

Move to distribute ten percent of profit to shareholders

Mishref Coop Society earns profit of KD 6.5 mln in 2017

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KUWAIT CITY, March 6: Board Chairman of Mishref Cooperative Society Abdulrahman Al-Qadir affirmed that the cooperative society has achieved unprecedented results in the history of cooperative work in Kuwait by earning net profits worth

KD 6.5 million, thereby registering a new record across all cooperative societies since their establishment. Speaking at a press conference organized by the cooperative society's board of directors to discuss the achievements of the 2017 fiscal year, Al-Qadir revealed that this achievement will be crowned by the distribution of ten percent of the profits to

shareholders. He explained that the financial position of the cooperative society has witnessed a remarkable improvement in terms of the net profits from 2009 until 2017. The cooperative society came out strongly in all levels during that period. The year 2017 witnessed a quantum leap in all the activities of the cooperative

society. Not only did the cooperative society succeed in its activities but it also topped all other cooperative societies while at the same time keeping up the uptick in net profits and achieving more sales. Al-Qadir revealed that sales increased from KD 42 million to KD 45.5 million within a year during which the cooperative society organized 32 carnivals in the main central market.

Director General of the Municipal Council Yousif Al-Saqabi affirmed the provisional committee is slated to discuss several issues at its next meeting, reports Al-Rai daily. Among the list of items to be discussed is a request for the Amiri

Diwan to allocate a section of Shuwaikh Beach opposite Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center to establish the tallest flagstaff and an Amiri Hall. It also includes a request for the Ministry of Electricity and Water to approve the course of fresh water for reservoirs in South Metla'a Housing City.



Top and above: Some photos of the event

KU organizes lecture on invasion

Under the sponsorship of the Dean of College of Social Sciences at Kuwait University Prof Hamoud Fahad Al-Qashani, and in the presence of Sheikh Dr Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah and Vice-Dean of Academic Affairs Dr Hind Al-Musab, the American Studies and Latin American Studies Unit organized a forum titled "Kuwait Invasion - A look through Iraqi official documents" which was presented by professor of Political Sciences at Georgetown University

Prof Joseph Sason. The lecture was presided over by the Head of the American Studies and Latin American Studies Unit Dr Hanan Al-Hajri. Dr Al-Hajri said the forum was organized to commemorate the Liberation Day of Kuwait with hopes of opening doors of discussion and research for documenting the events related to the invasion in a scientific manner for the benefit of the future generations.

Spring Culture Festival

Legendary Kuwaiti singers to perform at Bahrain Bay

KUWAIT CITY, March 6: Legendary Kuwaiti singers Abdallah Al-Rowaished and Nabil Shuaib are set to present an unforgettable performance in the 13th Spring of Culture Annual Festival which will be organized by Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) on March 9 from 8:30 pm at Bahrain Bay.



Al-Rowaished



Shuaib

According to a report by Bahrain News Agency, the Spring of Culture Festival has become a prominent event in Bahrain, contributing significantly to the country's tourism sector. This year's festival will feature the two distinguished singers from Kuwait Al-Rowaished and Shuaib who are popular not only in the Gulf region but throughout the Arab world.

Abdallah Al-Rowaished, who has released over 30 albums so far, was born in 1961 in Kuwait. His first step in the music industry came at a young age when he started playing the oud. He formed the band called "Roba'y al-Kuwaiti" in 1973 but the band separated in 1979, after which Al-Rowaished went solo and released his first album in the early 1980s under Al-Nazaer Music Production Company. In 1995, he signed a contract with Saudi record company Rotana.

Nabil Shuaib, nicknamed "The Nightingale of the Gulf", has released over 26 albums so far. He is known for his ability to use multiple vocal layers while singing. He is also the first Gulf singer who sang with various Arabic dialects such as Egyptian, Moroccan and Lebanese. He was born in 1962 in Kuwait, and rose to fame in the '80s with the song and album "Sikat Safar" under DanDoon Music Production Company. He is a pioneer in promoting Gulf music outside the Gulf region across the Arab world.

Meanwhile, popular Kuwaiti hip-hop artiste "Daffy" and his crew will partici-

pate in a concert that is part of the #CelebrateKuwait event to be held in Dubai on March 9 at 8:00 pm, reports gulfnews.com.

Daffy expressed his excitement in performing at the event, saying, "I cannot wait to rock the stage in Dubai, which I consider as my second home".

This first-of-its-kind event that will feature Kuwaiti talents in Dubai will be organized by Emaar Properties and Slider Station, which is a leading Kuwaiti restaurant chain in the Gulf countries.

