

Bahrain

Major drive set to



■ EDUCATION ... Mr Fulad and Mr Yousif

A MAJOR worker education programme is being launched by a labour organisation in Bahrain.

Companies are being urged to support the three-part programme being organised by the General Committee for Bahrain Workers (GCBW).

Seventy-five workers' representatives from 16 Bahrain companies are set to attend a two-week training programme at the Workers' University in Egypt from next month.

The programme, the first of its

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kind by the GCBW for all workers' representatives, was being organised as a result of recently signed protocols of co-operation with the Egyptian Trade Union Federation (Etuf) and the Workers' University, said GCBW chairman Faisal Fulad.

The programme will be held three times to accommodate all the participants, in groups of 25 each, said GCBW general secretary and head

of the GCBW's education sub-committee Yousif Abdulla Yousif.

He said each of the programmes, lasting two weeks, will focus on topics such as report writing, history of worker organisations, rules and regulations for meetings, methods of convincing, role and responsibilities of worker organisations, regional and international worker organisations and the Arab economic situation and the impact on it of global changes.

"There will be a concentration on

educate workers

rights and duties of workers, health and safety in the work place and communication skills," said Mr Yousif.

Mr Fulad said this was the first time the GCBW had organised an educational programme outside Bahrain for all workers' representatives.

"It is our strategy to support productivity and play a constructive role in the economic and social development of the country," said Mr Fulad.

"We believe such programmes will

contribute to improved worker productivity by improving relations between workers and managements.

"Through the programme, participants will learn not only about workers' rights but also their responsibilities."

He hoped the 16 companies employing workers' representatives would provide financial and non-financial support to the participants to enable them to attend the programme.

"We have asked them to provide financial support to the participants

and leave to attend the programme," said Mr Fulad.

He said the companies had supported the GCBW in the past and he hoped this support will increase in future.

"We hope to achieve our targets with the support of the authorities, employers and friendly organisations," said Mr Fulad.

The first programme is set for March 15 to 29.

The launch will be attended by Labour Minister Abdulnabi Al

Sho'ala, who is scheduled to be in Cairo to attend the annual conference of the Arab Labour Organisation.

The conference, from March 17 to 24, brings together the three partners in progress - the Government, employers and workers.

A three-member team from the GCBW, headed by Mr Fulad, will attend the conference.

The second training programme is scheduled from April 5 to 19 and the third will be held from May 31 to June 14.