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Tunisia leader lauds role of Al-Babtain Foundation in promoting Arab culture

Minister thanks Foundation for commemorating Echebbi



Tunisian President Kais Saied receives the shield from the poet Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain.

TUNIS, Dec 25, (KUNA): Tunisian President Kais Saied has extolled the Kuwait-based Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain Cultural Foundation for its strenuous efforts to promote the Arabic language and Arab culture.

This came during his reception of Chairman of the Kuwaiti foundation Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain on Friday, according to a statement issued by the Tunisian Presidency.

The President also discussed with Al-Babtain a plan for launching an international center for calligraphy arts in Tunisia.

Saied hoped Al-Babtain foundation would contribute to the project execution.

For his part, Al-Babtain spoke highly about the Tunisian President's role in defending the Arab culture, stressing the foundation's eagerness to implementing several cooperation projects with Tunisia in the fields of culture and education.

At the end of the meeting, Al-Babtain presented the foundation's honorary shield to President Saied in recognition of his support to the cultural sector.

Appreciation

Meanwhile, Tunisian Culture Minister Hayat Guermazi has voiced appreciation to the Kuwait-based Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain Cultural Foundation for naming this year's edition of the Arabic Poetry competition after the late Tunisian poet Aboul-Qacem Echebbi.

This is a recognition of the renowned Tunisian poets and literary people and their role in enriching the Arabic language and Arab culture, Guermazi said in a speech during the poetry competition's award ceremony which was held Friday at the Opera House in the Tunisian Cultural City.

She stated that Tunisia supports all endeavors to hone the skills of the talented poets, artists and literary people in Tunisia and the whole Arab world.

The minister thanked the Kuwaiti foundation for organizing the competition in Tunisia and its role in promoting Arab poetry.

She also congratulated Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain, the foundation's chairman who was also attending the ceremony, for the United Nations' honoring of him on the World Arabic Language Day, which is celebrated on 18 December of every year.

For his part, Al-Babtain expressed pleasure for the success of the first edition of Aboul-Qacem Echebbi poetry competition. On this occasion, he congratulated the Tunisian leaders and winners of the competition prizes.

He reaffirmed commitment of his foundation to sponsoring activities to commemorate the great Tunisian poet Echebbi.

He announced that Mencef Al-Mezghani and Hafez Mahfouz had shared the prize of the general category of the competition and Naseri Al-Arabi and Ali Al-Erabi shared the prize of the youth poets' category.

Aboul-Qacem Echebbi (1909-934) was a Tunisian poet. His works include part of the national anthem of Tunisia.

State-of-the-art project

Women's rehabilitation, hydrotherapy unit a medical turning point in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 25, (KUNA): Unit of rehabilitation and hydrotherapy for women, located within the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Hospital, is a state-of-the-art project and turning point for medical services in Kuwait.

The building is first hospital in Kuwait for daily care to offer patients full care from speech therapy to physiotherapy, and hydrotherapy. It also contains one of the largest hydrotherapy pools in the country.

Hospital director, Dr. Saleh Al-Shaijy stated to KUNA Saturday that the building is a pivotal step towards better health services provided by Ministry of Health, especially for patients of orthopedic or neurological illnesses.

Dr. Al-Shaijy explained that hydrotherapy, the use of water as treatment, helps alleviate pain in patients suffering from orthopedic or neurological conditions from either chronic illnesses or accidents and injuries.

Dr. Al-Shaijy illustrated that hydrotherapy eases muscle tension, increases flexibility and betters stamina, blood circulation as well as

mental health.

In addition to hydrotherapy, the hospital director clarified that the building also houses a hall fitted with specialized equipment for nerves and bones. It also includes specialized clinics for pregnant women, and elderly people.

On her part, head of the physiotherapy department for women within the hospital Dr. Nafeesa Kamal affirmed to KUNA that field of physical therapy in Kuwait is witnessing great improvement as it utilizes latest technologies and international treatment techniques.

She also went on to explain that hydrotherapy is one of the techniques utilized by physiotherapy, and it takes different forms and different temperatures, mentioning that alternating between hot and cold water helps minimize infection and stimulate blood circulation.

Dr. Kamal added that benefits of hydrotherapy include decreasing sensitivity to pain, reducing muscle tension, easing joint movement as well as increasing endurance and bodily balance.



Dr. Saleh Al-Shaijy



Dr. Nafeesa Kamal



Women's Health Rehabilitation and Hydrotherapy Building



Modern swimming pool with Olympic standards

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Brand expands its menu with its latest premium-quality chicken offering

Crispy Chicken arrives at McDonald's Kuwait

No stranger to menu innovations and creating fan-favorite instant classics, McDonald's Kuwait announced one of the most exciting additions to its menu yet: the all-new Crispy Chicken. Made with the highest-quality, 100% halal chicken, the Crispy Chicken features juicy, tender and succulent chicken meat covered with a crispy coating and fried to perfection.

Speaking about this latest menu offering, Muntaser AlQadah, General Manager of McDonald's Kuwait, said: "We know that there is an ever-growing appetite in the market for delicious crispy chicken offerings and that our customers in particular are constantly on the lookout for good, high-quality options. So, we are expanding our menu with this new addition, which we consider to be a major attraction for chicken lovers – to give them exactly what they are craving, delivered in a uniquely McDonald's way."

The Crispy Chicken line-up has already proven to be a runaway success for McDonald's across all markets where it has already debuted, including Malaysia, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar and Jordan.

"This new offering builds upon our signature mouth-watering chicken classics. Our menu has always proudly boasted some of the most popular chicken meals



in the market – which are not only delicious but made with the highest commitment to quality," added AlQadah.

He further noted: "Like everything else we do, we were determined to deliver a product that meets our unparalleled standards for quality and excellence. That meant undergoing a long years-long process - to not only perfect the recipe, but also source the best ingredients. As a result, we have partnered up with one of the leading suppliers of chicken

meat in the region, the Saudi-based Tammiah Food Company, to source the highest quality pure, 100% halal chicken meat, because we have always believed that great quality is the true secret to great taste. And we continue to strive to develop our offering and deliver the absolute best food in the market."

Available as a two-piece meal, a three-piece meal and a nine-piece sharing bundle, the Crispy Chicken will be available at all McDonald's restaurants and via all delivery platforms.

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