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With over 51 years of banking service to the Kingdom of Bahrain, we, at NBB, are more resolute and firm than ever to serve the community. The community was where NBB began its voyage and the community will always be the root of our organization.

We are honoured and blessed to be a household name, intimately tied to the people of this nation and concerned about the general well being of the community that we serve. We are particularly devoted to helping the disadvantaged namely the elderly, the disabled and the needy.

NBB has a long history, dating back to 1980, of involvement in community affairs and supporting noble and worthwhile causes in the Kingdom. We believe in building prosperity by extending support to a broad range of causes, which would enhance the life of the community in general, and the people in particular.

We are determined that the community we serve also benefits from our success and translate that determination to practice by setting aside five per cent of the Bank's annual net profit for allocation among various programmes and projects aimed at social welfare, health care and the underprivileged sections of our society.

In 2007 we contributed over BD 896,000 through our donations and contributions programme, primarily directed towards health care, social welfare, supporting educational institutions including government schools, research studies, etc.

Our employees also make significant contributions as volunteers sharing their skills, financial and business knowledge and the benefit of their experience with the student community. This includes participating in a broad range of training seminars and work shops, for the benefit of students from educational establishments, particularly those enrolled in H.H. The Crown Prince's Scholarship programme that is aimed at the development of vision and leadership capabilities among Bahrain's future government and business leaders.

Continuing with our tradition of imparting knowledge, the Bank also provided on-the-job summer training over a 2 to

3 month period to Bahraini students from the University of Bahrain. We believe that the training imparted on various aspects of banking will be invaluable to students.

Since the commencement of our banking services in the Kingdom way back in 1957, the community has welcomed us in their midst and has placed their trust in NBB. We shall endeavour to ensure that we support the nation in its march forward. We will always remember that while we have been blessed with so much we need to carry along with us the less privileged and those with special needs to ensure a better society and a more prosperous Bahrain.

We consider it an honour, our duty and our privilege, to be able to serve the community in more ways than just providing banking services.

Major 2007 Projects

Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program
In 2006 NBB joined the Crown Prince International Scholarship Programme (CPISP) as a gold sponsor and made a commitment to contribute to the programme a total of BD 500,000 over five years. The Bank has made an initial contribution of BD 200,000 towards the above programme. The sponsorship reflects the Bank's continuing support to human resources development in the country and in particular programmes that support Bahraini students to develop and improve their academic qualifications, including doctorate and master's degrees.

Charity Funds Support

2007 was the twelfth consecutive year that the Bank has provided assistance to all the local charity funds registered with the Ministry of Social Development. During the past twelve years about BD 900,000 has been contributed by the Bank to the local charity funds that provide basic sustenance to poor families and needy people in all areas of the Kingdom. This year, during the Holy Month of Ramadan, the bank distributed 6,800 coupons to purchase foodstuffs totaling BD 100,000. The amount was allocated to local charitable societies and organization to convey to the families who are in dire need for help and support.

Support to Government School Students

In 2007, 14,000 needy government school students benefited from the annual Eid clothing donation programme. NBB allocated BD100,000 this year for the programme, which covered all government schools in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

On the occasion of Eid Al Adha and Eid Al Fitr, the Bank organised the purchase and distribution of gift items for occupants and staff of NBB Home for the Aged, NBB Home for Disabled Children, as well as for the children in the Hope Institute for the Blind and the Kindergarten of Awal Women's Society and Bahrain Mobility International Centre.

Sponsorship

NBB has demonstrated a leading role in supporting a unique number of important activities and events. Major activities in which the Bank participated as a key sponsor during 2007 were:

Sports

- Shaikh Rashid Bin Isa Ramadan Tournament for the Football Cup of the Late His Highness Shaikh Faisal Bin Hamad
- 27th GCC Basketball Clubs Championship organized by the Bahrain Basketball Association
- Third Volleyball Championship for universities in the Kingdom and the GCC universities, organized by the University of Bahrain
- Kingdom of Bahrain's 5th Swimming Championship in open waters, organized by the Bahrain Swimming Federation
- Support of Hidd Club

Education

- The International Conference of Higher Education in the 21st Century organized by Ahlia University
- Studying is Fun Week under the supervision of the Middle Area Municipal Council
- Supported Human Resources Development Fund

