

Coordination between ACK, KAC in creating job opportunities lauded

Al-Sabeeh visits Aviation Dept of College

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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: Minister of Social Affairs and Labor and State Minister for Economic Affairs Hind Al-Sabeeh praised the strong coordination between the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) and Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) in creating job

opportunities for Kuwaiti youths.

She indicated that cooperation between the private and public sectors in generating job opportunities in accordance with the actual needs of the labor market is the essence of the development plan.

The minister made the statement during her inspection tour of the Aviation Department at ACK, with KAC Board Chairperson Sami Al-Rashid and several officials of the two institutions in attendance.

She affirmed that she familiarized herself with KAC's coordination efforts and its ability to accommodate graduates from ACK, in addition to the requirements of KAC; especially since such cooperation is considered an integral part of social development and efforts to create new opportunities for the national manpower.

She also unveiled plans to establish an airport management company run by national labor force, in addition to visions on generating job opportunities in order to increase the number of national workers.

She also emphasized the importance of academic outputs which match the actual manpower needs. She said the cooperation between ACK and KAC is regarded as one of the major projects in the development plan.

Meanwhile, Engineering Director at KAC Faisal Al-Karibani affirmed that the corporation's relations with ACK started since its inception in 2003. He added ACK produces high-caliber graduates as the specialization is in aviation engineering, with six to seven exams given by KAC and the distinction level is determined after the exams.

Meanwhile, General Secretary of Labor Union of Ministry of Electricity and Water Nawaf Bouyabis described the decision issued recently by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to implement the fingerprint attendance system as not well-studied and not serving the work requirements in Ministry of Electricity and Water, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In a press statement, he stressed the importance of reviewing and reconsidering the decision of CSC and Civil Service Council, taking into account the conditions and nature of ministry's work which can never be the same in all its sectors and departments.

Bouyabis said, "The decision ignores the reality of different nature of work and circumstances".

He affirmed that the labor union board is still discussing with the leadership of Ministry of Electricity and Water, represented by Minister Eng Essam Al-Marzouq and Undersecretary Eng Mohammad Bousahri, for amending the status of employees who received degrees from universities, which are recognized by Ministry of Education, Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Bouyabis insisted on the importance of dealing with this file and removing any restricting conditions that were set in this regard.



Top: Al-Sabeeh during an inspection tour of Aviation Department at ACK. (Above): Some of the attendees.



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Photos from the event titled 'Amazing Journey'

Ikhlas private school holds educational program

Ikhlas Private School received its first grade students and held an educational program for children titled "Amazing Journey" with the participation of KSHMSH Creative Productions

with the aim of spreading awareness about the importance of reading among the students of the school.

The program gained the delight and approval of students and their

guardians.

Chairman of Ikhlas Private School is Eng. Mohammed Al-Sayegh and the school won the title of most distinguished school in Kuwait.

Kuwait has full capability to develop economy: Al-Anzi

'Remove obstacles to develop industrial sector'

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KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: Experts have called for removal of obstacles to the development of industrial sector.

In this context, Director of Small Scale Projects at the Government and Manpower Reconstruction Program (GMRP) Engineer Fares Al-Anzi affirmed that Kuwait has full capability to develop its economy. He noted failure of 80 percent of projects — whether major or minor are attributable to long procedures and lack of information in reviewing relevant studies and researches.

He added the industrial sector

encounters many problems, including lack of plots/land and extensive official procedures, while financing is another major problem. He called for motivation of industrial sector in the current era of low oil prices and lack of investment opportunities.

For his part, industrial expert Engineer Muhammad Al-Qae'i mentioned several obstacles to the development of the sector, including poor planning and lack of lands to establish industrial projects in the absence of relevant laws to protect the local production and Kuwaiti industry. He stressed that law obliging the official bodies to give priority to

local produce with 10 percent discount is not activated compared to imported products.

Former Director General of Public Authority for Industry Nasser Al-Ejail also stated unavailability of lands and labor threatens the development of industry. He pointed to relevant laws stressing the importance of reform and called upon the Government to supply mass production industry the needed electricity.

