

World Autism Organization marks World Autism Day

Society keen to support and care for autistic people: Al-Saad

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: Chairperson of the Kuwait Autism Society and the Kuwait Autism Center Foundation, Dr Samira Al-Saad, said the society and the center are keen to support and care for the people with autism, and achieving community partnership between state institutions and the Kuwait Autism Center, which is an integrated model in care and development of skills for all ages and all citizens and residents, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Dr Samira Al-Saad, who is also the President of the World Autism Organization 'WAO', said in a press statement, on the occasion of World Autism Day, "Fifteen years have passed since the United Nations declared April 2 a World Day for Autism, with a Gulf initiative raised by the Gulf Autism League in 2007, when the world began celebrating this day and attract attention to autism throughout April -- the Autism Awareness Month.

She added, "Every year, the centers concerned with the care of our children, students with autism, compete to show their capabilities and spread awareness of their qualities and the support and care they need to help them adapt to society."

She stated: "To achieve the prin-

ciple of cooperation between civil society institutions and care centers in Kuwait, since the establishment of the Kuwait Autism Society in 2006, one of its goals has been to support the activities of the Kuwait Autism Center, which was established in 1994 as the first educational center specializing in autism disability and played a big role in expanding the circle of care and training for colleagues in the profession in the Arab Gulf states, whose effects are evident on our students.

"It is a center that can be replicated as an integrated model in caring and developing skills for all age groups and for all citizens and residents of the beloved land of Kuwait," she said.

Dr. Al-Saad went on to say, "We celebrate this year in the midst of the Corona pandemic, which required concerted efforts of all centers to provide care and educational programs in accordance with health requirements, and to confirm the principle of social distancing, as the Society launched a consultant initiative, which is an application that helps families provide educational and behavioral advice in their homes during periods of lockdown and the closure of many regular centers and places."

She added: "The Society also intro-

MSA starts receiving delegates' names for collecting Ramadan donations

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: The department of charitable organizations and donor associations in the Ministry of Social Affairs has started receiving the names of delegates who will participate in the collection of donations, reports Aljarida daily.

It stressed the need to exclude delegates whose work permits are not under the organizations or societies that they represent.

With the approach of the month of Ramadan, the Ministry of Social Affairs announced that collection of donations will be allowed in mosques, provided the regulations related to health measures, social distancing and

prevention of gathering are followed.

According to informed sources, ten delegates have been identified for each charitable establishment that is participating in the project, but this can be increased to a maximum of 20 for large establishments that have branches distributed over several areas in the country. After receiving the names of the delegates, the concerned department will work on ensuring that they are not registered in more than one establishment that is participating in the donation project. Those registered with more than one association will be excluded

in order to control the donation process, especially since the delegates will be getting a percentage of the total sums collected.

After completing the vetting process of the names of the delegates, they will be referred to the Ministry of Interior to check on the delegates' good conduct and behavior, and ensure they do not have a criminal record. For the Bedoun residents, it will be ensured that no security restrictions have been recorded against them.

The charity organization that wishes to participate in the "Ramadan donation" should quickly submit a request to the

concerned department, as the deadline is this week.

Meanwhile, with the end of the legal mandate of five members of the board of directors of Rabya Cooperative Society, Minister of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy, and the Minister of Social Affairs and Community Development Dr. Mishaan Al-Otaibi is in the process of using his legal powers to appoint the board of Rabya Cooperative Society until the health authorities allow the elections to be conducted so that the board can exercise its legal duties and run the affairs of the cooperative society without any obstacles.

duced various activities during this period, including organizing a virtual conference in cooperation with the Kuwait Autism Center, providing specialized lectures on several topics, opening the door for discussion between specialists and the families of people with autism, and organizing a meetings for different families from inside and outside Kuwait through the

Zoom application to shed light on different topics, and the transfer of experiences between families about how families deal during this pandemic."

Dr. Al-Saad added, a specialized seminar and initiative of a group of dentists in Kuwait will be organized, hosted by the consultant Dr. Robert Nassif of the United States of America on World Autism Day to shed light on

the latest developments in care.