Social

- 2nd Psychiatric Conference "Innovation in Psychiatry" organized by the Arabian Gulf Psychiatric Association & Bahrain Psychiatric Association
- Homeland and Global Security Forum organized by Ministry of Interior
- Preparing the Financial Statements with the International Accountants Standard Workshop organized by Bahrain Accountants Association
- Muharraq Summer Carnival organized by Muharraq Municipality Council

Culture

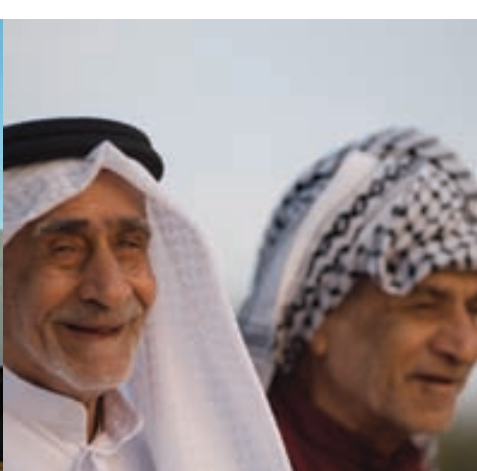
- Supported Spring of Culture 2007

Others

- IMF/World Bank Meetings - Washington D.C. (Banks in Bahrain Showcase Reception) organized by the Banker's Society of Bahrain and the Economic Development Board of Bahrain
- Day of Bahrain in Geneva organized by Ministry of Labour

Included among the major beneficiaries of the Donations and Contributions programme this year were:

- Mohamed Bin Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa Cardiac Centre
- Crown Prince's International Scholarship Programme
- The Culture & National Heritage
- The NBB Home for the Aged
- The Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped Children
- The Islamic Association Al Sadaqa Al Jaria
- Human Resources Development Fund
- Bahrain Basketball Association
- Al Eslah Society
- Bahrain Philanthropic Society
- Bahrain Crescent Society
- Muharraq Social Welfare Centre
- Sh. Ebrahim bin Mohd Al Khalifa Center for Culture & Research
- Zakat Fund
- Banker's Society of Bahrain "IMF/World Bank Meetings - Washington DC"
- Middle Area Municipal Council "Studying is Fun Week"



Donations and contributions annual allocation

BD (thousands)



- Al Rahma Centre
- Al Sanable Orphans Care
- Bahrain Society for Child Development
- Bahraini Disabled Sport Union
- Child Care Home
- Injaz Bahrain
- Ministry of Interior "Homeland and Global Security Forum"
- Ministry of Labour "Day of Bahrain in Geneva"
- Bahrain Down Syndrome Society
- Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Centre for Hearing & Speech
- UCO Parents Care Centre
- Regional Institute for Active Learning

In addition, the Bank has made several smaller donations to deserving causes and voluntary organisations.

Major Projects

Major Projects financed, and contributions made, since the beginning of the Donations and Contributions programme

Health Services

- Building and equipping NBB Dair Health Centre
- Financing and furnishing the NBB Arad Health Centre and Physiotherapy wing
- Providing Salmaneya Medical Centre with two advanced general purpose X-rays, an ambulance, dialysis machines and a urology endoscopy system
- New Eco Cardiogram machine for Shaikh Mohamed Bin Khalifa Cardiac Centre
- Annual financial support to Shaikh Mohamed Bin Khalifa Cardiac Centre at the Bahrain Defence Force hospital

Social Welfare Schemes

- Building and furnishing the NBB Home for the Aged.
- Building and furnishing the Friendship Kindergarten for the Blind.

- Building and furnishing the NBB Home for Disabled Children and providing a bus with special equipment.
- Supplying 2 specially manufactured buses for Bahrain Mobility International and Muharraq Social Welfare Centre.
- Annual financial support to all the facilities built by the Bank.

Educational facilities

- Construction of Administration and Registration buildings for the University of Bahrain
- Building and furnishing the NBB Public Library in Muharraq.
- Providing the University of Bahrain with "Horizon", a fully automated library system and 2 PC laboratories, the E-learning centre in addition to annual financial support for many years
- Contribution to the new Shaikh Isa Library
- Installation of air conditioning in all Government primary schools.
- Annual financial support to the University Student Fund
- Computerised library system for Women and Children Information Centre

Economic Sector

- Annual financial support to the Bahrain Centre for Studies & Research and the Economic Development Board.

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