



Kuwait University vows to persevere on 54th 'versary

Students' determination to cope praised

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 28, (KUNA): Kuwait University, marking its 54th anniversary on Friday, has pledged to march on the path for boosting academic education, having successfully grown from only four colleges to 16, currently.

The university, in a report released Nov 27 on the occasion, affirmed that it has developed from a local establishment to a regional one, with the number of colleges reaching 16 from only four in the beginning. Moreover, number of students has substantially grown from 418 to 36,000, with classes and facilities occupying a six million sq m plots of land.

On the anniversary of the official opening, on Nov 27, 1966, "We bring



into recollections the eternal terms of the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah on the occasion," where he lauded the KU as a milestone step in the struggle against backwardness.

The university, since its inauguration, has shouldered the responsibility of graduating effective, trained and qualified cadres, armed with modern sciences, expertise, skills to feed all

sectors of life, namely those of the social, political, economic and scientific domains.

After half a century and four years of efforts, continuous giving and the quest for development, the university has witnessed graduation of many citizens, some won invention patents.

The KU report has affirmed that it is seeking to stay abreast of latest developments, its keenness on qualitative education, innovation, sustainable development and adopting thoughts that back up Kuwait development strategy, vision 2035.

In line with this approach, the report has underlined the opening of Sabah Al-Salem university complex, one of the largest of such complexes in the world.

This year's occasion came amid shadows of the novel coronavirus, where the administration succeeded in pursuing studies online, praising students' determination to cope with the difficult conditions.



Kuwait University over the years

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Turkey, Qatar ink deals

Turkey and Qatar, on Thursday, signed 10 agreements to strengthen bilateral ties in various fields in the presence of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani.

The signing ceremony came after the sixth meeting of the Turkish-Qatari Supreme Strategic Committee in Ankara, said Turkish news agency Anadolu.

The agreements included the establishment of a joint economic

and trade committee in water management, strengthening economic and financial cooperation.

Meantime, the Turkish sovereign wealth fund announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Qatar Investment Authority.

In a statement, the fund said that the MoU includes future cooperation between the Turkish and Qatari institutions for the governance of the Istanbul Stock Exchange. (KUNA)



The signing ceremony.

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'A digital future for all'

Kuwait takes part in launching DCO

RIYADH, Nov 28, (KUNA): Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Jordan and Pakistan announced on Thursday the launching of the Digital Cooperation Organization (DCO) that aims at achieving welfare, stability and economic growth through digital transformation.

The five-member organization seeks to strengthen cooperation in all innovation driven domains and accelerate growth of the digital economy, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported.

Established by Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan and Pakistan, the DCO has a vision including making a digital future for all by empowering women, youth and entrepreneurs, and developing the digital economy through developmental leaps based on innovation.

Salim Al-Ozainah, Chairman and

CEO of Kuwait's Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority, was quoted by the SPA as saying that the DCO would provide key opportunities to develop Kuwait's digital agenda.

He added that the organization would back global endeavors to revive the digital sector.

Meanwhile, Abdullah Al-Swaha, Saudi Arabia's Minister of Communications and Information Technology, stressed the digital cooperation that represents a promising opportunity for youth, women and entrepreneurs to increase the mutual digital economy to one USD trillion within the next five years.

He said "our future prosperity will rely on the digital economy. But it can make use of all potential if we as governments work together with the private sector and entrepreneurs so as to

support them in this sensitive phase".

The launching of the DCO comes as part of Saudi Arabia's continued efforts through its presidency of the G-20 in accelerating the digital economy and the digital transformation across the globe, he noted.

For his part, Ahmad Hanandeh, Jordan's Minister of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship, expressed his country's pride for being a founding member of the organization, expressing his confidence that the move will ensure innovative and ambitious economies.

