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Awards ceremony for world's first Arabic ACII graduates

The Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance (BIBF), in collaboration with the Dubai Royal Center, an insurance training and consultancy firm, has hosted an awards ceremony in Dubai to honour the world's first ACII graduates in the Arabic language.

The event was hosted under the patronage of Her Excellency Fatima Mohammed Ishaq Al Awadi – deputy director general at the Insurance Authority UAE – and in the presence of Nader Saeed Al Mandeel, director of the insurance supervision directorate at the Central Bank of Bahrain; and Fareed Lutfi, secretary general of the Emirates Insurance Association,

United Arab Emirates.

Husain Yusuf Al Ajmi, assistant director and head of centre for insurance at the BIBF, said: "This success is the result of many years of effort and has come at a time when regional insurance regulators are increasingly insisting on ACII designation holders to fill roles with licensing brokers and loss adjusters as well as executive positions within insurance companies."

Mohaideb Al Mohaideb, chairman of Royal Center, said: "Our association with BIBF has existed for more than six years and we consider this event a feather in the Royal Center's cap, whereby we can continue to enjoy the credit of

jointly producing the first group of Arabic ACII graduates ever."

Mark Greenwood, regional director, Middle East & South East Asia at the CII, said: "I am delighted to say, through BIBF, it is now possible to attain the CII's Advanced Diploma in Insurance completely in Arabic. This is further evidence of the growing importance of the regional markets in the industry."

Since the Arabic ACII programme was created in 2000, BIBF has offered a total of 120 insurance courses at Royal Center to more than 350 candidates. Nearly 80 of these have completed the CII's Diploma in Insurance (Dip CII).