Chairman of the Board of Directors at Kuwait Industry Company Muhammad Al-Naqi also requested concerned official bodies to revise laws affecting the industrial sector, especially the issuance of licenses.

MPW to sign 3 contracts in coming months

500 receipts issued per day through 'WhatsApp' – MEW

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: Ministry of Electricity and Water issued 1,000 receipts on the first day of implementation of electricity and water bill payments through "WhatsApp", reports Al-Rai daily.

According to sources affiliated to the ministry, the average number of receipts issued by the ministry through its new payment service is about 500 receipts per day. They said, "There is a significant response from the consumers who are seeking to settle their water and electricity through WhatsApp".

The sources explained that the application does not cost the ministry much compared to the expenses borne

by the ministry in collecting dues through traditional means. This new service saves millions of dinars of the State Treasury. It will also help in increasing the rate of collection of dues, which the ministry is keen about, as it is public money which needs to be preserved, especially amid the increase in the tariffs for the commercial and investment sectors.

Meanwhile, they revealed that the ministry has completed its field survey to separate the water and electricity meters of the commercial and investment buildings in all areas of Kuwait.

The sources urged the consumer leasing stores for commercial activities to "separate the meters and allocate a meter for each commercial activity in order to avoid the entire premises to be billed based on the tariffs of commercial service".

Furthermore, Assistant Undersecretary

for Road Engineering Sector at the Ministry of Public Works Eng Ahmed Al-Hasan announced that three contracts will be signed within the coming months as part of the ministry's development plan, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Al-Hasan revealed the three tenders include improvement of Abdali Road from Mutla'a City to the Regional Road intersection, Salmi Road (first stage) and South Surra Road (second stage).

He affirmed the contracts are ready and they are just waiting for the monitoring bodies' approval.

He added a number of agreements will be launched soon such as the construction and maintenance of bridges and roads along the Second Ring Road and Damascus Street, as well as the construction and maintenance of rainwater drainage system in the northern and southern urban areas.

He also disclosed that 30 percent of the construction and maintenance of intersections in the western part of the Fifth Ring Road has been completed, affirming the project is progressing ahead of schedule.

He said the expected hand over date of the project is in January 2020 with a total cost of KD 108, 800,000. He added the project shall serve areas in the western part of the Fifth Ring Road including Ardiya, Ferdous, Sulabiya, Sulaibikhat, South Doha and Al-Qairawan.

He went on to say that the number of lanes will increase from three to four in each direction once the project is completed, in addition to byroads and emergency lanes.

He explained the project aims to enhance safety levels and increase maximum speed from 80 kms to 120 kms per hour, indicating the specified implementation period for the project is 46 months.



Al-Hasan







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News in Brief

PAHW working on preparing tenders: Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) affirmed that the concerned department will prepare the tender for implementation of South Abdullah Al-Mubarak Housing Project after the Planning and Design Department completes the final plan of the project and gets it approved before distributing plots to the housing applicants, reports Al-Anba daily.

According to an informed source, PAHW is working on preparing the tender documents before presenting them to the concerned government agencies.

He said, "After implementation of the applied procedures, the tender will be floated and then awarded to the winning company, followed by the signing of the contract, which is expected early next year".

The source added he is expecting the completion of the tender for this project, which contains 3,260 plots, by the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Bu Elya set to receive science students: Dean of the College of Science at Kuwait University Professor Abdulhadi Bu Elya stated the college is all set to receive students for the new academic year 2017/2018.

He added the building of Professor Faiza Al-Kharafi has been equipped with the required facilities to receive students and to facilitate their registration procedures. He noted 39 classrooms plus 11 laboratories have been renewed, furnished and equipped, in addition to two main study halls.



Bu Elya

New lists prepared for reshuffle: New lists with names of some officials from departments of Nutrition and Public Hygiene of all branches of Kuwait Municipality in all six governorates have been prepared as a prelude to launching a wide reshuffle, reports Al-Rai daily quoting a reliable source.

He said the lists were approved at the beginning of this week, indicating that the reshuffle will also include directors of audit and follow-up of municipality services, health and market inspectors, inspectors of hygiene and senior inspectors in all governorates.