

Bid to use information for various statistical purposes

Bureau launches GIS for collecting census of Kuwaiti population

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KUWAIT CITY, May 11: Under the patronage of State Minister for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh, the Central Statistical

Bureau Wednesday celebrated the launch of geographic information system (GIS) for collecting census of Kuwaiti population, houses, buildings and structures.

The ceremony was attended by a number of officials, researchers

and employees of the bureau.

During the ceremony, Acting Director General Othman Al-Othman declared that the development of the GIS portal and the launch of its application is one of the sub-projects of the institutional, technical and

structural modernization project included in the developmental plan.

He highlighted the importance of data and its availability to the public as well as its contribution to researchers and decision-makers.

On her part, Director of Department of Information Systems and

Geo-Information Eng Mounia Al-Qabandi praised the efforts exerted by all who contributed to the establishment of the application and implementation of the subprojects of the development plan.

She stressed that the department strives to establish a comprehensive geographical database for the State of Kuwait with the cooperation of other government agencies and the private sector and use it for various statistical purposes.

PAAET's Faculty of Nursing sets in motion an e-learning system

Gallery documents history of education in Kuwait



KUWAIT CITY, May 11, (KUNA): Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training's (PAAET) Faculty of Nursing launched on Thursday an e-learning system in an effort to promote further interaction between teachers and students.

Speaking to the press on the sidelines of a ceremony to inaugurate the e-learning system, PAAET's Deputy Director General Dr Fatma Al-Kandari said that it was apropos that the system was initiated in the faculty, given that department's meticulousness.

She noted that the new project will prove instrumental in improving the quality of education.

Meanwhile, Director of PAAET's Regional Center for Educational Development Dr Nader Marafi pointed out that cutting-edge techniques such as the e-learning system can be a solution to problems that encumber conventional education. He underscored that educational institutions in Kuwait are eager to incorporate the latest instructional methods to ensure a top-notch education for students.

Meanwhile, a photo gallery opened at the Avenues Mall on Thursday constitutes a significant step toward documenting the history of education in Kuwait, especially at Al-Mubarakiya and Al-Ahmadiya Schools.

The three-day gallery offers a collection of old pictures and photos collected over 15 years by Bader Al-Zeir, a researcher in Kuwait's heritage and history of education.

Al-Zeir found some of the pictures by chance, then launched a long search, meeting with old Kuwaitis. He also travelled to Europe and Jordan where he met with many others who were educated in Kuwait.

The opening ceremony was attended by the Secretary General of the National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) Ali Al-Yoha, and many people concerned with the history of education in Kuwait.



KUNA photo
Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education (PAAET) faculties of Nursing launches an e-learning system in an effort to promote further interaction between teachers and students.



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Researcher Bader Al-Zeir with guests at the history of education photo gallery.

Proud to head project: Al-Ghunaim

Limak Foundation to train Kuwait's female engineers

KUWAIT CITY, May 11: With the assistance of the Turkish organization Limak Foundation, the project titled "Kuwait's Engineers Girls" was launched with the aim of providing financial support to female engineering students of electrical, environmental, mechanical, civil and industrial fields, reports Daily Sabah.

Limak Foundation's involvement in this project is in accordance with the protocol it signed with Kuwait University for executing the project in Kuwait with the support of Turkey's Ministry of Family and Social Affairs and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). This protocol was signed after Limak Constructions took up the \$4.3 billion-worth project for building Airport Terminal 2 building at Kuwait International Airport.

Undersecretary of Ministry of Public Works in Kuwait Eng. Awatif Al-Ghunaim, who is also the head of the Airport Terminal 2 project, revealed that 20 female engineers from Limak

and more than 20 young female engineers from Kuwait will be involved in the project, adding, "These young women will then transfer their knowledge and experience to other engineers in our country".

Regarding her role in the project, Eng Al-Ghunaim said, "I am proud to be heading such a project which is very important for Kuwait. It will be one of the biggest in the GCC countries with top classifications".

She added, "Another fact to be proud of is that this great project is being constructed by a company from an Islamic country, Turkey. I have personally seen the airports at Istanbul, and they are amazing and even better than those in many European countries".

Concerning the project, Chairman of the Limak Foundation Ebru Ozdemir said, "We feel responsible towards Kuwait and we want to transfer to Kuwait the success, experience and knowledge we have gained through the project in Turkey".



Photos from the event organized by Russian embassy to mark Russia's victory in World War II.

