

'Trade exchange between Kuwait, Pakistan has touched \$1.68 bn'

PBC holds 'Pakistan Mangoes Expo' at Zahra Co-op Society

KUWAIT CITY, July 3: Pakistan Business Center (PBC) Kuwait with auspicious collaboration of Pakistan Embassy in Kuwait held a colossal Pakistani Mangoes Exhibition in the premises of Al-Zahra Cooperative Society and was attended by number of ambassadors of various countries in Kuwait, distinguished Kuwaiti community members and large number of Pakistani and other nationals residing in Kuwait.

During his address to populous gathering, HE Ghulam Dastgir, Ambassador, Islamic Republic of Pakistan declared that the volume of trade exchange between Kuwait and Pakistan is charismatically growing and has touched the ceiling of 180 million dinars last year, while the Kuwaiti exports to Pakistan has amounted to about \$1.5 billion, most of which are petroleum products such as oil and diesel.

He further expressed that strong bilateral relations, trade development and growth, and brotherly relations are strengthening with every coming day.

He expressed with pride that ambassadors, diplomatic dignitaries and other most prominent Kuwaiti and Pakistani friends have participated in 5th Exhibition of Pakistani Mangoes and has made this event historically memorable. He stated that our Mangoes Exhibition has turned into a summer season function.

His Excellency mentioned that to provide awareness on summer activities 2019, PBC has prepared a guide that has included all activities with agreed recreational centers pertaining to health clubs, educational centers etc. The 64 pages guide includes discounts offered, awareness of summer vacation importance and advantages of leisure time in useful fashion.



A photo from the event.

HE Ghulam Dastgir is returning after very successful completion of his tenure in Kuwait in few days. He appreciated that his stay was of great delight as he received abundant support and cooperation from all areas of Government of Kuwait and on personal level had wonderful friendship bonds with Kuwaiti, Arabs, non-Arabs and Pakistani which he would always cherish. He said that he had tried to leave no stone unturned for better economic ties, best bi-lateral relations between Kuwait and Pakistan and he had succeeded in achieving trade

growth with exchange of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kuwait and the Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan.

Ch Wasim Akhtar who had travelled all the way from Pakistan to participate in the exhibition of Pakistani mangoes and multiply the happiness of PBC, stated that he was extremely delighted to meet with Kuwaiti and Pakistani communities in Kuwait including number of Ambassadors of various countries. He further emphasized that that Pakistan and Kuwait are sharing common culture and his-

tory. He further stated that Pakistanis truly consider Kuwait as their second home and live a very peaceful life.

He emphasized that relationship between two countries has witnessed in recent years a sky rocketing economic and political growth in Kuwait-Pakistan relations especially with the visit of Pakistan's ex-prime who had profound desire to maintain brotherly relations between the two countries.

Malik Nadeem Bara who is a member of provincial assembly in Punjab also came all the way from Pakistan to participate in Pakistani Mangoes

Exhibition. He also stated that he was very touched with brotherly interaction between Kuwaitis and Pakistanis. He was very pleased to experience that all Pakistanis are living very peacefully in Kuwait and consider this place very safe, clean, with abundant opportunities to progress and with no threat to life. He admired very positive remarks extended by Pakistanis living in Kuwait for over 3 to 4 decades.

Trade agreements

Abdullah Al-Kandari stated in his speech that Pakistan Business Center (PBC) has played very vital role in contributing towards Pakistan-Kuwait business and trade relations and has achieved remarkable growth over the past few years. Both countries have come nearer through their historic, political and economic rapprochement.

Al-Kandari also explained that trade agreements between the chambers of commerce and industry in Kuwait and Pakistan have made robust growth of exports and imports especially after agreement of Pakistani products' air transport to Kuwait.

Hafiz Muhammad Shabbir, Director General of Pakistan Business Center (PBC) Kuwait emphasized that Pakistani mangoes are the best in the world. He stated that it is the 5th exhibition of Pakistan's best quality mangoes and very delightedly stated that 85% of Pakistani mangoes lovers are mainly Kuwaitis, Arabs and non-Pakistanis which establishes the fact that Pakistani mangoes are the best. He said that the Mangoes Exhibition is an annual event organized in cooperation with Pakistani Embassy and local markets and the present exhibition is 5th in a row from 2015 onwards.

A promising market

He further stated that Pakistani products are in high demand in

Kuwaiti market and all consumers whether Kuwaiti, Arabs, Asians, and/or Pakistanis love to use spices, rice and fruits, especially Pakistani mangoes.

He mentioned that previously due to freight, transport and storages limitations, it was difficult to bring in Pakistani products to Kuwait market especially Pakistani mangoes which have very limited rack life but we have overcome most of these difficulties with the cooperation of respective departments of Kuwait government. Therefore, the supply of Pakistani mangoes in particular would be maintained unperturbed.

Community cooperative role

Saad Al Otaibi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Zahra Cooperative Association stated that Zahra Coop has the pride to hold all Pakistani mangoes and "Made in Pakistan" products exhibitions. He stated that Pakistan has about 130 kinds of mangoes but have brought only 10 kinds of Pakistani mangoes to Kuwait.

