

What's On

'Students will benefit from seamless flow of learning between their diploma & degree studies'

ACK expanding its strategic partnership with CQU Australia

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 7: A delegation from Central Queensland University (CQU) visited the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) for the official opening of the "CQU International Office". ACK's Chairman — Abdullah Al Sharhan, Rennie Fritschy — Chancellor and Chairman of CQU and His Excellency Warren Hauck — Australian Ambassador to the State of Kuwait were present at the opening which signals another significant step in the strategic partnership between the two educational institutions.

As a result of the new partnership agreement, CQU will endorse all programs of study at Diploma and Degree levels in Engineering and Business delivered by ACK. Commenting on this initiative, ACK Dean, Dr Gad Elbeheri noted that previously there were separate partnership arrangements with a number of international partners. By consolidating agreements with one major international partner,



A photo from the event

Dean Elbeheri explained that students will benefit from a more seamless flow of learning between their diploma and degree studies.

In addition, Dean Elbeheri high-

lighted that through the CQU International Office ACK students will gain access to valuable information regarding CQU, as well as learning more about the opportunity for ACK

Bachelor's Degree graduates to continue into a Master's Degree program at CQU in Australia. Dean Elbeheri also announced that ACK will be sending its first "Master's Scholarship" recipient, Maryam Omar (Bachelor's Degree Engineering graduate), to begin her post-graduate studies at CQU in Australia in July 2016.

Exchange

Another key element of this strategic agreement is the exchange of faculty and students between ACK and CQU. For ACK's students, this will enable them to benefit from life experiences and learning more about the culture while in Australia; students from CQU would have the opportunity of spending a semester in Kuwait. ACK academic staff will also have the opportunity to spend time at CQU in Australia, strengthening close ties between the two institutions. Dean Elbeheri added that the strategic

agreement also includes the establishment of a Joint Research Committee as well as reciprocal adjunct faculty status for ACK and CQU academics. He noted that this will enable ACK faculty to share and collaborate on research projects with their CQU counterparts.

Commenting on the partnership, Rennie Fritschy, Chancellor and Chairman of CQU said: "It is a very important day for both institutions. A memorandum of understanding has been signed and the future relationship is secured and expanding. Through having a CQU representative office here at ACK, benefits include more effective communication, as well as exploring collaborations in research which will be a very important development for both universities."

Professor Scott Bowman, Vice-Chancellor and President of CQU, commented: "It's really fantastic

to open a CQU office here. It will definitely add to the professional relationship between ACK and CQU, developing a close relationship between the people at our university and ACK. That's what makes it so special. We are looking forward to working with ACK not only in training and education but also in research. We have lots of interesting plans which will grow to be significant for our relationship."

In conclusion, His Excellency Warren Hauck - the Australian Ambassador to the State of Kuwait — stated: "I am very pleased to be at the opening of the CQU International Office here at ACK. We've put in a lot of effort to increase educational linkages between Australia and Kuwait. We had our Minister for International Education in Kuwait last week discussing potential projects and it is so great that right after that we have a concrete step to bring Australia and Kuwait closer together."

Mercedes-Benz retains Euro NCAP ratings title

Mercedes-Benz GLC wins 'Best in Class'

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 7: Mercedes-Benz has continued its dominance in the Euro New Car Assessment Programme (NCAP) Ratings for the second year in a row, with the GLC receiving the coveted "Best in Class" award for 2015. The independent assessment body of automotive safety for Europe established in 1997, Euro NCAP is one of the most recognised safety ratings systems in the industry. Following on the success of the C-Class in 2014, the new Mercedes-Benz GLC was awarded top in vehicle safety assessments and takes the lead in the "Small Off-Roader" category.

The Euro NCAP created the five-star safety rating system to help consumers, their families and businesses compare vehicles more easily and to help identify the safest choice for their needs. The safety rating is determined from a series of vehicle tests, designed and carried out by Euro NCAP, simulating real life accident scenarios that could result in the serious injury of car occupants or other road users.

The GLC received five Euro NCAP stars in December 2015 for the combined evaluation of occupant safety, child safety, pedestrian protection and assistance systems. The basis for a top result is a combination of effective interaction of active and passive safety systems with the most modern driver assistance systems, an extremely stable safety passenger compartment and efficient restraint systems.

