

UK experts to help draw up training plan

TWO British vocational planning specialists have arrived in Bahrain to assist the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry in the introduction of National Vocational Training in Bahrain.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala met at his office the visiting experts, Dane Gould and Tom Caple.

The meeting was also attended by head of Training Promotions Office Ebrahim Hassan Mohammed and training adviser to the minister Don Campbell Thomson.

The specialists will work closely with the ministry officials over the next two weeks and a further two weeks in March.

Their visit has been funded by the British government and co-ordinated by The British Council.

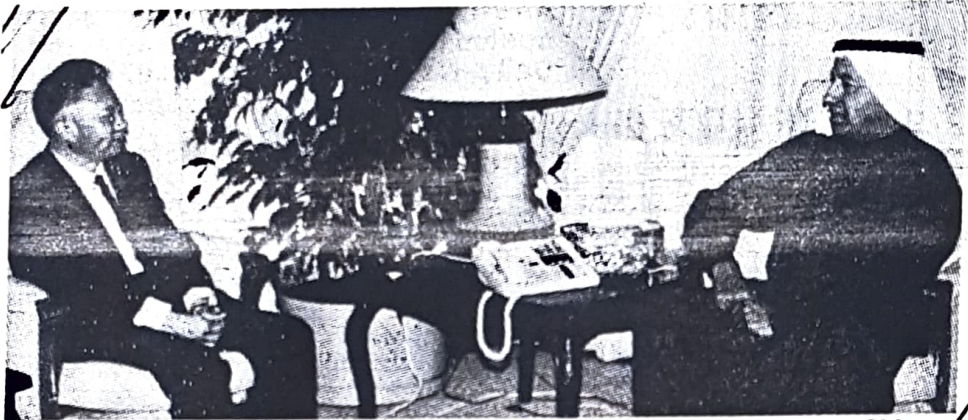


■ Mr Al Sho'ala, third from right, with the experts, ministry officials and British Council director John Shorter

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■ Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala yesterday met the GCC delegation currently visiting Bahrain to attend a symposium to discuss how GCC nationals can take up employment in any of the member states. The symposium is being organised by the GCC Labour Ministerial Council and ends on February 24.



■ Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala yesterday met new Chinese Ambassador Pang Kang and wished him success in his diplomatic mission.



■ Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala yesterday met Algerian Ambassador Taher Bu Dhan and reviewed bilateral relations and issues of mutual concern.

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Private sector is urged to boost wages

MANAMA: Bahrain's private sector was yesterday urged to raise pay levels in line with the recently announced increases for state employees.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala told *Akhbar Al Khaleej*, sister paper of the *Gulf Daily News*, that his ministry was in favour of higher wages for private sector workers.

He said the ministry would intensify its efforts to persuade any private employers who do not pay appropriate wages to review their policies.

He said improved salaries would lead to higher productivity and result in a more settled workforce which in turn would benefit the national economy.

Mr Al Sho'ala added that increased pay levels would also encourage more Bahrainis to seek employment in the private sector.