

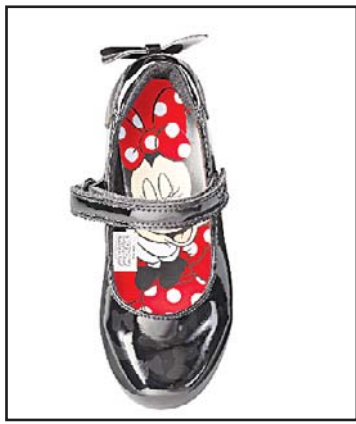
## Stylish bags and durable shoes

## Shoe Mart unveils fun, exciting ways to get 'Back to School'

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: Besides the conventional formal and sports shoes that every school-going kid will need, Shoe Mart, the region's leading name in footwear and accessories, has rolled out an impressive range in 'Back to School' essentials for the upcoming academic year.

A range of fun designs, comfortable footbed and durable shoes for both boys and girls, create a much-needed statement to otherwise mundane looking silhouettes. Bearing in mind functionality as well as style quotient, the latest collection has your kids' favourite Barbie, Disney and Marvel characters that will make them excited to head out for school!

The range for girls is an eclectic mix of pretty insoles and silhouette embellishments in velcro straps, slip-ons and buckled shoes. Pretty mary janes in velcro straps are here to provide easy dressing during those busy mornings whereas, slip-on shoes with simple and dainty details have been designed especially for your choosy preteens to wear. Elevating the



style quotient, glitter-strewn uppers, bows and floral imprints on formal black shoes will leave your princesses spoilt for choice. Printed insoles with Barbie, Disney Princesses, Anna & Elsa of Frozen and the all-time BFF, Minnie Mouse make for a rather attractive padding to put their feet in, allowing a sense of comfort and style



'Back to School' collection

from within. Newest in the squad are Hello Kitty shoes and some adorable animal designs by Brazilian brand, Puket, that screams nothing but fun, cuteness and of course, fashion. Light-weight and flexible soles have been tailored to ensure roomy interiors and comfort for growing and active feet. The



sports collection too has black and white shoes with velcro straps and cushioned uppers for breath-easy wear and comfort. Curated bearing in mind comfort as well as need for style by little fashionistas, the new 'Back to School' collection is what every girl wants to be seen in. Smart and crisp is the name of the game when



it comes to the Boy's collection. The traditional black shoes get an update with treated uppers and grippy soles for added comfort and ease of walking — while shoes with velcro straps are here to give busy moms more time to make hearty breakfast for little juniors as they independently prepare themselves for school. Boys are sure to

read along with some action-packed fun as superheroes like Captain America and Iron Man foray into the year's collection. White and coloured sport shoes flaunt a combination of tailored patterned designs for active P.E. days whereas black formals have sleek finishing for little gentleman in the making.

Shoe Mart's 'Back to School' collection has international brands like Disney, Marvel, Mattel and Hello Kitty who have curated character-full silhouettes to woo little schoolers.

Whereas, sportsters like Puma, Reebok and Skechers have lined up a comfort-driven range in school footwear essentials. Do check out the all new 'Back to School' collection of bags and shoes that are available across all stores in 'Get your hands on the Back-to-School collection'; do visit Shoe Mart at any of the Centrepoint stores located at Al Rai, Avenues, Salmiya, Fintas, Jahra, Fahaheel, Sulaybiyah, Kuwait City, Khaitan and Hawalli.



A photo from the event

## Innovative banking solutions offered

## Warba Bank engages in 'Open-Day' activities at the State Audit Bureau

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: In order to achieve better and more direct communication with various segments of Kuwaiti society in all sectors, Warba Bank, the best investment and best corporate consultancy Bank in Kuwait, is participating in an "Open-Day" activities organized by the Public Relations Department at the State Audit Bureau.

From Sept 10 to 14, Warba Bank professional staff will be at the Audit Bureau over a period of 5 days to provide employees and visitors with a clear idea of Warba Bank's flexible, customized and tailored financing products, promotions and solutions. They will also provide a detailed explanation of the latest services and marketing campaigns launched by Warba Bank, which provide customers with a lot of benefits and unlimited features. These will serve as great attractions for customers being Shari'ah-compliant.

