



**Bahrain - 15 January 2012:** The General Organisation of Sea Ports Maritime Education Fund (MEF) Advisory Committee has commenced seeking means of cooperation in order to start its outreach to young Bahrainis interested in maritime scholarships.

At its third meeting, the MEF Advisory Committee met with Dr Cynthia Gessling, USA Higher Education Advisor at the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program (CPISP) to learn from her experiences and to identify possible areas of mutual cooperation in order to enhance student outreach.

MEF will provide scholarships to Bahraini students interested in pursuing maritime careers. An awareness programme will be launched in order to educate students about the opportunities and benefits of working in the field.

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**About General Organisation of Sea Ports:**

The General Organisation of Sea Ports (GOP) was established In September 2006 with a mission to develop Bahrain's maritime industry and infrastructure and regulate its operation in line with the Kingdom's Economic Vision 2030 development strategy. The GOP's overarching responsibility lies in guiding the development of strategies to position Bahrain as a global leader in the maritime industry.

As a regulator, the GOP is responsible for supervising all maritime safety and environmental matters and ensuring adequate infrastructure is in place to serve the needs of the Kingdom's seaports, including the region's newest state-of-the-art port Khalifa Bin Salman Port. The GOP is also responsible for operating and developing the Bahrain Logistics zone.

Adhering to the highest international quality standards of safety, environment and security, the GOP aims to position the Kingdom as the strategic gateway and trans shipment hub to the northern Gulf.

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