Almost all of the driver assistance systems familiar from the C-Class, E-Class and S-Class are available in the new GLC. These systems, in accordance with the Intelligent Drive concept, combine data from different sensors such as camera and radar, providing increased comfort and safety.

A.R. Albisher & Z. Alkazemi, the Authorised General Distributor of Mercedes-Benz in Kuwait acknowledges the importance of this recognition in confirming the uncompromising standards of safety of all Mercedes-Benz models, including the GLC.

"This acknowledgement consolidates the reputation of the GLC as the ultimate mid-size SUV, offering the best in driving comfort and safety, with a sporty touch. The new successor to the GLK is more spacious and refined than its predecessor and has been extremely popular since its launch in Kuwait last October," said Michael Ruehle, CEO, Adul Rahman Albisher & Zaid Alkazemi.

In addition to the requirements of the Euro NCAP Rating, the PRE-SAFE® and Attention Assist systems were awarded two "Advanced Rewards" by Euro NCAP.

The GLC is available in two models, the GLC 250 4MATIC and the GLC 300 4MATIC. The former comes with the OFF ROAD Line exterior that includes 19-inch multi-spoke light alloy wheels, radiator grille with twin louvres and chrome inserts, bumpers with a chrome-plated underguard at front and rear, two chrome-plated tailpipes, polished aluminium trim and roof rails in anodised aluminium. The GLC 300 4MATIC comes with the sporty AMG Line exterior - with distinctive AMG body styling, AMG wheels, chrome package, and enhanced performance and driving dynamics thanks to the sports suspension.

A key focus of the totally new interior design is the dashboard and the centre console with its flowing lines, and large, one-piece console panel sweeping elegantly from the centre air



Mercedes-Benz GLC car's interior and exterior

Live shows by local, int'l celeb chefs

Taste of Q8 back with annual Food Festival

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 7: Following its success last year with over 20,000 participants, the 2nd annual Taste of Q8 Food Festival takes place this year between the 17th and 19th of March. Hosted this year at the picturesque Marina Crescent, this event is for all ages, in a family-friendly atmosphere. Solidifying its position in its second year as Kuwait's leading food festival, the Taste of Q8 celebrates Kuwait as a capital for diverse international cuisines in the region, being the home to over 5,000 different restaurants and eating destinations.

Participants of the Taste of Q8 have an opportunity to contribute to the growth of the Food & Beverage industry, tourism and hospitality sectors in Kuwait, by spreading awareness globally regarding the country's importance as an emerging food destination in the global scene. The event further opens the opportunity for smaller, home based culinary businesses to display their food services in front of a wide audience.

The festival offers a variety of activities related to food, sampling, and restaurants that shed light on the diversity of food Kuwait has to offer. Taste of Q8 2016 highlights the variety of talent and cuisines available in Kuwait, thus contributing to the innovative and multicultural diversity in cooking that Kuwait presents by both traditional Kuwaiti and international cuisines.

The 2nd Taste of Q8 Food Festival also celebrates food and entertainment shows featuring local and international celebrity chefs who will perform live cooking shows, present cooking classes and supervise workshops. Limited meet & greet

vents to the armrest. These clear-cut lines create a feeling of open space and establish a purist, modern vibe.

Both models come with a 4-cylinder petrol engine with direct injection and turbocharging, 4MATIC permanent all-wheel drive and a nine-stage 9G-TRONIC automatic transmission. The GLC 300 4MATIC offers 370 Nm of torque and reaches a top speed of 235 km/h



A file photo of last year's Q8 food festival

tickets are available for the hospitality suite, were the public can meet their favorite celebrity chef, get a cook book signed, and yes, take a selfie! The festival will include a Grand Tasting Tent, offering families an opportunity to sample what local, home-based caterers and aspiring chefs have on offer as well.

Partners Michelle Lambros and Caroline Rosinski, said: "Our aim was to create the country's premier, signature food festival. We've done that, and now our goal for the 2nd annual Taste of Q8 Food Festival is to solidify Kuwait's position as a distinguished destination for Oriental, Arabic and International food, and that by supporting local chefs' talents in particular, and restaurants in general we are putting Kuwait on the map as a destination."

