

MoE approves over KD18 million tender to clean schools for three years

MPW racing against time to complete 5 commercial centers project

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5: The Ministry of Public Works is racing against time to complete the five commercial centers project of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The project to its commerce and industry counterpart next year. Eng Elham Al-Shammari, who is in charge of the project, confirmed that the project has now reached the hand over stage. He disclosed the Hawally Center and Al-Dhahr buildings will be handed over soon and the rest will be

delivered next year. He said the completion rate has reached 91 percent. In a statement to the daily, Al-Shammari revealed that the Ministry of Public Works is fully supervising the project and 100 percent of the workforce involved are nationals – engineering and technical staff.

He said the project was designed in accordance with international environmental standards that make it more sustainable, conserve energy inside the buildings, and the buildings are able to obtain heat during winter; thereby, increasing their efficiency.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education has approved the tender for cleaning and services works for schools and ministry sites in three educational areas worth 18.36 million dinars for a period of 3 years, reports Al-Anba daily.

The Ministry of Education in the letter, a copy of which has been received by the daily, said the tender amount for the Hawally educational district is 5.904 million dinars, and for the Jahra educational district of 6.251 million dinars. The Central Agency for Public Tenders is expected to complete the tender procedures soon.

Ministry of Health announces launch of Q8seha application

App to provide all types of tests, X-ray reports

Institute marks World Soil Day

Vital to preserve Kuwait's agricultural lands and sustainable management of soil resources: KISR

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5, (KUNA): The Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research stressed the importance of sustainable management of soil resources in the country and efforts by all to prevent salinization and preserve and improve agricultural lands in order to reach high-quality crops.



World Soil Day flyer

The scientific researcher at the Environment and Life Sciences Research Center at the institute, Dr Hana Burzeq, said in a press release on the occasion of World Soil Day, which falls on Sunday, that this basically requires proper care of Kuwaiti soil and contributing to maintaining food security and promoting sustainable development of agricultural soil.

Burzeq said that the annual global cost of agricultural land degradation resulting from salinization in agricultural areas is estimated at about \$27.3 billion due to the loss of agricultural crops and the inability of these lands to produce agricultural products.

Burzeq added that soil is a valuable natural resource for the production of agricultural crops to achieve food security and must be preserved in the long term, leaving healthy soil for future generations.

She added that the world celebrates World Soil Day today to raise public awareness of the dangers of salinization on agricultural lands, which are shrinking at a rate of 2,000 hectares per day amid challenges to the ability of agricultural lands to produce and provide food for the world's population.

The United Nations General Assembly had declared December 5th as World Soil Day in 2012 and on December 5th 2014 the first official celebration was held in order to draw attention to the importance of healthy soils and to call for the sustainable management of soil resources.

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5, (KUNA): Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Humoud Al-Sabah declared Sunday the launching of mobile application dubbed (Q8 Seha), stating that it would provide all types of tests, X-ray reports done in public health-care sector.

Minister Dr Basel mentioned that 70 percent of tests will be available and the rest will follow in upcoming months, and added that this will be in collaboration with Kuwait Mobile ID application in order to ensure identity of users as the information provided is quite sensitive, this came on sideline of inaugurating Fnaitees Medical Center.

On Fnaitees center, Dr Basel commented that it will be servicing residents of the area and is considered center number 107 in all of Kuwait. He also mentioned that it includes several types of clinics, a laboratory, a workshop, nursing rooms and administration.

Minister Dr Basel added that several other projects will be launched, including another center in Fnaitees. On his part, Director of Al-Ahmadi medical area Dr Ahmad Al-Shatti stated that Fnaitees Medical Center is the 30th in Al-Ahmadi area and eighth in Mubarak Al-Kabeer Governorate.

He clarified that the center will only be open during the morning period as this is only the preliminary launch and will include primary medical care, three clinics and dressing rooms for children, women and men.

He also touched on pharmacy preparations and stated that the upcoming phase will include expansion in specialized clinics including diabetes clinic, chronic illness clinics, maternity and infancy clinics, as well as labs.

Dr Al-Shatti clarified that a dentistry unit will be available in upcoming stages, stating that opening of medical centers reflects belief in importance of primary medical care, expressing pride in the number of medical centers in Kuwait.

