The Role of Business Incubators Center  
Towards Supporting Entrepreneurs  
Kingdom of Bahrain  
(A case study for a master degree on  
Bahrain Business Incubator Center (BBIC))

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Abstract

This research aims to identify the role of business incubators toward supporting entrepreneurs in the Kingdom of Bahrain and determine the roles played by the Bahrain Business Incubator Centre to develop beginners and small industries. This throughout supporting entrepreneurs in providing many services that they need (initiators) so as to overcome the economic obstacle as a first step of their projects. The researcher used the descriptive and analytical method as it is the appropriate approach to the research variables, objectives and requirement, so as to detect the most important difficulties faced by entrepreneurs during and after the incubation period.

The research sample consisted of thirty-one entrepreneurs. The researcher used a comprehensive questionnaire as a tool to evaluate the visions and opinions participated entrepreneurs those working inside the center and outside, where the researcher analyzed the output-resolution statistically and processed by statistical software (SPSS) to get the mathematical averages and percentages, and curved standard within its value.

The research illustrated many of results as the following:
1. There are statistical differences at a level of 0.05 of the research responses on the role of providing space and facilities for the project.
2. There are statistical differences at a level of 0.05 of the research responses on the role of providing administrative and technical services for the project.
3. There are statistical differences at a level of 0.05 of the research responses on the role of providing secretarial services, and information technology.
4. There are statistical differences at a level of 0.05 of the research responses on the role of providing financial support services.
5. There are statistical differences at a level of 0.05 of the research responses on the role of role of providing marketing services.
6. There are statistical differences at a level of 0.05 of the research responses on the role of providing human resources development services.
7. There are statistical differences at a level of 0.05 of the research responses on the role of providing advisory services.

Many recommendations were float out of the research as stated below:
1. Persuade the economical civil institutions to contribute financially to the business incubators, where incubators have an economical and social role to develop the country.
2. Ministry of Education (MoE) to adopt the idea of integrating the entrepreneurship rapporteur into the academic curriculunm stages of the educational levels commensurate with the cognitive abilities of each level, and to enhance the ability of students to generate creative ideas and initiatives that contribute to raising the estimated creative future in the areas of various business, where contribution of creative ideas will increae the economic development of the country in future. Colleges and universities considered a fertile environment for this generation of such innovative ideas in various fields.
3. Establish a coordination office to follow up between Bahrain Business Incubator Center and entrepreneurs who have graduated from the center to ensure that those entrepreneurs have been supplied with all requirements of ideas and information related to the business of incubators.
4. Benefit of previous experiences of other countries to establish a technological business incubators at the developed countries and some Arab countries such as those in the United Arab of Emirates and Saudi Arabia. This will allow exchanging experiences and knowledge in this aspect.