



Statement by the NIHR on the Universal Children's Day

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The world community, including the Kingdom of Bahrain, celebrate Universal Children's Day, on the 20th of November each year, due to the importance it represents in strengthening international independence and raising awareness among the children of the world to improve their well-being, and affirm child's right to life, health, education, rest and recreation, as well as child's right to a family life and protection from violence.

This year's occasion is celebrated under the theme **"For Every Child, Every Right"**, in order to emphasise the importance of defending and promoting children's rights, and translating them into dialogues and actions that would build a better world for the children, being leaders of the future, whom everyone participates to build, including mothers, fathers, teachers, nurses, doctors, government leaders, members of civil society institutions, media professionals and private sector companies, given the fact that they are all partners in child development and capacity building.

On the occasion of the Universal Children's Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) acknowledges the efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain acknowledges the Kingdom of Bahrain's efforts in support of children's rights, through an integrated system of policies, laws, programs and activities that emphasise in entirety the importance of promoting and protecting children's rights, including the Restorative Justice Law for Children and their Protection from Abuse, and the National Strategy for Childhood, in cooperation with the UNDP and the UNICEF, in addition to the establishment of a specialised prosecution office for families and children and a child protection centre.

On the occasion of the Universal Children's Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) states that it is working to follow-up and monitor commitment to the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, as it has recently established the position of "Commissioner of the Rights of the Child" that is concerned with issues facing children and works to protect and promote the best interests of the child and support environmental policy for them, in cooperation with all concerned parties to ensure their implementation and respect by all.