600,000 dinars 'worth' project said cancelled

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5: The committee formed by Assistant Undersecretary for Planning and Administrative Development Affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs Abdulaziz Sari canceled a project related to the mechanization of social welfare services in the ministry with an estimated cost of KD 600,000, reports Al-Rai and Al-Jarida dailies quoting sources.

According to the sources, the committee consists of technicians from the Computer Department and their task is to review all contracts related to mechanization work. After reviewing and studying clauses of the contract for the above-mentioned project, the committee was surprised as the cost was high and does not commensurate the services it will provide.

This has prompted the ministry to ask both the Central Agency for Public Tenders (CAPT) and the Secretariat General for Planning to delete it from the development plan of the ministry, sources disclosed; confirming that the two institutions agreed on removing the project from the plan.

Sources added the committee also succeeded in saving KD 36,000 from the project on the automation of services in the Cooperative Sector; and it also reduced the cost of automating the management of charitable associations' services from KD 400,000 to KD 73,000.

National Day greetings sent

HH Amir congratulates Thailand

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent on Sunday a cable to the King of Thailand Maha Vajiralongkorn, congratulating him on his country's National

Day. His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables.

HH Crown Prince receives Speaker, PM

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace on Sunday Speaker

of the National Assembly Marzouq Al-Ghanim and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.



Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel during the opening of the Fnaitees Medical Center.



The PAAAFR Chief Sheikh Muhammad Al-Yousef and the Chinese ambassador during the campaign.

Chinese envoy participates

PAAAFR concludes activities of its tree planting campaign

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5, (KUNA): The Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources concluded on Saturday the activities of the greening campaign, which is held within the current agricultural season, by completing planting tree seedlings in the residential area of Jaber Al-Ahmad in the Capital Governorate.

Campaign activities witnessed the participation of the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the State of Kuwait Li Minggang and a number of volunteers who worked hand in hand during the previous stages with the agriculture team in a number of regions of the country in order to contribute to reaching the largest possible green space.

The Director-General of the authority, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Yousef Al-Sabah, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that the date for the start of the next phase will be announced in January, considering that its conclusion today was remarkable in the presence of the ambassador of the Republic of China, who "expressed his happiness and admiration for this work, stressing his support for the continuation of

greening work in the State of Kuwait. He added that Ambassador Li Minggang expressed his desire to participate as one of the volunteers in this fruitful campaign, especially that he was briefed during his last visit to the commission about its goals.

Sheikh Muhammad Al-Yousef expressed his "pride in the achievements" in cooperation between agriculture and volunteers during the previous period, pointing to the aspiration to achieve more of them, especially that the coming stages require devoting more time and effort to contribute to creating a greater green environment in the country.

The campaign work was launched on October 2 and is divided into two main parts, the first of which is external, which is planting trees and covering the borders with green belts, and the second internal, which is agriculture and afforestation in the interior areas and streets, which contributes to protecting the environment and mitigating the severity of sandstorms that the country is exposed to by planting new types of plants that are more suitable for the Kuwaiti environment and its hot weather.

CAPT gives go ahead for re-tender

Kuwait Municipality confirms provision of 304 job slots within the new budget

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 5: Deputy Director General for Financial and Administrative Affairs at Kuwait Municipality Fuad Al-Ragheeb has confirmed recently the provision of 304 job slots within the new budget – 200 for the Municipality and 104 for the Municipal Council, reports Al-Rai daily.

He said the Municipality is obligated to work within its budget as extra spending is not tolerated.

He made the statement in the recently concluded meeting of the council, during which they discussed the Municipality's draft budget for fiscal 2022/2023 as per the minutes of the Financial and Legal Affairs Committee meeting.

He revealed the current number of expatriate workers in the Municipality is less than five percent of the total workforce, owing to the proper implementation of the replacement policy.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Public

Works has obtained the approval from the Central Agency for Public Tenders to re-tender the construction, operation and maintenance of the South Al-Mutla'a City purification plant and related works, reports Al-Anba daily.

The sources added that the scheduled date for submitting bids for this tender is December 28. The sources said the preliminary meeting to submit inquiries about the tender will be held on Dec 7 at the Ministry of Works.

The Ministry had recently submitted a request to CAPT to re-float the tender and the Ministry attached with the tender letter a document including terms of reference for the device, the annual plan announced included in the tender, the opinion of the fatwa and legislation, the approval of the Ministry of Finance, the conditions to be met by the bidder and the qualifications required to implement the contract.

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