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Info minister launches 'media' campaign for national festivals

Panel planning to promote national values

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 25, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Information Minister Mohammad Al-Jabri on Thursday launched the 2018 media campaign for national festivals and anniversaries themed "Sagacious leader and faithful people." Minister Al-Jabri, also chairman of the permanent committee for celebrating national anniversaries, addressed his heartfelt wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the Kuwaiti people on the occasion.

The campaign logo affirms the Kuwaiti people pride of wisdom and shrewdness characterizing His Highness the Amir at crucial times that necessitate stances on internal and external affairs, thus bolstering the State of Kuwait status at various levels, the minister said.

Kuwait as a free and independent state effectively contributes to efforts for solidifying global security and peace, he says, also underscoring its distinctive role at the humanitarian level, as it has been affirmed by the United Nations when it has designated His Highness the Amir as the Humanitarian Leader, also naming the State of Kuwait the Humanitarian Center.

Manifestations of jubilation expressed by the people during the national occasions show to the world the Kuwaitis' adherence to the solid national unity.



Talal Al-Kharafi with other officials during the press conference.

HH Amir's consecutive patronage of IIFME hailed

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KUWAIT CITY, Jan 25: Board Director of Kuwait Science Club and Head of the organizing committee of the 10th International Invention Fair in the Middle East (IIFME) Talal Al-Kharafi praised the consecutive patronage of the fair by His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, which is a clear indication of his keen interest in offering unlimited support to Kuwaiti

youths and inventors.

In the statement he issued during a press conference that was held to announce the latest preparation of the event, Al-Kharafi explained that this year's fair will witness the participation of 130 inventors from 39 Arab and foreign countries. These inventors will present 150 projects in the event, which will be inaugurated on Sunday, Jan 28 and end on Jan 31.

He went on to explain that the sponsorship of the fair by His

Highness the Amir since its inception motivates Kuwait to exert more efforts, which in turn have had an impact in the international indexes, as Kuwait was ranked first in the region and second globally in terms of supporting scientific innovations.

Al-Kharafi revealed that the doors to the fair will be opened for the public in the mornings and evenings of Monday, Jan 29 and Tuesday, Jan 30, adding that the closing ceremony will take place on Wednesday evening, Jan 31.

The permanent committee is planning to promote national values during all festivities marking the glorious 57th National Day, the 27th Liberation Day, the 12th Anniversary of His Highness the Amir crowning as well the designation of Sheikh Nawaf as the Crown Prince, he adds.

He called for boosting citizenship values, amid a tolerant and cordial atmosphere, placing the country interests above any other consideration.

This year's celebrations coincide with rapid regional and international events, he said, urging young citizens to follow steps of the forefathers so Kuwait may

remain an oasis of security, safety and stability.

He called for serious national acts to develop Kuwait on national faithfulness, compassion, tolerance and renunciation of fanaticism -- such foundations are necessary to bolster Kuwait as a modern state.



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'Al-Mafateel, Al-Hajoul, Al-Jama, and Challab Al-Thahab' are names of traditional jewelry that were typically worn by Kuwaiti children during cultural and social performances in the past. In her book Jewelry in Old Kuwait, researcher Salwa Al-Magrebi said that the manufacturing of trinkets and small jewelry in Kuwait was influenced by social surroundings, revealing that the people who lived near the sea wore different kinds of ornaments than their counterparts in the desert. For example, trinkets that evoked marine cultural values were being made for children near the coast and vice versa, said the researcher, adding that trinkets from nearby countries and abroad were also imported into Kuwait for children to wear. Trinkets were mostly adorned by little girls back then, said Magrebi, adding that babies, regardless of gender, were also given little ornaments consisting of special gemstones that had Quranic verses to ward off the evil eye. (KUNA)

Employees urged to move to new building

Strictly follow regulations on overtime of staff under special contracts: MoE

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 25: The Ministry of Education (MoE) has warned its sectors against asking employees under special contracts to work overtime without obtaining approval from the Civil Service Commission (CSC), reports Al-Anba daily.

In a circular distributed to the sectors, the ministry urged all concerned authorities to strictly follow regulations on overtime of employees under special contracts; such as obtaining approval from the CSC, filling up overtime forms and submission of required documents.

The ministry stressed that the CSC will reject overtime applications if the conditions are not met.

Meanwhile, Assistant Undersecretary for Education Facilities and Planning at Ministry of Education Dr Khalid Al-Rushaid has urged employees of the Capital Educational Area to move into the new building in Sharq area, reports Al-Anba daily.

Al-Rushaid added the ministry has taken delivery of the project from the Ministry of Public Works and observations are minimal, indicating it does not affect moving into the building. He stated the most notable work yet to be done is the operation of telephone lines, which will be completed in earnest. "There is a little problem with the parking lots, so steps have since been taken to rectify the situation".

He commended the Ministry of Public Works over successful completion of the

wonderful educational edifice.

Meanwhile, Capital Educational Area is facing a problem with the new building in terms of inability to accommodate the entire 1,250 workforce. The building is said to have capacity for only 700 employees and the best part is that some employees will remain at the current location in Khaldiya when others move to the new building.

Assistant Undersecretary for Public Health Affairs at Ministry of Health Dr Majda Al-Qattan inaugurated the awareness campaign on proper ways to dispose and deal with medical wastes, reports Al-Anba daily.

The campaign was organized by the Infection Prevention Department within the Public Health Affairs sector.

During the inaugural event, Dr Al-Qattan said the campaign is the first of its kind and follows the issuance of second edition of the manual on the proper methods to handle and dispose medical wastes.

She affirmed that disposing medical wastes in the proper way promotes healthy environment in all medical buildings.

Meanwhile, Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Bassel Al-Sabah has assigned Dr Majda Al-Qattan to replace the Undersecretary of Ministry of Health Dr Mohammad Al-Qashti until he returns from an official mission.

director of the Environment Public Authority (EPA) and his deputies in achieving this result.

He attributed this to the remarkable developments in the field of environment protection, affirming the parliamentary Environment Committee will continue cooperating with EPA and other concerned bodies in protecting the environment.

He revealed the parliamentary Environment Committee has been tackling several topics to help the concerned government bodies effectively play their role in protecting the environment.

He added the important items in the agenda of the committee include the latest mechanisms in conducting research on environmental issues and development of Kuwait Bay.

No bid to

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Asked whether Kuwait plans to amend the provisions of the labor law, particularly those relating to domestic workers, Al-Jarallah said the current law is modern and won praise of the competent international organization.

He affirmed that the countries that have large expatriate communities in Kuwait were informed that their nationals are held in high esteem and enjoy care and respect.

He ruled out any tendency to suspend residency of any Filipino workers.

Housing aid

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He added the revenues of cooperative societies increased in recent years -- a manifestation that Al-Sabeh did not impede work in the cooperative sector as some people have been claiming.

He went on to say that the lopsided population structure issue is considered part of public policy which is supposed to be under HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah who should be held responsible for the problem.

He also suggested that the domestic workers should be under the ministries of Social Affairs and Interior.

On the economic reform document, Al-Adsani said he is following up this issue with Finance Minister Nayef Al-Hajraf, especially the State's revenues and foreign investments.

Furthermore, member of the parliamentary Environment Committee MP Abdullah Fahad praised Kuwait's ranking in the Global Environmental Performance Rating Index issued by the Environment Center of Bell University in America as it landed on the 52nd spot.

He said the country recorded another achievement in the area of environment protection, noting the recent ranking is a quantum leap in terms of global performance.

He also lauded the efforts exerted by the

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