

Award puts Bahrain on hospitality map

BAHRAINI businessman Qutub Dadabhai has been named this year's recipient of the Lamp of Knowledge Award for Outstanding Educator (International) by US-based American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI).

The Bahrain Institute of Hospitality and Retail (BIHR) chairman received the award during the AHLEI Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon in Chicago.

It was presented by AHLEI International Sales vice-president David Lechter on behalf of president Robert Steele.

The award is given to individuals who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to advancing the quality of

professionalism and education in the hospitality industry.

Mr Dadabhai said it was a proud moment not only for the BIHR but also for Bahrain as a whole.

"The fact that from among 120 countries and 1,800 licensees of the AHLEI, we were selected for this prestigious award is a huge achievement for Bahrain.

"We are honoured to have put Bahrain on the world's map of hospitality education and training.

He said the AHLEI has licences in countries like Egypt, China and Spain and train millions of people around the world.

Mr Steele applauded BIHR for being AHLEI's Hospitality Education



■ Mr Lechter, left, presents the award to Mr Dadabhai

Programme master licensee for Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Jordan.

AHLEI is the largest provider of hospitality training, with 600 programmes starting from entry to management levels.