**Healthcare Public Sector Autonomy**

What is the rationale for Autonomy of Public Hospitals?

Hospitals are likely to perform sub-optimally under inflexible civil service rules and possibly misaligned public sector incentives.

If social health insurance is introduced, hospitals need autonomy to keep revenue, perceive the incentive signals and respond to them with the expected behavioral change.

MOH can focus on stewardship and regulatory actions, rather than be engrossed in day to day hospital management.

Improves the objectivity of the MOH as compared to the situation when hospitals are owned and managed by Ministry of Health.

SMC is aiming to be an autonomous unit. To the right is a schematic depiction of the level of autonomization in hospitals and its effects on the organizational structure and behavior:

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**Ophthalmology wet lab opening**

Under the auspices of the training department in Salmaniya Medical Complex, the training committee of the Ophthalmology Department; Headed by Dr. Hajar Al Sawad (the training coordinator of the department); opened a permanent Ophthalmology Wet Lab the first of its kind in Kingdom of Bahrain and whole GCC on 20 February 2019. The opening ceremony was attended by the Ophthalmology Consultants, residents and the head of theatre committee Dr. Jaafar Al Khuzaei with the training coordinators of other departments.