



More than 180 Arab and International Publishing houses to participate
eGovernment Participates in Al Ayam 17th Cultural Festival

The eGovernment Authority today announced its participation in the Al Ayam Cultural Book Festival, organized by the Al Ayam Publishing Establishment at the Bahrain International Exhibition center. The event held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, Kingdom of Bahrain kicked off last Wednesday and is expected to continue for the next 10 days.

On this occasion, Mr. Isa Abdulrahman, Director of Marketing and Awareness of eGovernment Authority, said: “eGovernment’s participation in Al Ayam Cultural Festival underlines its commitment to be part of such exhibitions and conferences which form a vital link between the citizens, residents and visitors from outside the country. As this annual exhibition attracts both regional and international visitors, we are honored to present the eGovernment program, services and the various channels which have been organized to promote the use of these services, particularly in the field of education and culture.”

In addition to the various online services offered, eGA allows citizens the privilege of accessing Library services online. The service introduced on the National Portal Bahrain.bh makes it simpler for everyone to use the “The “ Library book or paper Reservation” service provided by the Bahrain Center of Studies & Research, in addition “Public Libraries Services” provided by Ministry of Education.

Mr. Abdulrahman confirmed that eGovernment is committed to its strategy regarding activating its program electronically. Channeling its services by use of latest infrastructure, communication technology, development of education, culture, and work towards educating citizens and beneficiaries to assist the online community to access and achieve an integrated services process.

The Festival which is being attended by over 180 regional and international publishing houses showcases over 150,000 titles. In conjunction with the festival many cultural activities are being held to reflect the excellence, development of scientific and cultural movement in Bahrain.

Currently, eGovernment Authority provides 99 various eServices of the 200 basic governmental services planned electronically via various communication channels, in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Its ongoing aim is to provide more than 90 percent of the daily transactions through its website to all clients.

About eGovernment Authority Bahrain

The eGovernment Authority (eGA) was established by Royal Decree 69 in August 2007. Reporting to the Cabinet, the eGA aims to coordinate and execute e-government initiatives in line with the strategies, plans, and programs set by the Supreme Council for Information Communication Technology (SCICT), headed by HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The eGA's role entails everything from proposing overall policies and appropriate legislations to the SCICT for approval to overseeing the execution of the approved SCICT programs. This includes suggesting required IT programs, facilitating communications and services between all government entities, opening new e-channels for e-government services, and offering technical and knowledge-based support to the ministries and other government entities.

Currently, the eGA is working on executing the plans contained within Bahrain's e-government strategy to achieve the ambitious Bahraini e-initiatives, as well as offering 200 basic governmental services electronically via various communication channels within 3 years to all citizens, residents, and businesses of Bahrain.

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