



Group photo of attendees

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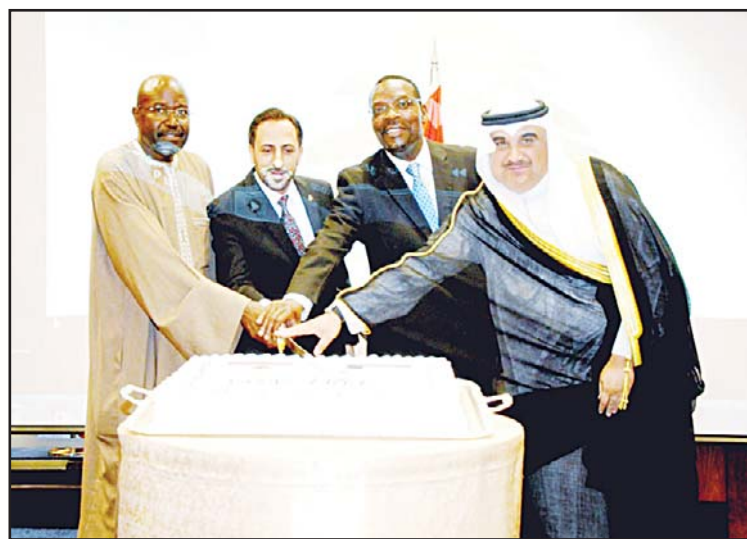
**Senegal envoy hosts sendoff ceremony in honor of Lebanese ambassador**

Dean of the Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of Senegal to Kuwait Abdul-Lahad Mbaki recently organized a sendoff ceremony in honor of the outgoing Head of Lebanese Mission to Kuwait Maher Khair. The event was attended by representative of the

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Protocols Ambassador Dhari Ajran Al-Ajran, alongside Arab and foreign ambassadors in Kuwait and representatives of international organizations. Ambassador Mbaki extolled virtues of the departing

envoy, describing him as an outstanding diplomat who discharged his duties with utmost sense of responsibility while maintaining strong official and private contacts with his colleagues and the people of Kuwait. He noted Ambassador Khair played a vital role in

strengthening bilateral ties between Kuwait and Lebanon. On behalf of other envoys in Kuwait, the dean of diplomatic corps presented a memento to Ambassador Khair, wishing him the best in his future endeavors.



Abdul-Lahad Mbaki and Maher Khair with other officials in cake cutting ceremony.



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Director Manager of PACI Musaad Al-Asousi with the award.

**'Kuwaiti expertise helped in gaining this prize'**  
**PACI wins global award for creative 'Geographic Information System'**

KUWAIT CITY, July 10, (KUNA): Kuwait's Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) has won a global award for its creative Geographic Information System (GIF). The award was delivered by the founder and owner of the world's largest GIS company (ESRI) Jack Dangermond, to the Director Manager of (PACI) Musaad Al-Asousi during a conference held in San Diego, United States from July 9 - 13 with more than 18,000 participants from all around the world. The award is an evidence of the successful PACI's efforts in developing and using advanced technology such as (Machine Learning) and (Artificial Intelligence), said Al-Asousi in a phone call with KUNA. The efforts of Kuwaiti expertise in this field helped in gaining this award which will motivate other government-

tal sectors to improve services provided to both citizens and residents, Al-Asousi added. The Geographic Information System (GIS) is a system that helps (PACI) to do its role in more effective manner by using the best and latest technologies in connecting maps with data of buildings and entities registered in the civil information systems, he said. The system facilitates identification of all types of governmental, commercial, service building, and residential units, as well as agricultural, industrial, sports building and others by simply providing the detailed address or part of it or entering the automatic address number. Al-Asousi affirmed that the application benefits (PACI) and other government agencies due to the expanded scope of maps covered by the program.

**'Private, public sector tie-up for energy projects essential for dev'**

Kuwait needs to adopt concept of green buildings: study

KUWAIT CITY, July 10, (KUNA): A specialized economic study has stressed the importance of encouraging the partnership between the Kuwaiti public and private sectors in the field of energy projects as a necessity to promote the growth of the local economy.

