INJAZ Bahrain successfully concluded its 9th Annual National Company Competition at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The event witnessed 20 student entrepreneur teams from around the Kingdom compete to obtain the coveted “University Company of the Year” and “School Company of the Year” titles in addition to several other awards, with over 13 high schools and three universities participating in this year’s Company Competition.

- “Machla” team from Ibn Khuldoon National School won “High School Company of the Year”
- “Royal Creators” team from the Royal University for Women won “University Company of the Year”
- “Step” team from Jidhafs Secondary Girls School won the High School Product of the Year 2017
- “Ghamza” team from the University of Bahrain won the University Product of the Year 2017
- “Special Needs Future” team from Al Estiqlal Secondary Girls School won High School Company for Best Social Impact 2017
- “Yabilha Puzzle” team from the University of Bahrain won University Company for Best Social Impact 2017

Commenting on the conclusion of the event Her Highness Sheikha Hessa Bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Executive Director of INJAZ Bahrain said “INJAZ Bahrain is grateful for the support of all its partners, volunteers, coordinators and students for their contribution in making the 2016-2017 academic year a resounding success. Our Company Competition reflects the skills, creativity and initiative demonstrated by the participating student teams, and how crucial planning, teamwork, problem-solving and communication are to achieving success as they progress professionally as Bahrain’s future business leaders of Bahrain.”

Awards for exceptional volunteers, and board companies were also handed out at the end of the event. The honorees who dedicated their time included: 22 platinum category volunteers who have volunteered for more than 100 hours over the years, 28 gold category volunteers who logged more than 24 hours this academic year and 2 silver category volunteers who were awarded for their added efforts. GPIC and Alba were recognized with a Volunteer Service award for their staff dedicating the most volunteer hours.

The competition was sponsored by platinum sponsors GPIC & Tamkeen, gold sponsor Banagas & silver sponsors Batelco and Yousif & Aysha Almoayyed Charity.
INJAZ Bahrain Alumni Association – Network of Opportunities

INJAZ Bahrain Alumni Association is proud to announce the winning of INJAZ Al Arab Alumni association the award of JA Alumni Engagement Award at JA Worldwide GLC 2017. The award is rewarded for the best Regional Operating Center for developing robust alumni strategies, including tracking, communication, and engagement projects as well as enhancing the ROC’s ability to promote fundraising initiatives, volunteering and operational efficiency.

The regional alumni network was launched in 2015 to bring together all national alumni chapters in several INJAZ member counties. The Association aims to promote the entrepreneurial spirit and facilitate networking and personal development across borders, as well as to promote the educational programs of INJAZ, encourage the Alumni’s to make contribution to public service; and generally act as ambassadors.

INJAZ Bahrain Alumni’s plays an essential role within the INJAZ Bahrain events and activities by providing the necessary assistance and free of cost services for the organization as well as volunteering to mentor, support and motivate the students. The association keenly contributes to INJAZ Bahrain’s mission as well as supports the growth of alumni businesses and other employment activities.

INJAZ Bahrain Young CEO’s program

As part of youth development and providing opportunities to inspire and prepare youth to succeed in a global economy, INJAZ Bahrain scheduled the “Young CEO’s Program” during the Board Strategic Retreat held at GPIC Club. INJAZ Bahrain’s long term vision is to enhance and leverage on the Company program to make it one of the most sought out programs for schools and universities by encouraging young students of the program to become the future Entrepreneurs and by providing them with the skills needed to succeed in in the local economy. The Young CEO program gives the student CEO’s of the company program the opportunity to network with top executives from diverse backgrounds, industries and countries, gain valuable market knowledge and develop understanding of the roles and responsibilities of top executives represented by the INJAZ Board Members to pave the way for these youngsters to become successful leaders of the future.

19 Young student CEO’s from 12 Schools and 2 Universities who are participating in this year’s Company Program met with nine INJAZ Bahrain’s aspiring board members and had open discussions on how to manage their companies, deal with financial aspects, and manage staff, market challenges and general business opportunities.

