GULF AIR AND BAHRAIN POLYTECHNIC SIGN MOU

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Gulf Air and **Bahrain Polytechnic** recently **signed** a Memorandum of Understanding to provide the tertiary education institute's Information Technology students and graduates with the opportunity to perform final year industry projects and obtain valuable industry experience in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) at Gulf Air in the airline's Information Technology Department.

Bahrain Polytechnic students can now enrol in internships, receive on-the-job training and conduct industrial visits related to their field of study – integrating academic education with practical application.

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Dr. Jassim Haji, Gulf Air director information technology said: “The field of Information Technology is fast paced and ever-changing, resulting frequently in critical gaps between the academic studies of this field and what is actually being practiced in the workplace. With this training program, Polytechnic students will gain real-life experience at Gulf Air in a broad range of ICT projects.”

Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, acting CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic said: “The problem-based learning approach the Polytechnic practices focuses on practical learning, resulting in students being ready to work in a corporate environment upon graduation.”

“Producing work-ready graduates has always been our aim, and the main ingredient here is practical experience. We want to keep working with renowned companies such as Gulf Air, so that our students can benefit by gaining practical experience in a well-established and prestigious organisation that operates internationally. We are certain this collaboration will be a win-win for both our students and the organisation. This shall have a positive impact on our students’ careers and the aviation industry in the Kingdom. This ideally fits into Bahrain’s 2030 Vision and the government action plan for 2015-2018,” said Dr. Al Aseeri.

Gulf Air senior manager people development, human resources Sohair Faisal Khalfan said: “Such people development programs are vital for facilitating new graduates’ entry into the workforce. We are delighted to support the strengthening of the Kingdom’s people development and to do our part in improving the readiness of young Bahraini graduates as they embark on their professional lives. These programs provide benefits and experience that can’t be obtained through the various ICT training courses or workshops.”

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