

What's On

Nintendo releases updated Switch with better battery

Apple, Google continue inclusive push with new emojis

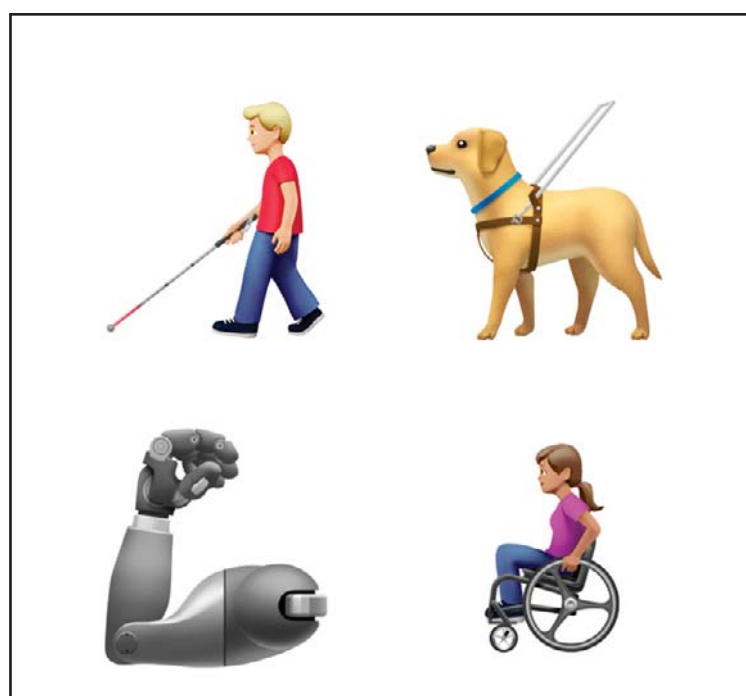
NEW YORK, July 18, (Agencies): Apple and Google are rolling out dozens of new emojis that include cute critters, of course, but also expand the number of images of human diversity.

Apple Inc is releasing new variants of its holding hands emoji that allow people to pick any combination of skin tone and gender, 75 possible combinations in all. There are also wheelchairs, prosthetic arms and legs, as well as a new guide dog and an ear with a hearing aid.

And then there's the sloth, the flamingo, the skunk, the orangutan, as well as a new yawning emoji.

Google, meanwhile, will offer 71 versions of couples with different skin tones once the additions are completed. Google is also adding an emoji for the Diya lamp so that Diwali can be celebrated alongside Christmas and Thanksgiving.

New emojis routinely pop up



This image provided by Apple shows new emojis released by Apple. Both Apple and Google are rolling out dozens of new emojis that, as usual, included cute critters, but also ones that expand the boundaries of inclusion. (AP)

every year. Earlier this year the Unicode Consortium approved 71 new variations of emoji for couples of color. Apple and Google unveiled their designs Wednesday to coincide with World Emoji Day.

Anyone can propose an emoji. But for it to make it to phones and computers, it has to be approved by Unicode. The nonprofit group, mostly made up of people from large tech companies like Apple, Google and Facebook, translates emoji into one standard, so that a person in France, for example, can send an emoji or a text message to a person in the US and it will look the same, no matter what brand of phone or operating system they use.

It's this group that ultimately weighs in on whether we get a sad pile of poop to complement the smiling one, or whether sliced bagel deserves an emoji alongside bread and croissant. Apple's new emojis will be

available in a few months with a free software update for the iPhone, iPad, Mac and Apple Watch. Google said its emojis will be released with Android Q later this year.

Nintendo just refreshed its wildly successful Switch game console, but the company isn't giving existing Switch owners many reasons to upgrade: The renewed game console comes with a better battery that guarantees up to 9 hours of game play, while otherwise sticking with the same design and features of the original Switch.

The new model can be used to play up to 5.5 hours of "The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild," according to a comparison on Nintendo's website, which was first spotted by Polygon. The original Switch on the other hand was only capable of playing the game for up to 3 hours.

In addition to updating the bat-

tery, Nintendo apparently also swapped out the chipsets and memory of the device. This step could contribute to the battery savings, but is likely also improving the margins on the game console.

The refresh of the original Switch isn't the only way Nintendo aims to keep up the momentum of the game console.

Earlier this month, the company introduced a Switch Lite model that's all about mobile gameplay. That device, which cannot be connected to a TV, will be available for \$200 this September.

