

'Kuwait ranks 1st worldwide in school order plus safety index'

TIMSS conducts study with 77 pc of eighth graders in maths

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13, (KUNA): The Assistant Undersecretary for the Educational Research and Curriculum at Kuwait's Ministry of Education (MoE) and Director of National Center for Education Development (NCED) Salah Dabsha said that Kuwait ranked first in the world in the indicator of order plus safety

in schools, according to a study conducted by Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) with 77 percent of eighth graders in mathematics.

At a Tuesday press conference held at MoE headquarters, the preliminary results of the TIMSS 2019 study showed that Kuwait ranked second worldwide in science, with 75 percent of students, he pointed out.

Dabsha referred to Kuwait's participation in international studies to assess the education system, highlighting the high results while commending Kuwait's commitment to the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) study.

Kuwait ranked second worldwide on the level of job satisfaction index for science teachers in eighth grade, while it ranked fifth in fourth grade, ranked fifth in eighth grade and seventh in fourth grade mathematics, he mentioned.

Dabsha underscored the ministry's interest in all international studies that evaluate the educational system in order to work to develop and improve education in Kuwait, pointing out that Kuwait has been able to advance education.

Participation in these studies is vital for evaluating the educational system and identifying weaknesses that need clarification, he explained, noting that the past years witnessed a study of the possibility of raising Kuwait's capacity and contributing to improving the system, which has already led to making a difference in results.

Reviewed

Another view, Mona Al-Ansari, a science instructor and member of the core team of the TIMSS study, at the conference reviewed Kuwait's high results in science, pointing out that the level of students in fourth grade increased by 55 points to 392 points instead of 337 in the TIMSS 2015 study, while the level of eighth grade students increased to 33, a score of 444 instead of 411 in the 2015 study.

Al-Ansari pointed to the link between the learner's admiration for science and academic achievement, explaining that the more the learner enjoys the science subject, the more points one will score in the TIMSS international tests, which recommends the necessity of working to entice the learner in science class.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Al-Hajraf, a technical instructor for mathematics and a member of the main team for the TIMSS study, reviewed the results of mathematics, indicated that Kuwait is among 14 countries that achieved an increase in the average educational attainment in fourth grade after advancing by 30 points, while eighth grade students advanced 11 points.

Al-Hajraf pointed to the indicator of the student's sense of belonging to the school and its impact on the rate of achievement in mathematics, saying that the greater the learner's sense of belonging to the school, the greater one's educational attainment, which calls for eagerness to make the school a captivating environment.

She emphasized the importance of making the school environment safe and orderly, pointing out that the study showed Kuwait's class environment is safe and orderly by 82 percent of fourth graders and 77 percent of eighth graders.

What is worth noting is that TIMSS is an international study that aims to focus on educational policies and systems, study the effectiveness of applied curricula, methods of teaching them, their practical application, evaluate achievement and provide information to improve the teaching, as well as learning of mathematics and science, as this study is a project of IEA, based in The Netherlands.



HH the Amir with HH the Crown Prince.

Amir receives Crown Prince, Speaker

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Wednesday, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal

Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. His Highness the Amir also received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim. (KUNA)



National Assembly Speaker Al-Ghanim (left), and HH the PM Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled.



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Crown Prince hosts Parliament Speaker, PM

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received National Assem-

bly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim at Bayan Palace on Wednesday. His Highness the Crown Prince

also hosted His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)

Kuwait-India's historic ties highlighted

CAIRO, Jan 13, (KUNA): The State of Kuwait on Tuesday affirmed its relations with India date back to many years ago during which the two countries established fruitful cooperation at the economic and commercial levels.

The affirmation of the close ties was made by Counselor Falah Al-Mutairi, addressing the virtual third session of senior officials of the Arab-Indian Cooperation Forum, co-chaired by Egypt and India.

More than 1.5 million Indians in Kuwait largely contribute to development enterprises, Counselor Al-Mutairi noted, lauding the cooperation between Kuwait and India in various spheres, namely the combat of the novel coronavirus.

Al-Mutairi added that current regional and international conditions should prompt Arab states and India to enhance mutual cooperation, calling for joint stances on issues such as the Middle East, disarmament and combating terrorism.

The forum was set up in 2008.

Farmers Union, PAAAFR distribute 155 stalls to farmers in Raqqa area

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13: The Kuwaiti Farmers Union, with the cooperation of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources (PAAAFR), distributed 155 stalls to farmers in the sheds of the union in Raqqa area, reports Aljarida daily.

The union's chairperson Abdulrahman Al-Dammak explained that 467 farmers participated in the lot process organized by the union with the cooperation of PAAAFR and in the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of PAAAFR Sheikh Muhammad Al-Youssef and the Deputy Director General for Plant Affairs Dalal Rajab. About 155 farmers were present to receive stalls, in addition to 20 farmers who

were representatives.