Further to that they added, "This

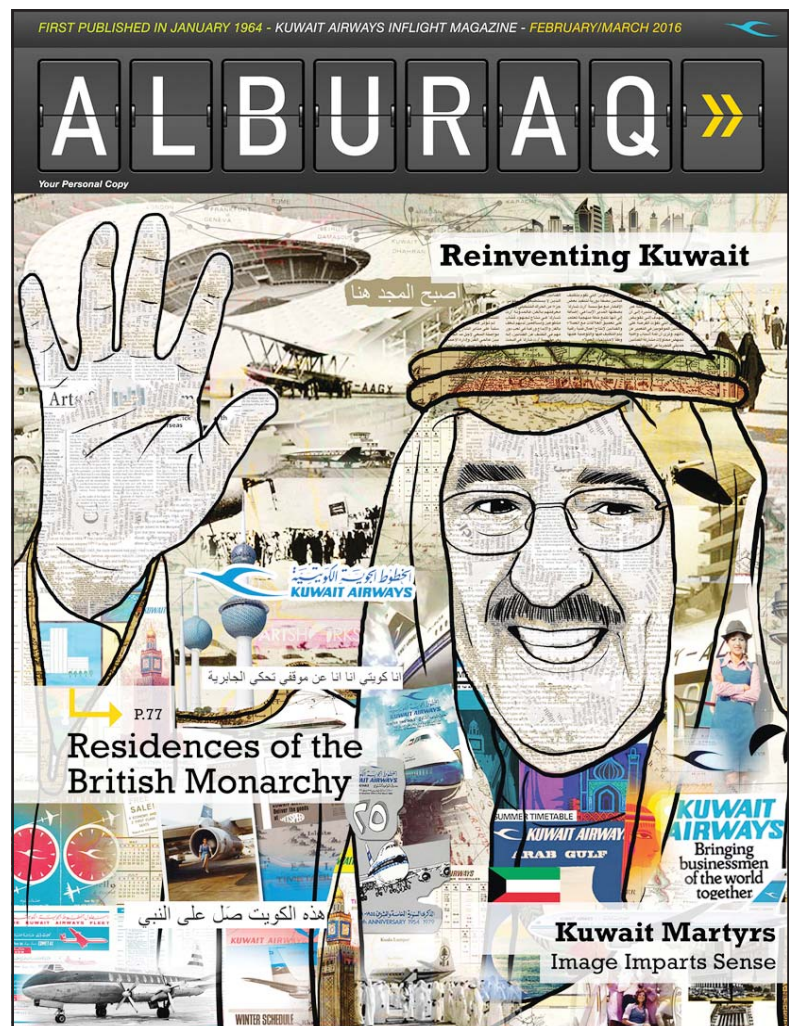
year's festival is going to be larger than last year's event; offering families and Foodies a full weekend of culinary bliss."

The Q8 Food Festival is considered a perfect platform for Kuwait's restaurants to celebrate and present its finest dishes, as well as to define to the public what makes their cuisine so special. The festival gives chefs from around the world the opportunity to participate and present live cooking shows throughout the three-day event. With kid's activities, live music, Grower's market and much more, book your tickets now for the country's number one food festival, the Taste of Q8.

For more information please visit the festival's accounts on Twitter and Instagram, or visit the festival's website at www.thetasteofq8.com.

reduce distraction from the road ahead and Collision Prevention Assist Plus, Crosswind Assist, Headlamp Assist and Attention Assist ensuring the safest drive possible.

The GLC 250 4MATIC and GLC 300 4MATIC are available in Kuwait at A.R. Albisher & Z. Alkazemi Company's Shuwaikh showroom. Call to book your test drive today.



Al-Buraq magazine cover

Alanoud 'reinvents' her country

Al-Buraq magazine features Kuwaiti guest editors for '16

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 7: In parallel to the progress and development of Kuwait Airways' fleet, Al-Buraq magazine, the inflight of Kuwait Airways will feature guest editors this year.

"It is our honor to feature Kuwait talents and celebrities as guest editors," says Dima Danawi, publisher of Al-Buraq inflight. "I am looking forward to reading and collecting such issues, signed by artist and activists and successful people that have thought of signing their issues as per their own visions of Kuwait and the world."

Kuwait Airways is the link of Kuwait to the rest of the world, its inflight magazine is the passport, and it will be in the pocket of your seat. So open it and check how this February/March issue, Alanoud Al-Sharekh reinvents her country through our pages.

