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Honour Code for Educational Pioneering Training, with the patronage of its CEO, Education Quality Assurance Consultant, and Certified Trainer, Dr. Maha Noaman Al-Shorbaji, organized the Second Annual Conference on Child Care and Development under the theme:

“Envisioning the Future for Gifted Children: The Reality of Their Identification and Care in the Third Millennium”.

The conference was honored by the presence of Her Excellency Ms. Enas Mohammed Al-Majed, Assistant Undersecretary for Community Development at the Ministry of Social Development, representing His Excellency Mr. Osama bin Saleh Al-Alawi, Minister of Social Development. The event was also attended by Her Excellency Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen, Member of the Shura Council; Her Excellency Ms. Ijlal Bu Bashait, Chairperson of the Committee for Women and Child Affairs; and Ms. Al Anood Mohammed Jassim, Evaluation and Planning Specialist at the Women's Information Center of the Supreme Council for Women.

In addition, the conference welcomed representatives from the Child Protection Unit in Cyberspace at the Ministry of Interior, the National Institution for Human Rights, delegations from rehabilitation centers affiliated with the Ministry of Social Development, and representatives of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation.

It is worth noting that the Second Annual Conference on Child Care and Development aimed to:

- To utilize contemporary approaches in giftedness and creativity to support the early identification of gifted children.
- To evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the tools, methods, and assessment measures used to identify gifted children and to develop educational programs based on the results obtained.
- To strengthen collaboration among community institutions and stakeholders to ensure comprehensive care and support for gifted children.
- To examine the challenges faced by gifted children and the factors that hinder the identification of their talents, while proposing strategies to support their development and well-being.
- To promote equity in the early identification of gifted children and ensure appropriate support for all special groups, including twice-exceptional children, enabling them to realize their full potential.

- To empower trainers and teachers with the knowledge and skills required to effectively identify, nurture, and support gifted and creative children.

It is worth noting that the conference attracted local, regional, and international participation in the field of childhood development, including both typically developing children and twice-exceptional children. In addition to contributions from the Kingdom of Bahrain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Kuwait, and the State of Qatar, the conference also featured participants from Egypt and Finland, as well as representatives from rehabilitation and specialized support centers in those countries. The conference further benefited from the participation of universities.

Furthermore, Honour Code for Pioneering Educational Training has organized this conference for the second consecutive year, reflecting its commitment to envisioning the future of children, including both typically developing children and those with exceptional abilities. The conference seeks to examine the current reality of identifying, nurturing, and developing their talents and capabilities, while fostering their creative, social, and cognitive growth.

In pursuing this mission, Honour Code aligns its efforts with the Kingdom of Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030 and 2050, the foundations of which were established in 2008 by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, may God protect and preserve him. His Majesty further reinforced the rights of children through the issuance of Law No. 37 of 2012, which established a legislative framework for the protection, welfare, and advancement of children's rights in the Kingdom.

These efforts have been reflected in the international recognition received by the Kingdom during sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, where the Kingdom was commended for the legislative, executive, and human rights measures it has adopted to safeguard and promote children's rights. This achievement is the result of strong collaboration and collective effort.

The launch of the first Honour Code Award for Future Research in Giftedness and Creativity is inspired by the Kingdom's visionary commitment to investing in human capital. This vision recognizes the Bahraini citizen as the cornerstone of development and innovation, capable of competing, driving change, and contributing meaningfully to society—whether as an individual of typical ability or as a person with special needs. It reflects the aspiration to build an advanced knowledge-based society that keeps pace with the developments of the twenty-first century and achieves sustainable development for all segments of the community. This vision is reflected in two key priorities:

First, the emphasis on empowering young leaders, enabling them to respond effectively to present needs and future challenges through innovation, creativity, and meaningful contribution.

Second, the commitment to nurturing and developing children, recognizing that investing in children is fundamentally an investment in the future. This is especially true for gifted children with exceptional abilities, whose unique talents and potential can make a significant contribution to society. Research indicates that a remarkably high proportion of gifted children demonstrate strong creative capacities, highlighting the importance of identifying, supporting, and developing their talents from an early age.

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It is worth noting that Honour Code's organization of this conference was inspired by the significant achievements accomplished by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of child rights and welfare under the prosperous reign of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, may God protect and preserve him. These achievements have enabled the Kingdom to become a leading model at both the regional and international levels.

We also highly commend the distinguished efforts led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, may God protect and preserve him, in providing the necessary resources and support to ensure the healthy development and well-being of children.

Furthermore, we would like to acknowledge the remarkable contributions of the Supreme Council for Women, chaired by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, in advancing the rights of women and children and supporting policies and initiatives that promote the protection, welfare, and development of children.

These efforts have been reflected in the international recognition received by the Kingdom during the sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, where commendation was given for the legislative, executive, and human rights measures adopted to safeguard and promote children's rights. This achievement is the result of close collaboration and collective commitment among the legislative bodies, child rights organizations, and esteemed ministries, including the Ministry of Social Development, which chairs the National Committee for Childhood. The private sector and business community have also played a valuable supporting role, contributing to the shared goal of advancing and protecting the rights and well-being of children.

The Second Conference on Child Care and Development received widespread recognition for its excellent organization and the high quality of the scientific papers presented. This was reflected in an overall satisfaction rate of 98% for the first day's sessions and the specialized workshops conducted on the second day. The conference also resulted in a number of significant recommendations, which were submitted to the legislative and relevant national bodies in the Kingdom of Bahrain, including the Council of Representatives, the Shura Council, the Supreme Council for Women, and the Ministry of Social Development. These recommendations are expected to contribute to supporting and advancing the child development sector and strengthening its developmental impact at the national level.