He affirmed that the lot process was conducted transparently in front of everyone without any problems and in a satisfactory manner.

Al-Dammak revealed that the stalls of the union in Raqqa area have been out of work for nearly 30 years but now they will be reinstated and distributed to farmers within two days in support of food security.

He indicated that there are many projects to support food security that the union is looking forward to executing with the cooperation of PAAAFR in order to support agriculture and farmers. Al-Dammak praised the step taken by the National Assembly to form a committee for agriculture and food security.



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Tuesday, Sheikh Dr Suad Mohammad Al-Sabah who presented him with a book about Kuwait under rule of Jaber bin Abdullah Al-Sabah, the third ruler (1814-1859) and Sabah bin Jaber Al-Sabah, the fourth ruler (1859-1866). (KUNA)

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Voting Record

Al-Humaidi has no voting record as he is a first-time MP.

Badr Nasser Al-Humaidi

Sunni
Second Constituency

BADR NASSER AL-HUMAIIDI was born in 1949. He holds a diploma in Administration.

Al-Humaidi was a member of the government in 2003, during which he served as minister of Information and Public Works as well as state minister for Housing Affairs. He was a member of the Municipal Council in 1999.

He used to be an athlete who represented Kuwait in global swimming competitions. He won fourth place in the swimming competition held in Italy in 1968.

He contested the parliamentary elections for the first time in 2020 elections, during which he occupied seventh place in the Second Constituency with 2,534 votes.

The opposition supported him in

his bid for the National Assembly speakership with almost 42 MPs rallying behind him.

However, he lost the elections and this resulted in a dispute between the MPs on one side, and the government and Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim on the other side.

Statement

In a session following the election of Al-Ghanim as speaker, Al-Humaidi said he believes that he is the legitimate speaker.

He was also quoted as saying that Kuwait has a lot of qualified and competent citizens in all fields, indicating the time has come to Kuwaitize supervisory jobs and the judiciary should be on top of the list of institutions which will be nationalized completely.

Ministry appoints 36 employees

MoSA to sign co-op protocol with MoH for Elderly Care Department

By Fares Al-Abdan

Al-Seyassah Staff and Agencies

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 13: Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Assistant Undersecretary for Social Welfare Affairs Musallam Al-Subaie confirmed that the ministry will soon sign a cooperation protocol with its health counterpart for the Elderly Care Department to fully benefit from the medical personnel in order to better serve the elderly, reports Al-Jarida daily.

Al-Subaie explained to the daily that the ministry seeks to develop the shelter, day and home services provided to the elderly through the protocol.

He revealed the number of elderly benefiting from the services through mobile care (home care) reached 3,521; in addition to 19 who are receiving residential care at Farah Specialized Center in the Welfare Homes Complex while the number of beneficiaries of the priority card for the elderly totaled 23,207.

He confirmed the mobile medical teams will resume providing services to the elderly in their homes once the coronavirus is contained.

He added the Social Welfare Sector recently received generous donations from Salmiya, Salwa and Hateen cooperatives, as well as the charitable fund for care homes. He said all these donations are being poured into the improvement of services provided by the mobile medical teams.

He also unveiled a plan to increase the number of mobile medical teams in a bid to provide the best services to the elderly and reduce the time for the elderly to wait during each visit. He revealed the objective of expanding home

care services is to protect the elderly's dignity and family unity by providing the necessary services at home, as well as guide the family members on how to take care of the elderly.

Meanwhile, Musallam Al-Subaie, has issued 36 decisions to appoint 5 directors, 11 observers, and 20 department heads in the Ministry of Social Affairs.

In a press statement, Al-Subaie said, the ministry is keen to give eligible candidates their rights in line with the regulations and systems put in place by Civil Service Commission (CSC). He added, accordingly the employees were confirmed in their positions after the Personnel Affairs Committee gave the nod to the appointments.

He pointed out that the names were confirmed in accordance with CSC Decision No. 25 of 2006 which spells out conditions for occupying supervisory positions in the ministries. He added, the ministry is about to approve the confirmation of another group of eligible employees, which will be announced at a later date.

The decisions, a copy of which has been obtained by the daily, includes the extension of the mandate and the confirmation of the Director of the Family Welfare Department in the Social Development Sector Hayat Al-Failakawi, the Director of the Administrative Development Department in the Planning and Administrative Development Sector Ahmed Al-Azmi, the Director of the Department of Membership Affairs and Associations Ahmed Al-Foudry, and the Director of the Civil Associations Sector Khaled Al-Qahatani, Director of the Financial Affairs Department Hamoud Al-Otaibi.

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