INJAZ Bahrain Primary Students Extended Learning Opportunity

INJAZ Bahrain in partnership with Ritz Carlton Bahrain offered an extended learning opportunity to explore the field of hospitality through a full day visit to the outstanding premises where the INJAZ Bahrain students were introduced to the hospitality element, healthy eating and food safety module. 50 students aged from 11 to 13 years old from Alkhansa Primary Girls School and Ibn Sina Primary Boys School attended an extended lectures about choosing the right meals, the healthy food components and its benefits on the mental and physical health. Students were taken in a tour to the hotel where the assigned Ritz Carlton Bahrain Community Foot Prints team enlightened the different facilities and departments and its functions as well as the significant role each employee execute in the hotel.

Such opportunities help students explore the work field through engaging with the private sectors volunteers in their organizations as well as enhance their awareness of the different sectors available and open their eyes to the tourism sector, which is one of the most important segment in the economy of the Kingdom of Bahrain.
INJAZ Bahrain has successfully conducted 14 Innovation Camp workshops in the academic year 2016-2017, under the sponsorship of Citi Foundation. The workshop was hosted by our valuable board members and leading partners, Bapco, Mumtalakat, University of Bahrain, BIBF, Arabian Pearl Gulf Private School, AMA International School, Al Istiqal Secondary girls school, West Riffa Secondary Girls School, and Al Wisam International School. This year marks the first participation of Crown Prince’s International Scholarship Program students in INJAZ Bahrain Innovation Camp, where the outstanding students enjoyed the challenge of a real business experience.

Moreover, 1000 students have participated from 10 schools and universities that benefited from this entrepreneurship program with the assistance of 155 corporate volunteers who help them expand their horizon and direct the student teams towards entrepreneurial future. 14 Bahraini entrepreneurs shared their valuable knowledge, experience and guidance on how to continue their business and turn it into an accomplishment.

INJAZ Bahrain attended the 28th JA Europe Company of the Year Competition that was held in Brussels, Belgium. The organization was honoured to be the first Arab Member Nation invited by JA Worldwide as part of the global milestone INJAZ Bahrain is aiming for in its growth strategy.

The winners of INJAZ Bahrain National Company Competition for the Year 2016-2017, the organization signature program for both high school category represented by students from Machla team from Ibn Khuldoon National School and for university category represented by Royal Creators team from Royal University of Women.

The teams had the privilege to be chosen by the organization to represent the Kingdom of Bahrain as special guests in Brussels. Through the trip, students were able to gain experience, expand their horizon and engage with other member nations to drive for the upcoming competition INJAZ Al Arab Young Entrepreneurs Competition held in November 2017.

INJAZ Bahrain gratefully acknowledges all supporters for their long standing financial support to provide vital, innovative programs that inspire and prepare young Bahrainis to succeed in a global economy.

INJAZ Bahrain continues its’ remarkable students reach

INJAZ Bahrain successfully implemented 15 economic based programs across 234 public schools, 20 private schools and 7 universities for the academic year 2016-2017. To date, the organization has reached out to more than 130,000 students since inception in 2005.

Over 31,000 students participated this year in Work Readiness, Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship training opportunities aimed at developing basic business skills to start and run their own businesses, along with soft skills increasingly in demand by the private sector. The programs were implemented with the support of the Ministry of Education and the support of a network of more than 1,200 corporate and educator volunteers.

Her Highness Shaikha Hessa stressed on the important role of Ministry of Education in facilitating INJAZ Bahrain program implementation across all educational institutions. She also touched on the major achievements made over the years and how INJAZ enhances the students’ learning experience by providing them opportunities with top private sector organizations through mentorship, internship and community service opportunities in an attempt to link what they learn in INJAZ with the real world of work.

It is with your partnership that we thrive to be active contributors to building the nation’s future.