

His Highness congratulates Finland president on National Day

# HH Amir receives invitation for UN conference in Doha

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 6, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, received at Bayan Palace on Monday an invitation, addressed to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah from Qatar's Amir Sheikh Ta-

mim bin Hamad Al-Thani, to participate in the fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

The event will be held in Doha from January 23-27, 2022.

Ambassador of Qatar to Kuwait Ali bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud delivered

the invitation.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Amiri Diwan Undersecretary, Director of His Highness the Amir Bureau Ambassador Ahmad Fahad Al-Fahad, Director

of the Office of His Highness the Crown Prince, retired Lieutenant-General Jamal Mohammad Al-Dhiyab, and Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs in the Office of His Highness the Crown Prince Mazen Al-Issa.

**Congratulations sent:** His Highness Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a congratulatory cable to President of Finland, Sauli Niinist, in which he expressed congratulations on Finland's National Day and to the people of Finland fur-

ther prosperity.

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

# App to 'protect' consumers from manipulation of prices in co-ops

PAY launches 'Football Academies' program



Ambassador George in a group photo with Al Ghenaiman.

## KIA's Al-Ghenaiman meets Indian ambassador

Managing Director of KIA Ghanem Al Ghenaiman, met with the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait HE Sibi George, Madam Smita Patil, DCM, and Dr Vinod Gaikwad, Head of Chancery at the Indian Embassy in Kuwait.

George called on HE Mohammed Jassem Al-Sager, Chairman, Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Sunday, and discussed ways of enhancing institutional engagement and strengthening commercial relations between the business communities of India and Kuwait.

As part of celebrations of 60 years of establishment of India's diplomatic relations with Kuwait the Indian Embassy in collaboration with the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters will organize a celebration of Indian Arts, Music and Dance at the National Museum of Kuwait on Dec 7 and 8. Admission is free.

The Indian Ambassador HE Sibi

## '\$1 bln grants disbursed to people with special needs'

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 6, (KUNA): Kuwait Credit Bank (KCB) said Sunday that the total grants given by the bank to people with special needs, throughout 10 years since the issuance of the law on their rights in 2010, amounted

to about USD one billion.

According to KCB statistics, 37,000 persons of this segment benefited from the disability grant, adding that the bank is always keen to promote and support humanitarian

work in Kuwait.

The services provided to people with special needs are available through the bank's online portal and the bank's mobile application, as well as the branches, added KCB.

**KUWAIT CITY, Dec 6: Minister of Electricity, Water, Renewable Energy, Social Affairs and Societal Development Dr Mishaan Al-Otaibi has announced the launching of the 'Consumer' application that is aimed at protecting consumers from manipulation of prices in cooperative societies, reports Al-Qabas daily.**

Speaking at the launching of the application recently, Al-Otaibi explained that the application compares prices and reports unjustified price hikes; through which the ministry takes the necessary measures to address the complaints of consumers.

On the other hand, Consumer Protection Society Chairman Mishaal Al-Manea said that the application is unique as it provides a price comparison service for cooperative societies. In this manner, the consumers will know differences in the prices of commodities sold in cooperative societies. They can file a complaint by photographing the products and submitting them to the Consumer Protection Society, he added.

He pointed out that the Consumer Protection Society will then follow up complaints about the prices of goods and submit its report to the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Union of Consumer of Cooperative Societies which, in turn, will take legal measures regarding the complaint. This is in addition to enabling consumers to submit complaints regardless of the content and even guarantee the removal of violations, he concluded.

Meanwhile, the Public Authority for Youth recently launched the 'Football Academies' program, which is being held in eight youth centers affiliated with the authority and located in different governorates, reports Al-Rai daily.

The program is witnessing a huge turnout and it aims to encourage young people to practice sports. It is held in the evening at the youth centers in Qadisiyah, Jahra, Fayhaa, Sabahiya, Shamiya, Qusour, Ardiya, and Daiya.

The academies provide an opportunity for clubs to monitor distinguished players to join their ranks and pave the way for them towards sports professionalism; given that the academies program serves as incubator for sports talents to qualify, train and create spaces for them to innovate in the field of football.