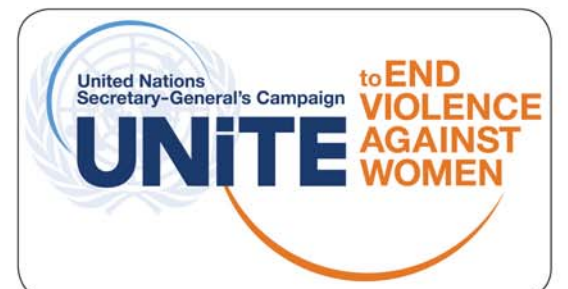
"To make a sustainable change, we should work collectively across the globe. It is a collective and global collaboration. We can share knowledge, expertise and support, and this will open doors for our youths and markets to benefit from these efforts," he said. Also, Kamal Mohammed, Bahrain's

Company lights up headquarters in orange along with nation's entities to support UN campaign

Zain supports Kuwait's efforts to end violence against women



Eaman Al Roudhan: "Passing of domestic abuse law in Kuwait is a source of hope and pride"



public and private sectors to demonstrate Kuwait's role and efforts in advocating this cause".

Al Roudhan further explained: "It is a huge source of hope and pride to see Kuwait going a long way in supporting and protecting women, something that was strongly reflected by the recent passing of the domestic violence law in August 2020. This landmark law is clear proof of the great efforts exerted by the government of Kuwait to protect women and girls, which comes to achieve the fifth Sustainable Development goal under the umbrella of the National Development Plan 'New Kuwait'. The country's participation in this global campaign is nothing short of another step forward towards eliminating this issue from Arab and global communities".

Al Roudhan continued: "The goals of this campaign are well consistent with those of our sustainability strategy at Zain Kuwait and Group-wide. Our efforts also come in line with our commitment to take part in social campaigns that aim at protecting and enhancing the overall social welfare of Arab communities in particular, and the world as a whole. This is especially true when it comes to issues related to protecting women and their rights".

Around the world, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated key risk factors for violence against women and girls, such as unemployment, economic insecurity, and school closures. Under the leadership of the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, the United Nations Secretary-General's UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women campaign (UNiTE Campaign), calls for global action to increase awareness, galvanize advocacy efforts and share knowledge and innovations. Governments, civil society, women's organizations, young people, the private sector, the media, and the UN system must join forces to address the global pandemic of violence against women and girls.

Companies that have committed to the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPIs), including Zain, recognize the important role of the private sector to support efforts to end violence against women. Sexual harassment and violence incur high costs to women in terms of lost earnings, missed career advancement and overall wellbeing. On the other hand, companies are impacted by employee absenteeism and productivity losses. Employers' investment in prevention and response to violence against women, including domestic violence, is not only the right thing to do, but also the smart thing to do.

Zain is keen on actively participating in the various local and regional projects that aim at contributing to the achievement of the country's various developmental goals. The company will spare no efforts to support any entity that serves the global sustainable goals and contributes to the progress and prosperity of the region.

Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, announced its support to the United Nations Secretary-General's UNiTE by 2030 to End Violence against Women campaign (UNiTE Campaign). The initiative calls for global action to increase awareness, galvanize advocacy efforts, and share knowledge and innovations to address violence against women and girls around the world.

Zain's contribution to this global campaign comes as a continuation of its collaboration with the United Nations various entities, including the UN Women Regional Office for Arab States. This joint effort reflects Zain's commitment to support initiatives and programs that shed light on the importance of protecting and empowering women, as well as those that enrich gender equality and inclusion within communities and workplaces.

Commenting on the collaboration, Zain Kuwait's Chief Executive Officer Eaman Al Roudhan said: "It is our utmost pleasure to be a part of the State of Kuwait's participation to support this global initiative by the United Nations, a contribution that seeks to find viable solutions to end violence against women. This issue continues to have a worrying impact on many women and girls in our Arab communities and around the entire world, and it is time to stand together, as one, to fight violence against women".

Al Roudhan added: "I offer my sincere gratitude to Her Excellency Minister of Social Affairs and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Mariam Al Aqeel for her trust by inviting us to be a part of this global initiative as one of the Kuwaiti private sector's national entities that represent our beloved country in this campaign. We are proud to light up Zain's main headquarter buildings at Shuwaikh in orange along with the country's many entities from both the