

MoE trains workers on safe environment

All registered staff have been vaccinated, says Ministry of Education

KUWAIT CITY, April 20, (Agencies): Kuwait Ministry of Education declared on Monday that all its teaching and administrative staff, registered on the Ministry of Health site, have been vaccinated against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The ministry called in a statement upon all its personnel, namely those who have not taken the jabs against the virus, to register their names on the MoH vaccination site, noting this step is necessary so it could choose teams to organize and supervise scheduled examinations for the 12th grade classes.

Neither teachers nor administrative

staff will be allowed to partake in organizing and managing the tests unless they are inoculated, in line with guidelines by the MoH, it affirmed.

Health authorities have given priority in the vaccination process to the Ministry of Education personnel, teachers and administrators.

In other news, the head of the health team explained the Infection Prevention Department in the Hawalli Educational Zone said Ministry of Education team nominated by the Hawalli Educational Zone has begun work on how to follow the health requirements that will be applied in schools when the Grade 12 students

answer the paper exams to ensure a safe and secure environment for the students and the staff of the educational and administrative staff, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Meanwhile, the head of the Technosoft team, Al Jazi Al-Otaibi, stated the remote health requirements training course was launched yesterday, through the 'Darabni' platform by the ministry's Development Department in cooperation with the Technosoft team for the gradual and safe return of secondary schools.

Al-Otaibi added the target groups in the training course are all workers in secondary schools, students of the

Twelfth Grade.

In this regard parents' awareness seminars are being organized for parents to make them aware of the most important health requirements necessary during the paper exams and safe return to schools in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the specialized training team.

In related news, Kuwait University announced the vaccination of all its affiliates who registered on the Ministry of Health website to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, including members of the academic staff, as well as the administrative body of Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis.

The University called in a statement Tuesday upon all its personnel who have not taken the jabs against the virus, to register their names on the MoH vaccination site, as part of the university's preparations for the safe return of students to traditional learning in the next academic year.

The university added that the University Council, in its meeting held on April 7, approved a plan and mechanism for Kuwait University students to return to traditional learning for the academic year 2021/22, subject to the approval of the health authorities, with the recommendation to vaccinate all Kuwait University employees as

soon as possible.

Kuwait University praised the efforts made by the Ministry of Health during the pandemic.

Also:

KUWAIT CITY: The Ministry of Education has resumed the electronic registration of academic aptitude tests for Grade 12 students which will be held at the Kuwait University from May 8 to 22 and from June 12 to 22, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

The ministry indicated that registration for the test will resume next Thursday, April 22 at 12:00 noon until April 29, 2021.

Current network from typical to 'smart' using modern tech

Bid to improve Kuwait's energy efficiency



Minister of Electricity Dr Mishaan Al-Otaibi with senior officials of the ministry.

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KUWAIT CITY, April 20: The Minister of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy, Minister of Social Affairs, Labor and Community Development, Dr Mishaan Al-Otaibi, announced the opening of the Center for Operation and Management of the Smart Meter System of the Ministry of Electricity, Water and Renewable Energy, as part of the Ministry's plan and future vision for the gradual transformation of the current network from typical to smart network using modern technology and information systems which will significantly contribute to improving energy efficiency.

He said the Ministry has adopted the smart meters project and the aim is to provide distinguished digital services to customers in the area of billing and consumption control.

Al-Otaibi explained among the objectives of the project is to work to improve the reliability of the electrical and water network, as well as to reduce complaints related to electricity and water bills and the speed of their issuance and to reduce the costs involved in reading 700,000 meters monthly, in addition to enabling renewable energy sources and facilitating their connection with the electrical system.

The Ministry plans to replace all customer meters during the next three years. He disclosed the ministry has supplied 200,000 meters as a first stage and disclosed of the implementation of the second phase will start with 400,000 electricity meters and 200,000 water meters until all meters are completely replaced.

Al-Otaibi praised the important role played by the technical staff in the customer services sector, who work in a team spirit to reach the desired goal.

Assistant Undersecretary for the Customer Services Sector, Ahmed Al-Rashidi, said the customer care center for Operation and Management of the Smart Meter System brings together its pillars -- the sub-working teams represented by the sector departments related to the smart meters project -- the management of the automated center, the administration of customer services and the administration of follow-up contracts and maintenance under one roof.

He called it an integral part to manage this vital two-phase project -- replacement, installation and management of operation and support of 600,000 smart electricity meters and 200,000 water meters.



Minister of Electricity Dr Mishaan Al-Otaibi



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Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah receives Ambassador of Cyprus to Kuwait.

FM receives outgoing envoy

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah received Monday morning Ambassador of Cyprus to Kuwait Charalambos Hadjisavvas, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the occasion of

ending his tenure. Assistant Foreign Minister for the Minister's Office Ambassador Saleh Al-Loughani and Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Office Counselor Ahmad Al-Shuraim also attended the meeting. (KUNA)

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TGS presents Samar Al-Mutawa

On April 22, The Guest Show on Radio Kuwait presents Samar Al-Mutawa, a remarkable woman of many parts. A Life Coach, Mompreneur, Fitness Instructor, Artist & Designer, Samar exudes calmness and positive energy. Founder of Kashtat Samar, Masahat Samar, Gabgat Samar, her work is strongly focused on empowering women. Vivacious,

creative and inspirational, she gives herself wholeheartedly to each aspect of her life. On The Guest Show, Samar Al-Mutawa speaks of what makes her tick, the hiccups on her personal front, her many identities, which gives her a strong social media presence and her journey with coaching which led her to rediscover herself.



