

Kuwait Cultural Office signs deal with Al-Babtain Library



Grade 6 students of Al-Resala Bilingual School paid a visit to the Arab Times on April 16. During the visit, the students were acquainted with the working of a newspaper firm, and developed a clear idea about the functional units of a printing press as well as the way news from all around the world is collected and organized.

Embassy in Cairo hosts ceremony

CAIRO, April 16, (Agencies): President of Kuwait Cultural Office in Cairo Dr Ahmad Al-Mutairi and Director of Al-Babtain Central Library for Arabic Poetry Soad Al-Ateiqi signed a protocol of cooperation on Sunday evening.

The protocol will give momentum for the efforts aiming to revive the cultural movement across the Arab region, Al-Ateiqi said during the singing ceremony.

She noted that Al-Babtain Library plays a major role in meeting the aspirations of the Arab intelligentsia for the advancement of the study of humanities, through organizing various cultural events.

"Al-Babtain Library is keen on contacts with prestigious libraries inside and outside the Arab region," she said, noting that the library dedicated more than 150,000 books to friendly libraries.

Al-Ateiqi added that Sunday's agreement falls in the framework of the Library's appreciation of the cultural and diplomatic roles of Kuwait Embassy in Cairo, noting that the embassy hosted a ceremony to commemorate the achievements of Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain, a celebrated Kuwaiti poet.

On a similar note, Dr Al-Mutairi said the Cultural Office acts as a Kuwaiti cultural beacon in Egypt and seeks to advance the literary and artistic creativity.

"The office plays an active role in the publication of books and magazines such as Al-Arabi and 'Aalam Al-Maarefa' (the world of knowledge)" he said.

"Under the protocol of cooperation, Al-Babtain Library will provide the Library of the Cultural Office with copies of its literary publications in return for copies of the literary master and doctorate theses," he added, noting that library of the office houses more than 11,000 books and 1,600 theses in various subjects of knowledge.

Al-Mutairi and Al-Ateiqi opened a section for Al-Babtain Library at the Cultural Office.



Al-Mutairi

Minister of Education and Higher Education Dr Hamid Al-Azmi says the committee formed to investigate the suspected researchers in Kuwait University has affirmed to not use suspicious researches for promotions, appointments or contract renewals in the educational sector, reports Al-Qabas daily.

He revealed that the university's president formed the committee on Dec 25, 2017 to investigate a news report titled "Suspicious Indian magazine approves 84 researches from Kuwait" published in Al-Qabas daily on Dec 17 in light of the international academic standards and scientific journals accredited worldwide and based on the standards followed by the university.

Dr Al-Azmi stressed the importance of transparency to ensure relevant rules and basic academic principles are followed.

He said the report of the committee was submitted to the Supreme Council of the university in the last meeting and the report indicated that no suspected researches were used for promoting or appointing any teaching staff members.

The 9th Kuwait International Award for Quran Memorization continues with its activities under the patronage of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Delegations are visiting the exhibition, which has 28 pavilions for local and foreign organizations.

The participants praised the way the exhibition is being organized, the variety and the modernity of the experience represented in the exhibition. They affirmed that the overall organization of this year's edition is a quantum leap in the international contest that serves the book of Almighty Allah.

There are 139 contestants from 79 countries who have been divided into four categories — memorization of entire Quran with Tajweed (science of recitation), memorization of Quran based on ten types of recitation, basic recitation, and the best project that serves Quran.

The total value of the prizes to be won is KD 130,000.

Some MPs submit proposal to curb restrictions on judiciary

Accept the rulings of court irrespectively: Al-Subai'e

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: MP Al-Humaidhi Al-Subai'e affirmed that calls to impose control of the judiciary administration on all administration decisions without exemption such as issues related to citizenship, administrative deportation and houses of worship are regarded as an indication of the confidence that

the judicial authority of this country has, reports Al-Jarida daily.

In an interview, the lawmaker revealed that he and some other MPs submitted a proposal to eliminate all restrictions set on the judicial authority on issues specified in Law No. 20/1981 concerning establishment of a tribunal to look into administration disputes.

He said such restrictions or rather exemptions should not exist, as it is a form of violation of the right of citizens to receive fair trial.

MP Al-Subai'e asked, "What is the problem in resorting to the court when a citizen's nationality is withdrawn? Why the fear? Is the fear in the Kuwaiti judiciary?"

However, he was quick to add, "If the government fears the judiciary in extending its authority on these issues, then that is the government's problem. This is due to the fact that arbitration of disputes should be referred to the court."

Refuse

MP Al-Subai'e said, "For the government to refuse the referral of such issues to the court means it has no confidence in the judiciary system. However, we accept the rulings of the court irrespectively, and such rulings should be enforced."

He asked, "What is the problem if an expatriate challenges an administrative order of deportation in the court? There are expatriates who have families and businesses they work for as well as interests. Why should they be handled unjustly in such cases?"

MP Al-Subai'e explained that the court will endorse orders for administrative deportation if they are issued on solid grounds that warrant such a measure; otherwise it will reject such orders if there is miscarriage of justice.

This also applies on issues concerning houses of worship in which the court currently has no authority to look into the administrative decisions taken in this regard; however, everyone will consent the final court's decisions.

