



## Statement by NIHR on the International Day of the Girl Child

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The international community celebrates the International Day of the Girl Child on the October 11 every year with a view to supporting the realisation of the future aspirations of girls and enhance their position in society by calling for providing them with the capabilities and strength necessary for a more just and prosperous future, as partners with all parties of society in the promotion and protection of civil, political, economic, social and cultural human rights.

The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated this year under the theme “**Digital Generation, Our Generation**”, in order to bridge the digital gender gap in the field of communication and technology, where about 2.2 billion people under the age of 25 still do not have access to internet at home, and girls have and use devices less than boys.

On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) notes the attention paid by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of digital education for girls and boys alike, and commends the international title won by 9 distinguished Bahraini public schools – 8 of them are girl schools – within the technology incubator schools project of Microsoft International to support educational institutions.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it will continue to follow-up and monitor the extent of 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 girl child, calling at the same time for cooperation and joint work to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 5 on “Gender Equality and Empowerment of All Women and Girls”.