Even before this refresh, the Switch had already been one of Nintendo's most popular game consoles ever.

The company revealed in April that it had sold close to 35 million units since first introducing the Switch in late 2016. With that, the Switch even surpassed the sales of the Nintendo 64 game console.

'5G makes our smartphones better'

What is a 5G user experience?

Members must register for the offer

Golden chance to become Skywards Gold member

KUWAIT CITY, July 18: Summer just got better with Emirates Skywards offering all its members the chance to upgrade their membership to the coveted Gold tier.

For a limited time, Emirates Skywards Silver and Blue members can now hop straight to Gold when they buy return Business Class Flex or Flex Plus tickets to over 80 exciting destinations on the Emirates or flydubai network.

Members must register for the offer and book between July 18-26, 2019 for travel between July 18 and Aug 20, 2019. The traveller's membership will be updated automatically to Gold after completing the return journey.

Fantastic

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in as much less time as possible. Innovative self-cooling

Even if you're running graphically-intensive games at high settings, this device stays cool and does not stutter thanks to the integra-



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tion of Huawei SuperCool – a groundbreaking cooling solution that delivers an outstanding cooling performance.

So, if you are looking for a 5G smartphone, Huawei Mate 20X 5G

should be your first choice. It has been tested and tried with a number of telecom carriers around the world before the official launch. It delivers all the 5G features as well as a wholly different user experience.



British Ambassador to Kuwait Michael Davenport with Deliveroo Country Manager Seham Alhusaini.

'A Night of Food Freedom'

Deliveroo celebrates a successful six months in Kuwait at British Embassy

KUWAIT CITY, July 18: Deliveroo marked a record-breaking six months in Kuwait with Her Majesty's Ambassador, Michael Davenport at the British Embassy in Kuwait City. Deliveroo also showcased some of Kuwait's most-loved restaurants, Rockhouse Sliders, Super/Food and Urban Creamery.

The event titled 'A Night of Food Freedom', was attended by restaurant partners, senior stakeholders, influencers and local newspapers. The Food Freedom marketing campaign, launched in Kuwait earlier this month represents Deliveroo's mission: to provide great tasting food when you want it, wherever you want it.

Deliveroo Country Manager, Seham Alhusaini commented: "We are proud to celebrate our successful launch at The British Embassy, a place that breathes our heritage. Our highly skilled Ku-

waiti team has been paramount in bringing our British-born technology into the hands of the customers in Kuwait. Our fleet of incredible riders and our wide selection of restaurant partners have been integral in sharing our passion for food with the community. The first six months is just a taste of what is to come."

Her Majesty's Ambassador, Michael Davenport commented: "It is a pleasure to welcome Deliveroo to Kuwait. Their first six months here have shown that there is a great appetite for the service offered by Deliveroo. The successful model adapted from the United Kingdom is not only convenient for the customer, but also helps local businesses to develop and creates hundreds of jobs in the restaurant sector. I look forward to seeing their progress in Kuwait, and sampling all the great food which Kuwait has to offer!"

KUWAIT CITY, July 18: There was a time when our phones had a 2G network and then 3G before it was upgraded to 4G network. Nowadays we hear countries are racing to take steps to deploy 5G networks. But what is it really all about 5G and what does it mean to us consumers? 5G will not only make our smartphones better, but it will also usher in new immersive experiences, such as VR and AR, with faster data rates and lower latency. But in order to enjoy this potential speed we would need a phone that is equipped with 5G. Huawei Mate 20 X (5G) is one of the first phones in line to provide us a better 5G experience. Let us discover what this phone can do!

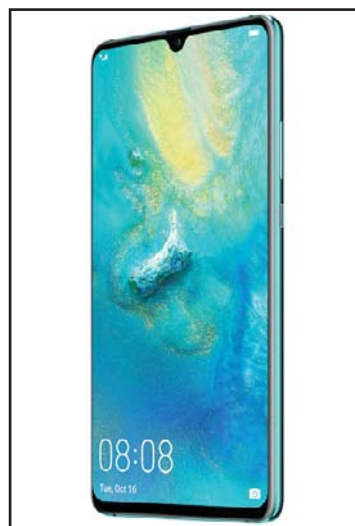
Experience a new speed benchmark

We are 24 hours on the Internet browsing, downloading or uploading. We badly need a speedy Internet connection. The Huawei Mate 20X 5G offers one of the world's fastest connectivity thanks to 5G, saving you lots of frustration when you stream an HD/4K video, download a movie or play an online game. The main difference between this phone and the Huawei Mate 20 4G variant is the optimization of 5G technology for enhanced communications. Huawei Mate 20X 5G is compatible with multiple generations of network technology including 4G, 3G and 2G. High speed connectivity is always guaranteed thanks to the two chipsets: Kirin 980 and the 5G multi-mode chipset Balong 5000.

