

Medical News

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Walkathon in Aid of Cancer Drive

A walkathon was held up at the Lagoon “Amwaj Islands” to raise awareness of cancer. The event was organized by the Bahrain Cancer Society on 1 February 2013. Participants walked for 4.5 km at their own pace and the event was sponsored by Batelco, Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company, Bahrain Air and the Lagoon. The event is part of the celebration of World Cancer Day on 4 February 2013. The society also held lectures on how to prevent cancer.

The MOH Celebrated Women’s Day

On 29 December 2012, the Ministry of health organized a celebration to mark Women’s Day at the Lagoon “Amwaj Islands”. The event was attended by several senior staff members who praised the role of women in Bahrain’s development.

King Hamad Issued a Decree to Establish the Supreme Council for Health

His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa has issued a decree to establish the Supreme Council for Health. The Council would be chaired by Lt-General Dr. Shaikh Mohammed Bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, the Minister of State for Defense Affairs. The vice chairman is Mr. Sadiq Bin Abdul-Kareem Al-Shehabi, the Minister of Health.

The tenure of membership in the council shall be for a period of four years renewable. The same decree stipulated that the council shall prepare a national strategy for health in the Kingdom and follow-up its implementation with the relevant government ministries, institutions and authorities.

Focus on Ways to Fight Sickle Cell

Bahrain hosted a major conference on sickle cell anemia on 5 February 2013, where more than

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30 experts discussed the management and prevention of the disease. The three day event was held under the patronage of his Royal Highness, the Prime Minister, Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa at the Ritz Carlton and Spa hotel. The thirty-six experts were from USA, Canada, India, Jamaica, UK and Cyprus; in addition, 19 speakers from Bahrain took part in the event, which was being held under the theme “hand in hand towards a better life for sickle cell disease patients”.

The conference provided an interactive forum for participants to discuss important and emerging health issues such as protocols for pain management, avoidance of causes of death in sickle cell disease and other complications, such as, renal failure and vascular necrosis among others.

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