Envoy hails ties between Kuwait and Russia

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KUWAIT CITY, May 11: The Russian Ambassador to Kuwait Alexei Solomatn affirmed the strong ties between Kuwait and Russia and the cooperation developing between the two friendly countries in various aspects.

He said this during the celebratory event organized by the Russian Embassy in Kuwait to mark the anniversary of Russia's victory in World War II. Many diplomats and prominent personalities at-

tended the event.

The ambassador highlighted the role of Russia in cooperating with the Allies including the United States of America, Britain and France for confronting and defeating the Nazis.

In response to a question about Russia hosting of major security conference in the coming phase, the ambassador stressed that Russia has lately been organizing a large number of conferences in different fields, which reflects the improvement of Russian economy and indicates the lack of impact of

the sanctions imposed on Russia by the West.

He stressed that Russia does not intend to launch any wars, indicating the major sufferings that reached Russia due to the wars.

Regarding the vision of Moscow over the visit of the American President Donald Trump to Saudi Arabia and his presence in three Arab, Islamic and Gulf summits, the ambassador affirmed that cooperation among the political poles around the world is very important in order to confront various dangerous challenges especially terrorism.

Sheikh Nasser heads to China

KUWAIT CITY, May 11, (KUNA): Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs and member of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development (SCPD) Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah headed Thursday to China to partake in the "Belt and Road" initiative forum scheduled for May 14-15 in Beijing.

Sheikh Nasser's participation is viewed as another milestone in Kuwaiti-Chinese relations and it comes in line with His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's vision for Kuwait's development.

Sheikh Nasser's visit to China also came as a follow up to previously signed agreements between China and Kuwait during His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah's visit to the Asian country in 2014. "The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-century Maritime Silk Road" was launched by China in 2013 as an effort to revive and bolster economic exchange and commerce amongst countries throughout Asia as well as Africa.

Diplomatic relations between Kuwait and China dates back to 1971. Kuwait was amongst first countries to sign Belt and Road initiative in 2013.



KUNA photo
Sheikh Nasser leaving Kuwait to partake in 'Belt and Road' forum in China.

News in Brief

Education minister in Cairo:

Kuwait's Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Mohammad Al-Fares arrived in Cairo Thursday, on a visit that aims to strengthen bilateral ties in the field. The Kuwaiti minister is due to meet later today with his Egyptian counterpart Dr Khaled Abdulghaffar, before sponsoring a graduation ceremony for Kuwaiti college students in the Arab world's most populous nation on Friday.

Al-Fares, who was received upon arrival by Kuwaiti embassy officials, is accompanied by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Education's Assistant Undersecretary for Financial and Administrative Affairs Adel Al-Masaad. (KUNA)

KCCI meets WB delegation:

The Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Board of Directors, along with members of the Housing and Projects Committee which is under the KCCI board, met the World Bank delegation headed Global Lead for Land and Geospatial Wael Zakout.

The committee members welcomed the delegation while praising the efforts exerted by the World Bank. They discussed obstacles to the development of State-owned land which the government does not use. They cited preventing the private sector from participating in land development and bureaucracy in the government as some of such obstacles.

Zakout thanked the committee for playing a vital role in the private and public sectors. He talked about the importance of developing land of Kuwait, stressing the need to create a database about unutilized land areas and lay

'Joint Arab action'

Kuwait 'chairs' health meeting

CAIRO, May 11, (KUNA): The Technical Advisory Committee of the Council of Arab Health Ministers held its third meeting in Cairo on Thursday, chaired by Kuwait, to discuss a number of topics related to joint Arab action in the health field.

The two-day meeting discussed the health situation in the occupied Palestinian territories, ways to back health conditions in Somalia's schools, and the council's unified statement to the forthcoming 70th World Health Assembly meeting, slated for May 22 in Geneva, Kuwait Health Ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Services Affairs Dr Mahmoud Al-Abdulhadi told KUNA.

The committee also approved the agenda of the council's executive bureau in Geneva on May 22, on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly, Al-Abdulhadi said. The agenda comprises issues such as the Arab strategy to combat AIDS, the Arab authority for blood transfusion, the Arab fund for health development, and forming the Council's executive office.

During the meeting, Kuwait submitted a proposal regarding the required standards for establishing an Arab health city in accordance with latest measures acknowledged by the international health organizations.

down effective mechanism to remove obstacles.