Dr. Alanoud Al-Sharekh conducts research on cultural and sociopolitical issues in the region, and has been a Senior Fellow on GCC demographic and soft power issues at the LMEI, SOAS, the IISS and the SCDP in Kuwait. She holds a BA from King's College, London and a Master's and PhD from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) and has been a gender politics consultant for UNIFEM, Freedom House, and the UNDP on academic and social outreach projects in Kuwait and the GCC. Her teaching posts include Kuwait University, Gulf University of Science and Technology, the Arab



Alanoud Al-Sharekh

Open University, visiting lecturer at Uppsala University, Sweden, and Fulbright Scholar on Women and Islam at Whittier College, USA. She has published several books and articles on gender and kinship policies in the Arabian Gulf, including The Gulf Family, and Popular and Political Cultures of the GCC, examining the persistent importance of family and tribe in modern Gulf politics and society. Her work won the Arab Prize for best publication in a foreign journal for 2013-2014, and the Voices of Success Kuwait Award in 2012.

She is the first guest editor of Al-Buraq 2016, and will be followed by Amira Behbehani for the April/May 2016 issue, and Jassim Al-Saddah for the June/July 2016 issue.

New prizes scheme

Al Tijari names Al Najma winners

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 7: Commercial Bank of Kuwait held the Al Najma Account draw on Feb 7, 2016.

The draw was held under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry represented by Saqer Al Manaie.

The winners of the Al Najma daily draw are:-

- Badriya Ali Bohamad KD 7,000/-
- Amal Abdurrahman Abdulkareem KD 7,000/-
- Fadhel Mohammad Al Sarraf KD 7,000/-
- Bhotwawala Abbasbhai Saifuddin KD 7,000/-
- Ahmad Al Saeed Ahmad Abdurrahman KD 7,000/-

Al Najma awards are now brighter and bigger than ever

With the revamped Al Najma account, all your dreams will be turned to reality. On top of offering the highest daily prize in Kuwait for KD 7,000, now our Mega prize draws got bigger to reach KD 250,000.

The new prizes scheme for Al Najma account

Daily draw to win KD 7,000

Quarterly draws to win great prizes that would start from KD 100,000 to KD 250,000

1st Quarter KD 100,000; 2nd Quarter KD 150,000; 3rd Quarter KD 200,000; 4th



Quarter KD 250,000.

With Al Najma you have more chance to win greater prizes

■ Each KD 25 kept in your account gives you one chance to win

■ Each KD 25 kept in your account for one week will give you a chance to enter the daily draw.

■ Each KD 25 kept in your account for 3 months will give you chance to enter the quarterly draw.

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■ Obtain all CBK banking services

You deserve to win! Open an account now with just KD 500 and you will enter all draws.

Mohammed Al Zaabi receives 2015 BMW X6 from KIB

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 7: Kuwait International Bank has announced the grand prize winner during its 7th and last draw of the "Double Your Winning with Al-Dawli Cards" campaign that was held on January 13th, 2016 at 360 Mall. Thereafter, a special ceremony was organized where the bank presented the keys of the 2015 BMW X6 to the lucky winner, Mr. Mohammed Adel Abdullah Al Zaabi.

On this special occasion, the AGM of Retail Banking – E-Banking and Alternative Channels at KIB, Waleed Al Qattan congratulated the lucky winner of the grand prize, as well as the other winners of the cash prizes and air tickets to many exceptional destinations. Moreover, he stressed on Al-Dawli's continuous strive to provide its customers with innovative



A photo from the event

products and services, and various promotional campaigns that cater to their

demands and expectations. Al Qattan stated that Al-Dawli's prod-

ucts, solutions and promotions are a solid proof of its prominent stand as a leading Islamic institution.

It's worth noting that Al-Dawli aspires to provide its customers with the latest offers and innovative products at all times. It offers a wide selection of cards with exceptional benefits, in addition to the features that represent the highest level of security to customers. Customers can easily apply for Al-Dawli Cards through visiting their nearest branch. If they are interested in finding out more about the cards' features and the Bank's Sharia-compliant services and products, they can visit the website www.kib.com.kw or contact the "Al-Dawli Weyak" service on 1866866, or download our mobile application.