Dr Muhammad Jamal and Dr Khalil Ibrahim

Pioneering feat by doctors in Kuwait and Middle East

KUWAIT CITY, April 20: Dr. Muhammad Jamal, a Kuwaiti consultant in bariatric surgery, announced that he and his colleague Dr. Khalil Ibrahim, who is in the American Board of Obesity Medicine, successfully passed the fellowship exams, making them the first doctors in Kuwait and the Middle East to obtain such certificates, reports Al-Qabas daily.

In a press statement, Dr. Jamal affirmed that obesity is a disease, and medicine and science have greatly developed in its treatment to the extent that there are special tests and guidelines for specialists to be aware of all obesity-related treatments.

He said, "We are looking forward to the presence of more spe-

cialists in this field in the future in order to combine the two important specialties in treatment of obesity - internal bariatric and bariatric surgery - as it will ensure the patient's treatment under one comprehensive umbrella".

Dr. Jamal revealed that the American Board of Obesity Medicine was recently created after the great development witnessed in the field of obesity and metabolism.

He said those who apply for membership must be a holder of the American Board in surgery or internal medicine, with a year of fellowship training in obesity and its surgeries in the United States of America or Canada.

Society hands out 2,000 food baskets daily to workers

KRCS to continue distributing Iftar meals

KUWAIT CITY, April 20: Director of Public Relations and Media at Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) Khaled Al-Zaid confirmed that the society will continue to distribute after Iftar meals in various labor residential areas, including Amghara, as part of its annual program titled 'Iftar Al-fasting,' reports Al-Jarida daily.

Al-Zaid told the daily that the society distributes 2,000 food baskets daily to workers throughout the country; citing the distribution of 60,000 meals for workers during the holy month of Ramadan. He said the society recently distributed 2,000 food baskets to workers residing in Amghara. He added 2,000 meals were distributed to workers and security guards in several areas and institutions.

He explained the breaking of fast program, which the society is keen on implementing annually in and outside Kuwait, aims to meet the needs of the poor who are fasting through the distribution of after fasting meals or food parcels.

It is worth mentioning that the 'Iftar Al-fasting' program is one of the activities reflecting the social responsibility of the society, especially during Ramadan. This is an



KRCS food basket distribution.

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affirmation of the humanitarian values and essence of the holy month; as well as a humanitarian gesture for workers who are away from their families. It is considered part of KRCS' activities aimed at strengthening ties and understanding between members of society.

Elsewhere, Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) on Sunday distributed

1,287 food baskets to internally displaced Yemeni families.

In a press statement, KRCS Secretary-General Abdulrahman Al-Oun said that the food aid were distributed to the needy families in five Yemeni Governorates.

The Kuwaiti aid are meant to help war-affected Yemenis get their basic needs of food, he said.

Compensation amounts paid in 72 cases

EPA refers 297 cases to public prosecution

KUWAIT CITY, April 20: The Environment Public Authority referred 297 cases of environmental abuse to the Public Prosecution during the month of March, according to a statistic issued by the Environmental Compliance Department in the Authority, reports alraimedia.com.

The Commission also issued eight certificates To Whom It May Concern during the same month, while reconciliation procedures were completed and compensation amounts paid in 72 cases.

The Director of Public Relations

and Information at the Environment Public Authority (EPA), Sheikha Al-Ibrahim, said the authority recorded 225 violations last February, and that some of these violations have been referred to the Public Prosecution and or were settled amicably after paying the fines, reports Al-Anba daily.

Al-Ibrahim told the daily the latest census conducted by the EPA on its activities during the past month shows 121 cases were referred to the Public Prosecution Office concerning environmental violations that were com-

mitted either by individuals, companies and institutions. She pointed out 114 cases were settled amicably after paying the fines. She explained that the EPA continues its monitoring and inspection work and will not tolerate environmental violations in any of the sectors with the aim of protecting the environment and public health, stressing that the process of recording violations is to deter the violators.

In other news, an official source in the Ministry of Social Affairs told the Al-Anba daily the ministry has formed 6 special inspection teams during Ramadan, in addition to a special team which will monitor unauthorized companies which collect donations, whether through messages on WhatsApp service or via SMS messages or any other means of communication, reports Al-Anba daily.

The source asserted that the ministry will monitor these violations and address the concerned government agencies, such as the ministries of Commerce and Communications, to take the necessary legal measures. The source pointed the Social Affairs Ministry coordinates with the Ministry of Awqaf in the area of collecting donations inside mosques during the month of Ramadan, provided this is done in adherence to health requirements and approved rules for collecting donations.