## Kuwaiti women's voluntary efforts win KRCS' praise

DUBAI, Dec 6, (KUNA): Kuwaiti females have played an outstanding role in voluntary efforts on all local and international levels, Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) said on Sunday.

This came in the sidelines of the Society's participation in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary General's pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai on International Volunteer Day (IVD).

Speaking to KUNA in a statement, Asrar Al-Qabandi said that female volunteers of the society made a distinguished example in voluntary action that shows their love of this field.

There are many female volunteers in varied fields like medicine, engineering, law, education and others, she added.

Meanwhile, Khadija Al-Faraj, a KRCS' volunteer, said in a similar statement to KUNA that voluntary work formed a fertile field for Kuwaiti women through which they sought to prove their presence and offer wide contributions over many years.

She lauded Kuwaiti women's contribution to voluntary action, in line with Kuwait's leading role in humanitarian action.

She affirmed keenness of the KRCS on encouraging voluntary action of woman and helping her play a positive role in the society.



HH the Crown Prince while receiving the Ambassador of Qatar to the State of Kuwait.



Signing of the agreement by the Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait and the Federation of Egyptian Industries.

## Opportunities to hone skills of workforce

# Kuwait, Egypt industry bodies sign 'cooperation agreement'

CAIRO, Dec 6, (KUNA): A Kuwait-based industry body has signed an agreement with its counterpart in Egypt as part of efforts to bolster scientific research and give impetus to joint projects, it said on Monday.

As per the deal agreed between the Kuwait-headquartered Arab Planning Institute and the Federation of Egyptian Industries, the respective workforce of both bodies will be given opportunities to hone their skills with the desired goal

of "more efficient" output, according to a memorandum of understanding.

The deal will also allow both sides to hold joint workshops and seminars as viable platforms for the exchange of know-how, with particular focus given to common development plans, it said.

It was co-linked by the institute Director General Badr Malallah and chairman of the federation Mohammad Al-Swaidi at its headquarters in the Egyptian capital.

## 'Kuwait a pioneer'

# PADA event contributes to boost role of disabled persons in society: official

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 6, (KUNA): Public Authority for Disability Affairs (PADA) held on Monday, an event dubbed (empowering the disabled... a national policy) in collaboration with Human Construction Institute, and Kuwait University's college of social sciences in United Nations house in Mishref area.

General Director of the authority, Hind Al-Mbaillesh stated to KUNA on sideline of the event that enabling those with disabilities in banking sector in the past few years was quite fruitful and goes accordingly to Kuwait 2035 vision.

Al-Mbaillesh affirmed that the event will contribute to boosting the role of disabled persons in society, and start dialogue about affairs and issues relating to the matter.

On his part, UN Secretary General's Representative and Resident Coordinator to Kuwait Tareq El-Sheikh stated to

KUNA that Kuwait is a pioneer in integrating people with disabilities into society, especially in relation to digital inclusion and United Nations developmental program.

El-Sheikh also stressed on the necessity of putting forth policies designed to facilitate the needs and requirements of people with disabilities, commending the role of those partaking in the event.

He reaffirmed intent on continuous collaboration with the public authority for disability affairs, to highlight their ability on complementing the journey of development led by His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The event came as part of International day of disabled persons activities aimed to spread awareness in that regard.



The Guest Show poster.

## TGS features educationist Price

One of Kuwait's leading educationists, John Price is the Principal of one of Kuwait's prominent international schools - Kuwait English School. Having worked in Kuwait for almost four decades, Mr Price has touched countless lives and built a legacy through his students who are in different parts of the world.

On The Guest Show (TGS), he speaks to Chaitali B Roy of his years in Kuwait, his association with Kuwait and his school, of the evolution of KES into an institution that embraced the use of IT in learning, of his life with the inimitable Alison Shan Price, MBE,

one of Kuwait's most loved theatre personalities, of the Cultural Season the school has launched this year to take the edge off the doom and gloom of the past almost two years.

The Cultural Season 2021-22 is made up of Four Festivals, The Cultural Festival, The Winter Literary Festival, The Arabic Festival and The Summer Arts Festival. Together, the Festivals aim at celebrating diversity and empowering students to take their rightful place as global citizens.

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