The activities of the event will include sports contests for families, friendly football matches, and exciting raffle draws for audience sponsored by Kuwait's leading low-cost airline Jazeera Airways, as well as outdoor performances by popular Kuwaiti talents including Daffy and his band on March 9-10.

Regarding the participation of Daffy and his band in the event, board member of KuwaitBC and Chairwoman of the organizing committee Luma Jasim Buresli said, "They are a Khaleeji band that has mastered the fusion of our local dialects with Western music. Music is a universal language. It represents a message of peace that speaks to different languages. This aspect has been successfully achieved by Daffy and his band".

Hip-hop artistes Flipperachi from Bahrain and Daffy are known for their fusion of hip hop and Khaleeji music, which has resulted in a new style. They are supported by the music director DJ Outlaw who is one of the pioneering hip hop artistes of the region and has been in the music industry for more than 20 years.

(Source - Bahrain News Agency and gulfnews.com)

KFAS-hosted symposium tackles new techs in field of water reuse

Meet a byproduct of over two years of cooperation

KUWAIT CITY, March 5: Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) has announced its recent initiative to promote scientific research and advancement of knowledge by hosting the UK and Gulf Countries Science Collaboration Symposium with the theme, "Waste Water: Treatment and Reuse."

In a press statement, KFAS revealed that the two-day event kicked off Monday at Marina Hotel in collaboration with UK Science & Innovation Network (SIN); the British Embassy in Kuwait; UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS); and the British Council.

The symposium focuses on the latest innovations and scientific methods in water treatment and reuse - one of the primary issues in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries due to scarcity of fresh water in the region.

The symposium tackles new and upcoming technologies in the field of water reuse, as well as the most important developments in this field.

Manager for Water and Energy Program at KFAS Dina Al-Naqeeb said, "We are aiming, within the framework of the new strategic plan of KFAS for 2017-2021, to adopt and support the latest scientific and technological needs of Kuwait by using the most structured method for funding innovative programs and to activate the role of KFAS as a motivator for development and growth in scientific and technological fields."

Al-Naqeeb added, "The symposium is a byproduct of more than two years of cooperation between KFAS and the British Council. It aims to build the research abilities of Kuwaitis and link them with UK researchers in national priority fields especially in the aspect of research on water distillation and treatment."

It is worth mentioning that the sustainable waste treatment project in Kuwait was funded by Gulf Science Innovation and Knowledge Economy Programme (GSIKE) which is keen on improving thermal treatment of waste.

The project brings together teams of experts from Cranfield University, Aston University, Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET), Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA), Kuwait's Environment



Top and above: Some photos of the event

Public Authority (EPA) and joint Kuwaiti-British waste handling and processing companies.

This project is aimed at continuing to develop the process and to scale up the technology, and perhaps, this technology will have potential to be rolled out across other Gulf States and beyond.

Apart from the treatment and re-

use of waste water, the symposium is covering the improved methods to treat wastewater (advanced materials membrane technology, other emerging technologies) and energy conversion in wastewater treatment plants.

It is also tackling elimination of pollutants and hazardous substances (heavy metals, antibiotic residues and antibiotic-resistant

bacteria, and other contaminants), management of solid waste and other by-products, grey water and small scale treatment.

Scientists from various universities, other research institutions, start-up companies, established industries in Gulf countries and the UK, and government entities attended the event.

MoE suspends appointment of Kuwaiti teachers

KUWAIT CITY, March 6: As part of preparations for academic year 2018/2019, Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education Dr Haitham Al-Athari announced suspending the appointment of Kuwaiti teachers in 10 different specialties, due to some 9,631 male and female teachers the ministry has in excess, reports Al-Rai daily.

Al-Athari explained the decision of suspending the appointment of Kuwaiti teachers in those 10 areas of expertise is linked to the extra number of teachers, indicating the ministry has redundant 151 male psychology and sociology teachers, 449 male Physical Education teachers, 2,841 female kindergarten teachers, 1,823 female Islamic Education teachers and 2,001 Social Studies teachers, in addition to 159 History and 107 Geography teachers, 100 in Philosophy, 868 in the Sciences, and 659 female Home Economics teachers.

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News in Brief

Bangladeshis: The ban on issuance of work visas to Bangladeshi expatriates who hold residencies of articles 17, 18 and 20 does not apply to those who obtained visas on or before Sunday, March 4 which was when the ministerial decision in this regard was issued, reports Al-Anba daily.

KU admin fails: Head of Faculty Staff Association at Kuwait University

Ibrahim Al-Hamoud says the current university administration has failed in meeting the requirements and that several decisions remain suspended, reports Al-Shahed daily.

He revealed that the financial administration of the university is very weak and needs a change as soon as possible because the university, for the second consecutive year, is finding itself facing the same problem.