He said the present exhibition had been 5th in a row. These types of exhibitions are bringing all communities closer to each other and we have mixed clientele for Pakistani products. Kuwaitis and Arabs are quite excited to buy Pakistani Mangoes in larger quantity for their families and friends.

He further complimented that Zahra Cooperative is very particular for distinctive goods and specialized services. He said that Zahra's management is very optimistic for affirmative results as the clients' turnout is amazingly high.

He further informed that the council is initiating new activities and a plan is drawn up for the coming year. He stated that they have almost completed final design of Diwaniyah area.



Naqeeb Amin with a number of PAM managers.

Bid to attract, qualify promising national human resources

Ahli United Bank organises booth at PAM

KUWAIT CITY, July 3: In its commitment to support the Kuwaitization efforts, Ahli United Bank announced the organization of a Booth at The Public Authority for Manpower (PAM) headquarters at Al-Raqa'i on Monday, July 1, 2019, in a step to attract and qualify promising national human resources and support Kuwaiti youths seeking outstanding job opportunities in the banking sector.

Representatives of Ahli United Bank Human Resources Department were present at the bank's booth, highlighting the bank's employment policy and providing job hunters with extensive knowledge about the bank's job opportunities.

Commenting on this initiative, which reflects the bank's efforts to recruit qualified national human resources, Naqeeb Amin, HR General Manager at the bank, said: "We are keen to organize the bank's booth at (PAM) to serve as an interactive platform for Kuwaiti cadres wishing to communicate directly with private employers in a pragmatic and realistic environment, pointing out that the presence of AUB through its booth in (PAM) headquarter is an effective way to recruit national talents capable of enriching the bank's mechanism and work system to develop its human resources and prepare national leaders able to complete the development journey and maintain the bank's leading position."

Amin stressed AUB commitment towards empowering Kuwaiti youth and promoting Kuwaitization efforts in the banking sector, confirming that the bank management believes that investing in promising national human capital has become a matter of urgency for the institutions that aspire more success, adding that Kuwait, undoubtedly is full of qualified talents and is very willing to join the labor market and engage in various economic institutions including banking institutions. These talents have a significant role in contributing to raising the productive

Winner claims a cash prize of KD 250,000

Gulf Bank congratulates Q2 Al Danah winner

KUWAIT CITY, July 3: Gulf Bank has announced the winner of the second Al Danah quarterly draw of the year. The lucky winner, Ms Jennifer Suleiman, will take home a cash prize of KD 250,000.

The draw, which took place live at Q8 Pulse 88.8 FM (Diwaniyah Al Yaquod & Al Ansari show) in the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce, is the second Al Danah quarterly draw of 2019.

"It was a great call to receive while at work, especially when Khaled Al Ansari told me we were live on air!" said Ms Jennifer Suleiman, the winner of Gulf Bank's second quarterly Al Danah draw. "He initially let me know that I had won a KD 1,000 prize, which was itself a wonderful surprise. I had just started planning my summer vacation when he delivered an even bigger surprise: that the amount I had won was actually KD 250,000. I couldn't believe it!"

She continued: "I have been a Gulf Bank client since 1993, and I have been saving with Al Danah since 2004 because it is the only account that rewards you for your loyalty by allowing you to accrue your chances to win, year after year. I would like to thank Gulf Bank for this prize and highly recommend opening an Al Danah account."

Commenting on the second quarterly Al Danah draw of the year, Ahmad Al-Amir, Assistant General Manager of External Communications at Gulf Bank, said: "We look forward to the Al Danah draws every quarter, as they give us a chance to join our customers on one of the happiest days of their lives. We are excited to continue to reward our

efficiency of the private sector, which has a key role to play in the country's development process.



A photo from the event.

customers for saving with their Al Danah accounts, and encourage everyone to continue depositing into their accounts to increase their chances of winning the upcoming draw!"

The third draw of the year will be held on Sept 25, 2019 with a prize of KD 500,000. The fourth and final draw will take place on Jan 16, 2020 and will culminate in the announcement of the 2019 Al Danah Millionaire, who will receive a grand prize of one million Kuwaiti Dinars.

Gulf Bank's Al Danah account is open to both Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti residents of Kuwait. A minimum of KD 200 is required to open an account and the same amount must be maintained for customers to be eligible for the upcoming Al Danah draws. If the customer's account balance falls below KD 200 at any given time, a KD 2 fee will be charged to the account monthly until the minimum balance is met. Customers who open an account and/or deposit more will enter

Amin expressed his sincere thanks to (PAM) officials, stressing that AUB is keen to take advantage of all oppor-

the daily draw within two days. To take part in the upcoming Al Danah quarterly and yearly draws, customers must meet the required hold period for each draw. Al Danah chances are added on a daily basis, meaning the more customers save and the longer they save for, the higher their chances are of winning! Furthermore, loyal customers are always rewarded, with the chances accumulated during the previous years rolling over to the next year's draws. Terms and conditions apply.

