.

"It is often said that corporate leaders are not born but made," said Mr Al Sho'ala.

"It is a continuous learning process through which men and women pass through in their lives and careers, not just earning a livelihood but expertise and experience which can be passed on to the next generation."

A good leader was one who conscientiously encourages team spirit and, more important, successfully imparts the qualities of leadership in others.

he said. "Which is why training and human resources development become significant in the modern economic environment," said Mr Al Sho'ala.

"Here in Bahrain, we have placed these on priority in our drive to optimise employment

It was with such a long term vision, with programmes for short term achievements, that a drive had been launched toward consolidation of Bahrain as the regional centre for training and human resources development," said Mr Al Sho'ala.

Bahrain drive to create more job opportunities

opportunities for our young men and women.

"But we are aware that these people will be able to effectively integrate themselves into the main economic framework only if they are capable of performing the tasks assigned to them well."

"With proper training, they will be eligible to become good managers and the process has the potential of eternal continuity, imparting leadership skills in people."

"In view of the immense market potential inherent in the Gulf, a number of internationally reputed training institutes and commercial organisations feel encouraged to set up their training facilities in Bahrain, the benefits of which will be available to all the citizens and residents of the GCC states," he said.

"We have taken the initiative in this connection and I am confident that our commitment to the objective, together with private sector support, will lead to the establishment of quality training organisations and programmes."