MP Al-Subai'e expressed hope that the proposal he submitted in this regard will receive full backing from other MPs and it will be endorsed.



The Kuwaiti pavilion at the exhibition during the Holy Quran memorizing competition.

Accommodation for workers

Firms will be allowed to construct houses

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: The Public Authority for Industry has been working toward allowing companies and factories to construct houses for their workers within the industrial areas where they operate, and construction permit should be secured from Kuwait Municipality to authorize the workers' accommodations, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In this context, Minister of Commerce and Industry Khalid Al-Roudhan issued a decision to lay down rules and regulations governing the allocation of sites for services in industrial areas for stores, truck parking lots or accommodation for workers.

The decision indicates the period of allocation will be temporary not exceeding a duration of three years

and renewable and open to extension depending on evaluation of the Public Authority for Industry.

In case of expiration of the period of allocation and the authority rejecting an application for renewal, extension or ending the purpose for which it was granted, the applicant should vacate the location, clean the place and remove the facilities within two months from the date of expiration then return it to the authority.

The authority will take administrative action upon failure to vacate the location, while the occupier will bear the cost from the bank guarantee without any right of claiming compensation from the authority.

The temporary allocation cannot be transformed to a permanent one.

It's also not possible to mortgage or transfer it to another person or join the temporary allocation of service areas as an extension of the factory.

Health Insurance Hospitals Company "Daman" announced that the Undersecretary of Ministry of Health Dr Mustafa Mohammad Redha acceded to the membership of the company's board as representative of Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), reports Al-Qabas daily.

He was recently appointed as the undersecretary of the ministry. He has undertaken development-related operations in many health files and is responsible for preparing plans and policies for enhancing healthcare sector in Kuwait.

'Shelter can take in mistreated workers'

One of best in Mideast

KUWAIT CITY, April 16: The Shelter for Expatriate Workers can achieve the purpose of its establishment in the form of accommodating workers who are mistreated by their employers, says Deputy Director General for Manpower Protection Affairs at Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) Abdullah Al-Mutawtah, reports Al-Jarida daily.

Al-Mutawtah declared the purpose also includes mental and social rehabilitation of the workers, curing them of fiscal and mental damages, protecting them from forcible works and rehabilitating the victims of human trafficking.

He cited international and regional commendations the shelter has received so far from foreign delegations that have visited the place for on-the-spot assessment to check the way officials are treating inmates as well as services rendered to them.

As regards the capacity of accommodation and the number of inmates presently there, he said the shelter, which remains one of the best in the Middle East can accommodate 500 inmates.

He explained the shelter currently accommodates 409 inmates from various nationalities and provides



'Good deeds protect us from evil fate'. This Hadith of the holy prophet is noticeable in a humane initiative carried out by a citizen in Andalous area, reports Al-Qabas daily. The citizen has mounted a sign board saying 'Free Tea, Milk and Breakfast' for cleaning workers and several Twitter users have since commended the kind initiative.

comprehensive services to inmates in line with the international standard.

The services include feeding and recreation, in addition to social and mental rehabilitation free of charge, while the officials believe that providing free essential amenities and services for the inmates are rightful obligations necessary to brighten the image of Kuwait.

News in Brief

Kuwaiti singer in fest: Renowned Kuwaiti singer Abdullah Ruwaidh also known as the Ambassador of Gulf Song will take part in the activities of the 33rd Garish Festival (2018) with a variety of his old and new songs, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Students at cafes: A number of secondary school students, who are below 18 years old, are seen in cafes and shisha places wearing their school uniforms, reports Al-Rai daily.

It seems these students usually escape from their schools due to the absence of strict supervision which is required to correct these misbehaving youths.

Actor filming series: Actor Mohammad Jabber Al-Adroussi continues the filming of his series which will be aired in Ramadan, reports Al-Anba daily.

Al-Adroussi told the daily that he is doing three series with the participation of other Kuwaiti and Gulf stars. He confirmed completion of the filming of his new drama, "With Hesa Pen," in which he appears with other actors like Hayat Al-Fahad, Zahra Al-Kharji, Yacoub Abdullah, Mishari Al-Balaam and Basim Abdul Amir.

Talking about his two other series, Al-Adroussi disclosed one is a Gulf drama entitled, "Without Filter," and the other has yet to be announced.

Piano concert organised: The Turkish Embassy in Kuwait, in collaboration with Dar Al-Athar Al-Islamiyyah (DAI), organized a piano concert by renowned Turkish pianist Tuluyhan Ugurlu entitled, "Istanbul — a World Capital," at Yarmouk Cultural Centre recently, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Ugurlu captivated the audience with a repertoire from his 2005 musical composition which depicts the beauty of Istanbul through music. The composition begins with the words of Napoleon Bonaparte: "If the world were a single country, the capital would be Istanbul." It has been performed successfully in more than 450 concerts around the world. The concert at Yarmouk Cultural Centre featured select pieces from the composition including Istanbul, a World Capital; The City Where the Three Religions Live in Harmony; The World's Oldest Shopping Center; The Grand Bazaar; Istanbul — Minarets and Towers; Sinan; A Love Story of Istanbul and the Tulip; Spiritual Sultans of Istanbul and Autumn in Istanbul.



Al-Subai'e