She indicated that an introductory contest will also be organized on the Q8autism Center on Instagram providing information and services it contains that help professionals and parents to benefit from lectures, publications, or specialized consultations in various fields that help the sufferer adapt to society.

Dr. Al-Saad expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad and HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad for their generous care for their children from the special groups, praying to God Almighty to protect Kuwait from all harm and to perpetuate the blessing of security, safety and lasting prosperity.

Govt has taken all measures to ensure food security: Bushehri

Co-op sector vital in meeting needs of citizens and residents



Governor Mahmoud Bushehri with the president and members of the Sabah Al-Salem Cooperative Society during the visit.

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: Governor of Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate, Major-General Mahmoud Bushehri spoke of the great role the Kuwaiti Cooperative Societies movement plays in the Gulf region, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

He noted that this movement coincides with the values of cooperation and joint action that the Kuwaiti society has placed on it.

Bushehri said, during his visit to the Sabah Al-Salem Cooperative Society in Mubarak Al-Kabeer and the Al-Qurain Coop, on the occasion of the approaching month of Ramadan, that the cooperatives sector makes many contributions and plays a remarkable role in developing regions and meeting the needs of its residents, both citizens and residents.

He reiterated that the government has done everything necessary to provide food security for citizens and residents despite the COVID-19 pandemic, stressing the need not to store goods because they are available in all shopping centers throughout the year.

Efforts

He pointed to the specificity of the blessed month of Ramadan among societies, which leads to an increase in commodity consumption rates, which places responsibility on state agencies and the Union of Cooperative Societies to exert more efforts.

During the governor's tour in the Sabah Al-Salem Cooperative Society, he listened to an explanation from the Chairman of the Board of Directors about what the association's management has done to provide all the needs of citizens and residents in terms of basic and consumer goods in general and Ramadan in particular at reasonable prices, which prevents some merchants from exploiting the holy month to artificially increasing prices and place extra burdens on the consumers.

Also:

KUWAIT CITY: The Minister of Finance Khalifa Hamadah affirmed that the estimated cost of the project for building a private hospital for retirees is KD 200 million - KD 243 million, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In response to a parliamentary question by MP Osama Al-Manawer, he indicated that the obstacles that hindered the implementation include the delay in the regulatory approvals necessary to obtain design and building permits to start spending on the project according to the budget allocated at the time due to the presence of obstacles on the ground.

He said, "A new obstacle appeared, other than the aforementioned obstacles, after the 2019/2020 fiscal year. It was the presence of a conflict with the campus of Jahra Street by five meters on one side and 5.70 meters on the other side."

Hamadah stressed that the Public Institution for Social Security is working hard to overcome these obstacles with the Kuwait Municipality and relevant authorities.



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Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Majdi Al-Dhifeeri met Egypt's Ambassador to Kuwait Tarek Al-Qouni on Sunday. During the meeting, the two discussed bilateral relations along with regional and international developments.

Call for more support

Actor Al-Faraj main character of 'Kuwait New Film Festival'

KUWAIT CITY, April 6, (KUNA): The head of cinema sector at Kuwait Artists and Media Syndicate Abdulaziz Al-Sayegh, said Sunday actor Saad Al-Faraj will be the main character of the Kuwait New Film Festival, to be held next May.

In a statement, Al-Sayegh said Al-Faraj is one of Kuwait cinema's pioneers, as his comprehensive career coupled with creativity and exclusivity.

Al-Faraj agreed to participate in the activities of the festival which is considered one of syndicate achievements in Kuwait, Al-Sayegh said.

Al-Faraj called for more support to Kuwaiti cinema and the arts industry in general, Al-Sayegh added.

Al-Faraj has a cinematic career



Saad Al-Faraj

full of accomplishments in addition to an artistic career rich in achievements engraved in the memory of the Kuwaiti, Gulf and Arab viewers.

The Kuwait New Film Festival will be held next May 25-27.

Kuwait backs 'climate change' action amid pan-regional talks

DUBAI, April 6, (KUNA): Kuwait on Monday agreed that it was time for global action over the challenges facing the fight against climate change, in line with the goals of the Paris agreement that aim to curb global warming.