Warba Bank's participation in these activities affirms its commitment to customers and all segments of the society by being present in various institutions and agencies in the State of Kuwait to introduce its products and services to get closer and to meet all their needs and aspirations.

Warba Bank strives to provide its customers with all new and innovative products and services to satisfy their expectations. Warba Bank also endeavors to provide the best financing solutions that cover all customers' needs by collaborating with strategic partners for customers best interest.

For more information about Warba Bank's latest services, products and offers, customers are encouraged to visit any of our 12 branches across the State of Kuwait, visit our website ([www.warbabank.com](http://www.warbabank.com)), or call the Customer Call Centre at 1825555 (available 24/7).



Photo of Small Space collection

## Thoughtful solutions for homes

## Pottery Barn introduces its 'small space' Fall collection

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: Pottery Barn, a member of the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. portfolio of brands, announced the expansion of its product assortment by launching a new Fall 2017 collection. The collection will debut furnishing pieces that are designed to be size-conscious, offering the perfect solution for smaller living spaces, while maintaining the high quality classic designs Pottery Barn is known for to appeal to an array of lifestyles at an accessible price.

Pottery Barn General Manager said: "We are aware that people have different tastes when it comes to living choices and home décor. As such, we released our new Fall 2017 collection to celebrate our customers' diversity and need for cozier and smaller home spaces, to enable them to enjoy the classic handmade craftsmanship Pottery Barn is recognized for, with smarter options and greater value."

Standout designs include the SoMa Sofa Collection designed for compact spaces and flexible use, the mango wood Alice Gateleg Table with extendable leafs and built-in shelving

that creates an at-home bistro vibe, and the iron and acacia wood Dublin Stacking Simple Storage Unit; the perfect furniture to stack all your favorite home decor pieces in a cozy setting.

While adding soul and warmth to the home, the Small Space Collection reflects the brand's continuous effort to evolve its designs and product assortment, while staying true to its global image of craftsmanship and high-quality materials. Pottery Barn is a conscious brand that focuses heavily on four main areas: creating innovative designs, giving back to the earth and their communities, offering top-notch services to their customers and creating enduring, high-quality products.

The collection is available exclusively at the Pottery Barn stores across the Middle East in Kuwait, KSA, Dubai and Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Bahrain and Lebanon.

To learn more about the Small Space Collection at Pottery Barn, follow @PotteryBarnMENA on Instagram or Facebook and visit the website at [www.PotteryBarn.me](http://www.PotteryBarn.me)

## Bank enhances communications with special needs customers

## AUB holds training program for employees

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: Continuing its on-going efforts to enhance communications with special needs customers who have special hearing or speech needs, Ahli United Bank has organized a specialized training program on sign language for its employees. The program, which will last two weeks and is being held from Sept 10 to 25 at the Bank's new training center at its Mishref branch, will be delivered by Dr Najat Mokhtar, a translator and expert in sign language in Kuwait.

The program is part of a series of special programs on sign language started by AUB last year demonstrating the Bank's keen desire to provide continuous training to its employees on sign language to guarantee the best banking services for special needs customers with hearing or speech impairment while communicating with the Bank's employees.

About these programs, Amer Najem, Head of Branches at AUB, said: "The present program complements the series of sign language programs started by Ahli United Bank last year with the aim to help our valued customers who have special hearing or speech needs to perform their banking transactions without the assistance of a sign language translator. The program is part of AUB's continuous efforts to provide high quality personalized banking services to its special needs customers. By implementing the series of programs, the Bank ensures that its branches are ready and equipped to serve these customers and to help them complete their banking transactions smoothly and efficiently and in accordance with their individual personal needs."

Najem explained, "Through having staff with knowledge of sign language readily available at many of our branches the Bank underscores its continuous development and its deep commitment to provide the highest quality of banking services to all segments of society, with particular emphasis on individuals with special needs, in line with the Bank's social responsibility and its role in facilitating the assimilation of special need individuals within society."

For more information on AUB's products and services, customers are invited to visit any of the Bank's branches, call 'Hayakom', the Bank's telebanking service at 1812000 or visit Bank's website on [www.ahliunited.com.kw](http://www.ahliunited.com.kw).



Dr Najat Mokhtar during training program on sign language for AUB employees.



