

Singapore management students visit BWTC



More than 40 students from the Singapore Management University (SMU) visited the Bahrain World Trade Center (BWTC), as part of a Business Study Mission (BSM) Middle East.

The visit helped the students to gain insight through direct in-situ exposure of the state-of-the-art commercial building.

The delegation, hosted by BWTC's architects and engineers Atkins as well as BWTC's managing and leasing agents DTZ, was given a tour of the building and the students learnt how BWTC, the iconic building is the first in the world to suspend electricity-generating wind turbines between two commercial towers' structures, surpassing existing construction boundaries as well as the commercial aspects of the project.

The three 29-metre diameter turbines provide 11-15 per cent of the towers' energy requirements and are now set to auto-mode, supplying power to the 50 storey twin office towers.

"It is Bahrain's business-friendly environment, commitment to sustainable development and BWTC's unique ground breaking design which has resulted in the iconic building becoming the subject matter for the case study," stated Bob Addison, country manager and director of DTZ.

As part of an extensive ten-day itinerary, the students visited over 20 companies and site attractions of the most pioneering and innovative developments in Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.