

## During the ceremony held under His Highness' patronage this morning, H.H. Shaikh Mohamed bin Mubarak Honors Winners of the 10<sup>th</sup> eGovernment Excellence Award & Ten Years since its Launch

**Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain – 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 –** His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa - Deputy Prime Minister, Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology - patronizes the awarding ceremony of 10<sup>th</sup> eGovernment Excellence Award winners and celebrating 10 years of launching the award organized by the Information & eGovernment Authority (iGA) on Sunday morning in the Gulf Convention Centre at the Gulf Hotel.

Honoring winners with the award comes as an appreciation for the outstanding projects which comprised various aspects of innovation in the ICT sector in a way that reflects government's support to this sector while adopting and launching national initiatives that enhance excellence. In its 10<sup>th</sup> edition, the award witnessed a strong competition amongst a set of projects which exceeded 190 projects from a variety of specializations in the ICT field. Especially with the addition of the 'Best eService' category under the Private Sector awards. The newly-added award increased the demand of participants, specifically private sector companies to compete.

The awarding ceremony will also comprise the celebration of 10 years since the launch of the award. The patron will reward several public entities for their participation in the award throughout the ten years.

The accompanied exhibition is also held to recognize the winning entities and those which have been nominated for advanced levels and had major opportunities to win in comparison to other projects. Special projects selected this year by the Jury Committee will also be rewarded considering the exceptional technological solutions provided within their work in this year's edition.

It is worth noting that the consecutive organizing of the eGovernment Excellence Award aims at honoring submitted applicants from the public, private, NGOs sectors and citizens who played a role in strengthening the ICT infrastructure in the Kingdom and had raised with their projects to become capable of competing worldwide by developing innovative ICT projects in line with the eGovernment Program.