Photos from the event

## IAK celebrates Eid and Onam 'Thumbapoonilavu 2017'

Idukki Association Kuwait (IAK) celebrated Eid & Onam cultural program 'Thumbapoonilavu 2017' at St Alphonsa (SMCA) Hall, Abbassiya on Sept 1, 2017. The functions started with children's coloring & drawing competition at 9:30 am. More than 50 children participated in it and Preeth Jose coordinated the competition.

The cultural event started with a colorful procession including traditional 'Thalappoli', 'Chendamelam' & 'Pulikali'. IAK President Biju P. Anto presided over the public meeting while General Secretary Mathew Areepparampil delivered the welcome note. Mahesh P. Iyer (Smart Indian School Principal) inaugurated the function, addressed the gathering and he sung two songs as well. This drew a big round of applause from the packed crowd.

Eternity International Travels & Tourism's representative Thomas, IAK Vice-President Joseph Varghese Mak-

kollil, Advisory Board chairman Jiji Mathew and Eid and Onam cultural program's General Convener Thomas V. Chacko felicitated the meeting. IAK Treasurer Jomon Jacob extended the vote of thanks. Memento for the main sponsor — Eternity International Travels & Tourism presented by IAK president Biju P. Anto to Thomas.

After the public meeting there were various cultural programs performed by IAK members which include Thiruvathira, Oppana, Vallumkali, skits and group dances. The cultural programs was convened by Benny Augustine

Instrumental music from members and Ganamel, Cinematic dances, mimics & magic shows from Vismaya Music band made the function as a classic event. A delicious 'Onasadya' served under the supervision of Food Committee convener Bino Joseph and team.

Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). The primary purpose is to promote self examination and screening mammog-

## Burgan Bank clients get 15 pct off at Hala

KUWAIT CITY, Sept 13: As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing customers' every day experience, Burgan Bank is pleased to announce its latest offer, bringing distinct advantages to its Customers. The new deal provides a 15% discount on dining at popular Arabic restaurant, Hala Hummus.

Located at the prestigious Crystal Tower in Kuwait City, the up-and-coming restaurant specializes in hummus dishes and dips, also serving a great variety of breakfast items along with fresh and savory wraps, and varied salads.

To avail of the new offer, Burgan Bank customers can dine in and pay their bills using any of Burgan Bank debit or credit cards to enjoy the 15% discount on all menu items.

To find out more about Burgan Bank's latest offers, or any of its products and services, customers can visit any of the bank's branches, or contact the call center on 1804080.

raphy as the most effective way to save lives by detecting breast cancer at early stage. For more information visit: <http://fightingwithcancer.webs.com/>

## Latest

**Q8BBall Season 13:** Q8BBall is beginning our 13th season with Boys U13 (ages 10-13) and U17 (ages 14-17). We train three times a week and play regular games throughout the year with schools and clubs. In June 2018, we plan to travel for camp and tournaments in the US. Contact Coach T 97128884 for information.

**Indian Embassy notice:** Indian nationals are issued Emergency Certificates (EC) to facilitate their one-way travel to India due to urgency or deportation, under the circumstances of loss of passport or non-retrieval of passport from their sponsors in Kuwait. Since it is illegal to hold two travel documents in India at the same time, the concerned passport has to be cancelled before an Emergency Certificate (EC) is issued to an Indian national. At times, Indian nationals who are either detained or due for deportation may not have their passports with them. They apply for travel documents (Emergency Certi-

cate) either directly or through Kuwait Police. In such cases, ECs are issued to them after cancelling their passports. However, in certain cases, they recover their passports later and travel on those passports which already stand cancelled in data available with immigration authorities in India. These passports are immediately seized by Immigration authorities in India. This results in much harassment and inconvenience to these Indian travelers, whose passports are seized. They are also liable to pay penalties as per the law.

Indian Embassy advises all Indian nationals that if an EC is issued to anyone of them, that implies that his/her passport has been cancelled and that he/she should travel only on the EC issued to him/her.

**Chess coaching, round robin:** Registrations are open for chess coaching and the summer round robin Challenger Series. Send your name Civil ID no., mobile number, age, rating to [savios-gomes@gmail.com](mailto:savios-gomes@gmail.com) with CCR in the e-mail subject. No entry fee.

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