The talks, held virtually, brought together officials from across the Middle East and North Africa region, in addition to international organiza-

tions, to discuss what more can be done to expand policies to combat climate change on a regional level.

Chief among the issues discussed amid the talks, attended by Kuwait Environment Public Authority chief Sheikh Abdullah Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, was efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions to help cope with a rapidly changing climate, according to a joint statement after the talks.

TGS features 'DJ Aki'

Next Thursday, The Guest Show (TGS) on Radio Kuwait welcomes Mohammed 'Aki' Mubarak - the Star of FM 99.7. Head of the Department of Superstation at Radio Kuwait, Aki, as he is popularly known is a young Kuwaiti who has lived life on his own terms.

A multifaceted person, he is a painter, artist, DJ and producer. Aki has pushed boundaries, defied expectations and experimented while creating his own space, finding his own voice. Tune in next Thursday as he shares his journey.

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Student visa applications continue: US Embassy

KUWAIT CITY, April 6: Head of the visa section at the US Embassy Frank Tu announced that the embassy will continue to receive student visa applications in a limited manner, and that it had resumed receiving applications since August 2020, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In a press statement, he explained that the embassy issued about 2,400 visas, including 1,200 for students, exchange visitors and their families, from the beginning of August 2020 until the end of January 2021.

Kuwaiti students are a top priority for the US embassy. In order to preserve the health safety of the embassy staff and visitors, the number of available appointments daily has been reduced. All employees and visitors are required to wear masks and adhere to health requirements and physical distancing.

Concerning the latest developments regarding visas, Tu said, "The USA has taken innovative measures by exempting Kuwaiti applicants especially students from personal interviews for visa renewal. This applies to the categories of tourist visas, medical and study emergencies, and students of academic programs.

Renewal

We were among the first US embassies in the region to do so. Now, citizens and residents can apply for renewal of a US visa without undergoing an interview if the visa is valid for 48 months or more."

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic in Kuwait, we have temporarily suspended routine business and tourism visa services. We are constantly reviewing the situation, and we will resume normal visa operations when local health conditions permit.

Any cancellation of the interview appointment will be sent via mail. Regrettably, cancellation is sometimes necessary to ensure the health safety of staff and visa applicants.

Those whose appointments have been canceled can reschedule by visiting our website - ustraveldocs.com. Temporary suspension of personal interviews of applicants for work or tourist visas can happen. We will continue to receive requests for emergency medical visas for applicants and their companions".

Regarding PCR certificate, Tu



Khayal Al-Ibrahim

'Virtual Education' launched

Khayal Al-Ibrahim, Director of Al-Asmaa Bint Al-Harith Secondary School announced the launch of the activities of the Gulf Education Forum under the title 'Virtual Education: Introduction to New Education', reports Al-Seyassah daily.

In a press statement, Al-Ibrahim indicated that the forum aims to identify the reality of the experience in 'distance education' in educational institutions and present successful experiences in the fields of virtual education in addition to identifying the latest theoretical and applied developments in this field in light of the Corona pandemic.

She indicated that the activities of the first day of the forum will

include a discussion of the first axis, which is identifying the reality of virtual education in light of the Corona pandemic, while on the second day successful experiences and initiatives for virtual education will be presented, while on the last day the future of virtual education after the Corona pandemic will be discussed in addition to workshops diverse from GCC countries.

Al-Ibrahim hoped that "there will be benefit from all the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council during the forum through which we see how we can pass this period in light of the students unable to attend schools so that each of the participating countries will present their initiatives and experience in education."

note that presidential declarations are still valid to suspend entry for foreign nationals into the United States if they were physically present in certain countries 14 days prior to arrival to the US.

Tu called on applicants seeking emergency medical visas to attach the necessary documents including medical reports along with their application, adding, "We will do our best to ensure that these travelers receive treatment and any accompanying family members receive their visas in a timely manner regardless of whether there is a priority category or not. We will continue to process and issue renewal requests for all visa categories that do not require a personal interview."