Having a small screen means you narrow your eyes and strain them especially when you try to catch all the details of the action in a game or movie. A large display area does make all the difference. The Huawei Mate 20X 5G comes with a 7.2 inch dewdrop display, perfect to immerse yourself in an exceptional entertainment experience. It also takes gaming to a new space, where you are aware of all the movements in your game so you miss no details.

Stay powered long enough

Huawei Mate 20X 5G has a 4200mAh battery that is one of the biggest smartphone batteries available on the market, and it is as safe as it is large – being TÜV Rheinland certified. So play your favorite music and stay up to the moment with your social media feed and more without having to worry. Additionally, it also has Huawei 40W SuperCharge to top up your device



Huawei Mate 20X 5G

Announcement of Application Period: YPP 2019 exams – application period is open!

The application period is open from 7 June through 21 July, 2019 (closes at 11:59 PM New York time). Please log in to inspira.un.org to view and apply to the Job Openings (JO).

● 2019 YPP Exam in Economic Affairs:

Latest

Timbre Talkers meeting: Timbre Talkers has completed almost 9 years in Kuwait and is a dynamic and happening club with stalwarts and winners who have represented it to the Division and District levels. "Timbre" means the pitch of sound and each and every member represents a unique sounding speech which resonates as a stupendous orchestra when played together. Our Club meets every first and third Tuesdays at 7.00 pm at Better Books in Salmiya. Our members not only look forward to the innovative meetings but also to the yummy food our members bring from home.

Do come and witness our meetings and join us for a fun-filled evening. For details contact: Rohaina Aqueel VP PR, 66634224; Anand Pillai VP Membership 67055797

● 2019 YPP exam: UN Secretariat Young Professionals Programme (YPP) announces application period for 2019 YPP exam. Please note that both Kuwait and the Syrian Arab Republic are invited to take part this year in the 2019 YPP exam as they are un- or under-represented (for further info, visit: YPP site – English and YPP site – French).

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Drinking problem?: Friends of Bill W. are available to help. Totally confidential. Email: rohsecretary@gmail.com

Narcotics Anonymous: NA can help with addiction problems. Totally confidential: 94087800 English/Arabic.

Cancer online support group: If you are Cancer patient or family member fighting with this deadly disease, come join our online support group. Best way of dealing with this disease is providing support and share our experience with each other. There are lot of things which even doctors can't tell so be member of this website and start sharing your experiences which may help others. October is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). The primary purpose is to promote self examination and screening mammography as the most effective way to save lives by detecting breast cancer at early stage. For more information visit: <http://fightingwithcancer.webs.com/>

Invitation to Grand Mosque: The Visits Department is pleased to invite you to visit the Grand Mosque, which is one of Kuwait's most treasured religious and cultural landmarks to discover the beauty of Islamic arts and architecture. Free guided tours are available all year round on official working days between (9-11 am) and (5-7 pm), within a special tour program designed to cater to the needs of different age groups. The program is as follows:

Reception; Auditorium show; (according to age group); Touring the Mosque; Q & A; Art workshops; (according to age group – between 5 and 18 years old); Snack break; Distribution of the Grand Mosque publications and souvenirs; End of tour.

According to these age groups: Age group: 5 to 9 years old: Morning: 60 visitors max; Evening: 20; 10 to 15 years: Morning: 100 visitors max; Evening: 45; 16 and above: Morning: 140 visitors max, Evening: 105.

Tour language: Arabic- English-French; Arabic (English upon prior request); Arabic- English-French; Arabic (English upon prior request); Arabic- English-French; Arabic (English upon prior request)

Rules and Regulations: Please arrive in time for your visit. All visitors are kindly required to abide by the mosque's dress code. Male visitors should wear long pants. Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Female visitors: should wear head cover and long loose clothing (available at the mosque). Foods and drinks are not allowed inside the prayer halls.

For school visits, teachers are responsible for their students and are required to cooperate with the staff members of the Grand Mosque.

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