



Statement by NIHR on the International Day of the Girl Child

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On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, held on 11th of October each year, the world commemorates this day with a view to supporting girls to promote and protect their rights and grant them more opportunities for a better life, and to draw attention to their abilities to move the world towards progress, prosperity and development, and to their right to enjoy a safe and healthy life, access to education, achieve their future aspirations and enhance their position in society.

The International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated this year under the theme “**My voice, our equal future**”, which focuses on the importance of providing an environment free from gender-based violence and harmful practices, giving them the opportunity to learn new skills towards the future of their choice, and leading a generation of activists to accelerate social change.

On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the achievements of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the area of the rights of the child, based upon its firm belief in the importance of focusing on the rights of the child as the basis for building and developing society, since the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain guarantees the rights of the child in various aspects of life, such as education, health care, nutrition and proper social care.

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, and calls on the countries of the world to consolidate and support the rights of girls by focusing on education, as one of the effective tools to achieve the full realisation of the rights of girls.