The study, entitled "The Future of Oil with Alternative Energy Patterns for the State of Kuwait" and prepared by the Kuwait Economic Society in cooperation with 'Marmore Mena Intelligence', said encouraging this partnership would promote the growth of the traditional and renewable energy sector by attracting more private investment and increasing the efficiency of project implementation.

The study pointed out that Kuwait needs to adopt the concept of green buildings to rationalize energy consumption, which is based on the idea of effective exploitation of resources and wealth without a negative impact on the environment.

It added that the installation of solar panels on the roofs of buildings helps to ensure the amount of energy consumed by the building to become closer to self-sufficiency with the need to link procedures with obtaining building permits to meet one of the components of environmental sustainability.

It pointed to the importance of investment in energy storage projects, which it considered an important element in the transformation towards renewable energy as the missing link in achieving the integration of renewable energy at the level of the electricity network and allowing it to store renewable energy and connect it to the network to become more reliable.

It stressed the importance of investing in the development of infrastructure for the management of electric vehicles in order to encourage reliance on them because these vehicles play a major role in reducing the consumption of fossil fuels.

It explained that encouraging the reliance on electric vehicles allows the government to use energy for other productive purposes, pointing out that the reduction of fuel subsidies will contribute to encouraging



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His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah's representative, National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim attended on Monday the inauguration of the Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. A number of presidents and senior officials have attended the ceremony that was held in the Presidential Complex in the Turkish capital Ankara. (KUNA)

**News in Brief**

**School for kids with special needs:**

Head of the Residents Committee of Sabah Al Ahmad Residential City Turki Al-Osaimi has urged Minister of Education and Higher Education to open a new educational zone so that southern areas can affiliate to it in the next academic year, reports Al-Qabas daily.

He indicated that the city alone has 54 buildings that belong to Ministry of Education including 24 school establishments that are ready and can be used by the ministry for operating services for serving the 24,000 citizens who own plots there.

Al-Osaimi affirmed that the presence of an educational zone that

includes Sabah Al-Ahmad City, Umm Al-Haiman, Wafra, and Zour areas will reduce the pressure for Ahmadi Educational Zone which comprises of hundreds of schools and cannot bear more than the already existing schools in light of the readiness of the city's schools that will be opened at the beginning of the new academic year.

He proposed making use of the ready school buildings to open an applied institute for the children of the city as well as a temporary university until completion of the main buildings. Al-Osaimi also proposed using a building to establish a school for children with special needs due to the urgent need for such an establishment in the area.



Rauf Abu Zaki

the consumer to use these vehicles.

In another development, Rauf Abu Zaki, Executive Director of Lebanon's Economy and Business Group which organizes Arab Economic Forum, said Monday Kuwait National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim would be the first head of Parliament to attend the forum as a guest.

Abu Zaki told KUNA the forum, to open on Thursday, hosted heads of government of regional countries in the past but decided to invite Al-Ghanim this year because of his leading role at Arab level, as well as reflection of solid Lebanese-Kuwait relations. "Al-Ghanim is a dynamic person

who plays a major role as National Assembly Speaker inside Kuwait, and a leading parliamentary figure at Arab and regional levels," he said. Abu Zaki said the forum would highlight political and economic developments in the region, and gathered decision-making, businessmen and investors.

He said Kuwait and Lebanon enjoyed deep-rooted relations, and the Gulf country was the first country to invest in Lebanon. These relations and investments were not affected by the political and security uncertainties, he noted.

Kuwaiti people have always been visiting Lebanon and maintained their investments, said Abu Zaki,

who estimated Kuwaiti investments at over USD two billion. Abu Zaki talked about the economic and financial condition of Lebanon, describing it as "difficult" due to the decline of remittance from the Gulf and African countries.

He said movement of goods with neighboring Syria also declined following the eruption of the conflict, thus the transport of goods to Gulf countries halted.

The economic crisis in Lebanon, he explained, caused rise in unemployment and affected the middle class.

The Arab Economic Forum will be held under the auspices of Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariiri.