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Top honour for Bahraini

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Mr Lechter, Vice President – International Sales left, presents the award to Mr Dadabhai on behalf of AHLEI

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A top Bahraini hospitality professional has been named one of the world's most outstanding educators.

Bahrain Institute of Hospitality and Retail (BIHR) Chairman Qutub Dadabai received the 2009 Lamp of Knowledge Award on 24th June at AHLEI Stars of the Industry Luncheon summit, Chicago, United States.

The award was presented by AHLEI international sales vice president David Lechter to Mr Dadabai on behalf of its president, Robert Steele.

The awards are annually given to individuals who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to advancing the quality of professionalism and education in the hospitality industry.

Accepting the award, Mr Dadabai said it was a proud moment not only for the BIHR but for Bahrain as a whole.

"The fact that from among 120 countries and 1800 licensees of the AHLEI, we were selected for this prestigious award is a huge achievement for Bahrain we are honored to have put Bahrain on the world's map of hospitality education and training," he said.

Mr Dadabai said the AHLEI has licenses in countries like Egypt, China, Spain and they train millions of people all over the world as far as hospitality training is concerned. "Out of these

countries for us to get the award is truly an achievement."

Mr Robert Steele also applauded BIHR for being its Hospitality Education Programme (HEP) master licensee for Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Jordan.

AHLEI is the largest training provider for hospitality training worldwide with a license network in 120 countries and 1800 colleges with 600 programs starting from Entry level to Management level.

The BIHR has obtained the Arabic translation, publication and distribution rights for AHLEI programmes and has funded the translation of 8,000 pages of it's books into Arabic for distribution in MENA region.

BIHR has Tamkeen contracts to train 1870 Bahrainis for entry level and junior management positions in the hospitality sector, and for training 650 persons entry-level and junior and middle management positions in the retail sector. Some 350 of these places are for Diploma (Associate Degree) courses and 50 for Bachelor's study.

In 2009, BIHR opened the Saudi Tourism and Hospitality Training Company, a joint venture with STAR Enterprises in Riyadh.

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