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Dr Mona Al Zayani (second from right) announcing the 'World Peace Campaign'. – GN picture

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Students given opportunity to interact with their international peers

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A Bahraini school has launched a unique project "to promote world peace," by giving its students the opportunity to interact with their international peers.

"Today marks the beginning of a new phase in Al Hekama's drive to promote world peace. Through this campaign, the management and students will work together and play a significant role in reaching out to the world with the aim of promoting peace," Dr Mona Al Zayani, Al Hekma International School (AHIS) president told a press conference.

Four AHIS students took part

in a live 90 minutes videoconference programme entitled 'Learning for Peace' on Wednesday. The school represented Bahrain and the Middle East in the event, organized by One Planet Education Network (OPEN), USA, which featured selected schools from different cities around the world.

The programme gave AHIS students the opportunity to interact with students from Yugoslavia, the UK, Ireland and the US. They exchanged stories, art, literature and music and shared thoughts and ideas on wide range of subjects which include cross-cultural exchange, peace and understanding.

It was a unique opportunity that the four students have been selected to participate in the conference and convey their views and ideas about issues related to the Middle East, Dr Mona said.

"It will help our students to broaden their perspectives whilst the other students will learn more about Bahrain and the region, and hopefully gain an understanding about our rich traditions and culture."

OPEN's Learning for Peace programme is the first in the multi-year series focusing on various issues or particular countries or regions.