The Al Danah draws are all approved by and held in the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce. Gulf Bank has partnered with Ernst and Young Kuwait (EY) with reference to the "Al Danah Prize Draw" system in order to assist in assessing processes, technical controls considering relevant parameters and provide recommendations that are in line with industry leading practices.

tunities that allow it to meet the national talents and attract them to join AUB family.

Innovations, features

What sets Huawei Mate 20X 5G apart from other '5G' devices?

KUWAIT CITY, July 3: Thanks to the developments in the connectivity sector, 5G connectivity has now become the next step of modern networking. With 5G connectivity slowly but surely rolling out in the region, users have started looking at getting their devices upgraded. Huawei has already taken the first step towards providing its customers with the all-new Huawei Mate 20X 5G. But what makes this phone different from other 5G devices? Customer centric innovations, features and powerful hardware that make it the 5G smartphone you are looking for.

Authentic 5G Experience

The key focus of the Huawei Mate 20X 5G is its 5G capabilities, which by itself sets the bar high for 5G devices. Powered by two chipsets, the Huawei Mate 20X 5G packs twice the power with the Balong 5000 and Kirin 980, Huawei's first 5G multi-mode chipset and the first commercial 7nm mobile AI SoC respectively.

While the Kirin 980, a chipset that is reputed for its speed and efficient processing, powers the phone, the next generation Balong 5000 allows for exceptional and unprecedented 5G connectivity with compatibility for multiple network technologies ranging from 2G to 4G[1].

[1] Actual user experience is based on telecom operators' networks and associated deployments. Please contact your local telecom operator for more information.

Ultra-Large OLED Display

The Huawei Mate 20X 5G comes packed with a massive 7.2-inch Dew-drop Display complemented by extremely slim bezels paving the way for a superior viewing experience. Paired with the 5G connectivity and high speed downloads, this massive display is perfect for movie streaming or online gaming scenarios creating an immersive multimedia entertainment experience.

Powerful Matrix Camera System

On the back of the Huawei Mate 20X 5G, you can see the Matrix camera system that promises stunning shots in any scenario ranging from macro to ultra-wide. The powerful setup houses three Leica cameras, a 40MP wide angle, 20MP Ultra-Wide angle and the 8MP telephoto camera, all of them



Huawei Mate 20X 5G

which work together with the powerful on-board AI to deliver stunning photos.

Long lasting battery

Such powerful hardware requires a large battery to run all-day and Huawei delivers on this aspect as well. Under the hood of the Huawei Mate 20X 5G rests a massive 4200mAh high density battery that can last for extended periods of use. This is further supported by the 40W Huawei SuperCharge and certified by TÜV Rheinland, an authoritative and independent international organization that provides product safety assessment and certification services.

Additionally, the Huawei Mate 20X 5G also features an AI-powered battery optimizer that intelligently manages and regulates power consumption in the background.

Improved Cooling solutions

While concerns of smartphones heating up are all over the news, the Huawei Mate 20X 5G comes built with a groundbreaking cooling solution that utilizes graphene film and vapor chamber that keeps the phone cool. This technology ensures that even during high performance or extended use, the phone remains cool and responsive, not creating any hiccups in performance.

Agility expands its operations in Oman with new office in Duqm

KUWAIT CITY, July 3: Agility, a leading global logistics provider, opened a new office in Duqm, Oman, expanding its storage, freight forwarding, custom brokerage, road and transportation, and project and heavy lift capabilities.

The new office, located in the Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZAD), will service key customers in the oil and gas, chemicals, manufacturing and engineering goods sectors during their start-up stage and provide logistics support. It will also service FMCG and retail business, sectors that are fast developing to cater to this growing city. The new Duqm facility adds to Agility's expanding network across Oman, where it has existing operations in Muscat, Sohar, Nizwa, Salalah and Wajajah Border.

As one of a few global freight forwarders with its own customs brokerage license in Oman, Agility provides brokerage services for a number of local and multinational organizations. Agility is also a leading provider of cross-border transportation, owning and operating a fleet of more than 56 vehicles to move goods to and from

Oman's ports, airports, industrial areas and logistics services area.

"Oman is a key market for Agility in the Middle East. With an expanding population in the GCC and an increasing demand for integrated logistics services, Agility's investment in Duqm, which is ideally located as a gateway to Middle East, Africa and Indian markets, will help us better serve our national and international clientele in Oman," Agility CEO Tarek Sultan said.

Agility currently employs 160 people in Oman. The new investment in Duqm will significantly increase Agility's Oman workforce as the company develops operations within SEZAD. Local hiring is in line with the government's vision to develop Omani talent and create a diverse workforce that will contribute to the economic growth of the Sultanate.

Oman has significantly improved its logistics competitiveness, ranking 12th globally in logistics competitiveness and fourth for business fundamentals among emerging markets, according to the 2019 Agility Emerging Markets Logistics Index.