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Better facilities for special needs people stressed

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DUBAI — The government remains committed to the assimilation of people with special needs into mainstream society besides shaping them into tools of social progress, said Minister of Social Affairs

Mariyam Al Roumi.



Speaking at a seminar organised by the ministry on building specifications for the benefit of people with special needs at the Al Bustan Rotana hotel on Wednesday, the minister observed: "This seminar reflects the country's keenness to enable people with special needs lead a comfortable and normal life."

MARIYAM AL ROUMI

Al Roumi called for city architecture that would help handicapped citizens surmount their physical limitations. Making a case for facilities like wheelchair ramps, he also called for broader lifts and entrances. "Such a meeting reflects the endeavour of the ministry to cooperate with all establishments in the country to encourage new concepts for caring for this category of people."

The minister felicitated 10 white collar workers of her department who had successfully completed the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) to make the ministry the first federal body to achieve the distinction. "We endeavour to achieve the concept of electronic governance."