

Toastmasters Club marks anniversary

MORE than 200 people attended the 50th anniversary of the Manama Toastmasters Club conference at the Crowne Plaza.

The panel discussion titled "Nuts, Bolts and the Artisans" featured professional speakers who exchanged ideas and discussed the topic of speech writing.

Indian Ambassador Dr Mohan Kumar, World Champion

of Public Speaking from the US Mark Brown and motivational speakers from Qatar, the UAE and Saudi Arabia took part, including motivational speaker from Bahrain Ahmed Shukri.

Organising committee head Madhavi Tiwary said the event was a major success.

The chief guest of the event was Bapco chief executive Dr Peter Bartlett.



■ The panelists who spoke during the conference

Expert is set to testify in murder trial

A MEDICAL examiner will testify in the trial of an Indian woman accused of murdering her husband by stabbing him up to 30 times in front of their five-year-old daughter.

The 28-year-old allegedly murdered Siraj Al Din Ebrahim, aged in his 40s, at their home in Manama in April.

She has been charged with premeditated murder and prosecutors argue she planned the attack in advance and stabbed him to death on their bed while he was sleeping.

The woman, who is in custody, appeared at the High Criminal Court yesterday having earlier denied the charges.

Three other people, including the victim's brother, have been charged with aiding and abetting the murder.

However, they have been released on bail and did not attend yesterday's hearing.

The trial was adjourned until January 11 to summon prosecution witnesses.

The woman, who was married to Mr Ebrahim for eight years, earlier told prosecutors that her husband took his own life by stabbing himself in the neck, chest and abdomen because of financial problems.

Businessman facing new forgery charge

A BUSINESSMAN who was previously jailed for three years for forging money is facing the same charge in a new case.

The 48-year-old Bahraini is now accused of forging a BD20 note and using it to pay at a petrol station in Salmabad in April.

However, the Indian attendant was suspicious and took down the defendant's registration number before he could drive off.

The defendant appeared in the High Criminal Court yesterday to plead not guilty to forgery.

"I was leaving the Psychiatric Hospital and police arrested me," he told prosecutors.

"I haven't even gone to the petrol station in Salmabad for over a year, but I used to go there because I was selling my vehicle."

According to prosecutors the fake BD20 note had been printed on paper using a colour printer.

The trial was adjourned until January 11 for review.

Walkathon at Amwaj Lagoon

A WALKATHON is taking place tomorrow to mark Bahraini Women's Day, which is celebrated annually on December 1.

It is organised by the Health Ministry under the patronage of Under-Secretary Dr Aysha Mubarak Bu Onq.

The event starts at 3.30pm at the Lagoon, Amwaj Islands, and will feature medical check-ups, as well as entertainment programmes and henna painting.

Water stations will be distributed along the two-kilometre route.

The event is free and those who take part will be provided with a T-shirt, sunglasses and a stress ball from 2.30pm to 3.15pm.

For more information, call the ministry's society affairs department on 17286127, 17286129 or 17286133.

Doctors save leg of teenager

By ANIQA HAIDER

DOCTORS in India have saved the leg of a Bahraini teenager, who was originally told that it would have to be amputated.

Muhammad Asad Yamin returned to Bahrain yesterday after surgery at the Welcare Hospital in Gujarat.

The 19-year-old, originally from Pakistan, suffers from Milroy's disease and had a condition called lymphedema, which causes fluid retention and tissue swelling - affecting his ability to walk.

He was admitted to the King Hamad University Hospital in October where doctors recommended amputation below the knee to prevent any infection spreading to his vital organs.

However, he has instead undergone knee replacement surgery in India and his father Muhammad Yamin Yasin told the GDN he was able to stand and walk without assistance.

The surgery was paid for with money collected during a fundraising drive in Bahrain and was carried out by chief arthroplasty and orthopaedic surgeon Dr Bharat Modi.

"We are so happy that within just a



■ From left, Dr Modi with his wife Harshida Modi, Muhammad and his parents after the surgery

month our son not only had a successful surgery, but is now able to stand and walk on his own," said Mr Yasin.

"Doctors in Bahrain earlier said they would amputate his leg and we were afraid, thinking he would never be able to walk again.

"But thanks to Dr Modi and his team who treated my son I am so happy to see him walking in front of me."

He said the decision to seek specialist advice in India would have a massive influence on his son's life.

"My wife and I are happy to know that we took a good decision and didn't allow doctors in Bahrain to amputate his leg," he added.

"Muhammad is still young and had a whole life to live and spend with friends, relatives and his children in future.

"We are happy we didn't waste his life by taking one wrong decision."

Doctors in Karachi previously had to amputate four toes on Muhammad's



■ Muhammad before the surgery

right foot due to gangrene when he was five.

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■ A training programme was held at Ebrahim K Kanoo for sales, warehouse and administration department employees. Thirty-seven employees completed the programme and were presented with certificates by Toyota spare parts department general manager Gurcharan Singh and training and development manager Abdulameer Darwish. Above, Mr Singh, centre, with the programme participants.