

TRA and TAMKEEN Discuss ICT Regulatory Training Program to Develop Skills of Bahrainis in the Telecommunications Sector

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The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority's (TRA) Board Member Dr. Taqi Al Zeera and TRA's General Director Mr. Alan Horne met recently with Tamkeen's Chief Executive Mr. Abdulelah Al Qassimi as well as Dr. Ahmed Al Shaikh Tamkeen's Vice President of Enterprise & Human Capital Development. The meeting focused on how the two organizations could cooperate in the development of professional training initiatives covering ICT and regulatory issues. The aim of these programs is to improve the skills of the Bahraini workforce and thereby reduce the knowledge gap that exists in these areas.

Commenting on the meeting TRA's General Director Mr. Alan Horne said: "First of all I would like to compliment Tamkeen for their initiatives in funding the development of the professional training programs and helping to raise the standard of the Bahraini workforce. Bahrain is considered to be amongst the regional leaders in ICT and regulatory matters, however to maintain this position Bahrain must train and retain highly qualified people".

Mr. Horne went further to say: "There is clearly a skill gap at all levels in the ICT sector within Bahrain and the region. We will be working closely with Tamkeen to ensure this gap is reduced".

Tamkeen Chief Executive said: "Tamkeen sees this opportunity to work with TRA as a means of boosting training and skills for Bahrainis in an industry that is a vital building block for the Kingdom's knowledge industry. Bahrain has already established a sound track-record in the telecoms and ICT industry. This coupled with strong growth in the telecoms sector and the ambitious plans of the government's e-governance strategy will lead to promising career opportunity for bright Bahrainis."

Tamkeen already has a rich suite of training programs in place for the ICT and IT sectors and an innovative support system for SMEs in this sector as well.



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From left Dr. Taqi Al Zeera, Mr. Abdulelah Al Qassimi, Mr. Alan Horne and Dr. Ahmed Al Shaikh

About TRA

The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) was established by Legislative Decree No. 48 of 2002 promulgating the Telecommunications Law. TRA is an independent body and its duties and powers include, among other things, protecting the interests of subscribers and users and promoting effective and fair competition among existing and new licensed operators. More information regarding TRA can be viewed at www.tra.org.bh

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About Tamkeen:

Tamkeen (Labour Fund) is a semi-autonomous yet independent authority which formulates strategic and operational plans to enhance the overall prosperity of Bahrain by investing in Bahraini employability, job creation and social support. Tamkeen is funded by the fees collected by the LMRA.



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Tamkeen's main objectives are to support Bahrainis to become the employees of choice, and to support high quality private sector job creation

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