

Abdul Rahman Al Mannai receives French honour

DOHA: Last night, one of the pillars of the Qatar community, Abdul Rahman Al Mannai, was inducted by the French government as a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur at the French embassy.

"He is one of the more active businessmen here and a real gentleman," said French Ambassador Bertrand Besancenot of Abdul Rahman, the leader of the Teyseer Group. The Teyseer Group is the local agent for several French companies including Technip and Saunier Du Val.

Abdul Rahman thanked the ambassador and the French President Jacques Chirac for the award. He roared French contributions to Qatar.

"France and Qatar have had a long relationship," he said. "French companies have contributed to the development and

industrialisation of Doha."

Abdul Rahman's son Adnan Al Mannai was thrilled by the recognition given to his father. "I feel great and of course very happy," he said.

Besancenot explained there are three qualifications necessary in becoming a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur: impeccable morality; an extraordinary career; and strong ties to France. After Besancenot nominated Abdul Rahman for the award, he said: "I was so impressed by how many people told me there was no other choice." The Teyseer Group's construction adviser, Hussein Jamaluddin, agreed with the French about the qualities they saw in Abdul Rahman. "Integrity is the foremost in every little thing he does," he said.

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French Ambassador Bertrand Besancenot fixes the medal of a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur on Abdul Rahman Al Mannai. INSET: Abdul Rahman with the medal.