

KSE presents four recommendations to World Bank

Stop recruiting non-Kuwaiti engineers: Al-Atl

KUWAIT CITY, June 13: The Kuwait Society of Engineers (KSE) has presented four recommendations to the World Bank regarding regulating the labor market inside Kuwait.

The Chairman of the KSE Board of Directors, Faisal Al-Atl, said the first recommendation relates to obligating government institutions to evaluate and approve the qualifications of non-Kuwaiti workers in the engineering field in various government sectors and projects and to find solutions to the problem of employing Kuwaitis in the public and private sectors during the next two decades.

He explained the society had earlier

presented an initiative to the Kuwait government to oblige government agencies to evaluate and approve the engineering qualifications of non-Kuwaiti workers in government sectors and made a recommendation in this regard to the World Bank, indicating that this is a major initiative of the association and a recommendation it submitted to the economic advisory team of the World Bank to Kuwait government during the meeting was held virtually in the presence of the representative of the General Secretariat of the Kuwait Center for Public Policies in the Public Planning Authority.

Al-Atl added the KSE hopes the

World Bank will include in its recommendations a strategy to develop a job strategy in Kuwait, and pointed to a second recommendation made by the KSE, which is its initiative presented in the government to solve the problem of employing Kuwaitis in the public and private sectors during the next two decades, adding, "We recommended stopping the recruitment of newly-graduated engineers from outside the country" until employment of all Kuwaiti engineers in the public and private sectors and stopping the recruitment of those with less than 5 years of experience to work in Kuwait."

He stressed the need to work on

the society's initiative which was presented several years ago, under the title "Young Engineers, Future Leaders," which provides for the rehabilitation and training of newly-graduated Kuwaiti engineers to work in the private sector to qualify them to work in the government sector, while allowing them to continue in the private sector.

The virtual meeting was attended by Abdullah Al-Amir from the General Secretariat of the Kuwait Center for Public Policy, the World Bank Chief Economist Venkatesh Sundharaman, and economist Sangeeta Goyal, senior economist at the World Bank and the economist Rami Zaid.



Faisal Al-Atl during his participation in the meeting.

Demand for pets, number of strays spike due to COVID-19

'People resort to compensation when deprived'

KUWAIT CITY, June 13: At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic changed the usual lifestyle and imposed compulsory or optional isolation to prevent its spread, the situation generated a new trend of acquiring pets such that the demand for pets in the market has doubled, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Various psychologists have described this trend as a "kind of psychological compensation" due to the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

They indicated that the curfew and the long hours spent at home led a large segment of Kuwaiti society to resort to buying pets in order to spend their time caring for them and for entertainment.

The daily toured the pet stores in several areas, and discovered that the sales of cats, dogs and birds in the various outlets of the pet market increased by up to 200 percent since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pet shop owners affirmed that the volume of sales has increased significantly compared to what it was during the previous years, because of the partial and total curfew imposed in the country, the frequent closures, and the lack of places to go for entertainment, all of which doubled the demand for pets.

They highlighted that the increase in the percentage of sales of pets and their breeding is one of the reasons for opening the door to importing dogs and cats from abroad, especially pampered spe-



Al-Qabas photo

One of the scenes in a pet shop in Kuwait.

cies such as Shirazi cats that are much desired and available at various prices to meet the customers' desires.

An increase was noted in the licenses of commercial activities for incubating these types of animals or training them and providing them with special services.

According to the accounts of sellers in pet stores, most popular sales were for small dogs that are between 3 to 5 months old. In second place are cats, followed by birds. Many Kuwaiti families acquire pampered cats, and girls are more attached to them.

One of the owners of pet shops said, "Due to the high volume of demand for purchase and the lack of supply, prices of pets have increased. The prices of some

types of dogs and cats reached KD 1,000, while the unknown or unpopular types of pets are less expensive."

From a psychological perspective, the psychological consultant Zahra Al-Mousawi explained that the high rate of demand for the acquisition of dogs or cats is a new phenomena in Kuwaiti society. It is considered as compensation for human feelings, such as embracing people or being unable to meet with family and friends. Many individuals felt lonely in light of the repeated closures and the total and partial curfews. People resort to compensation when deprived. There are studies all over the world that have shown the seriousness of the curfews and their negative effects on mental health.

She indicated that the purchase of

pets for children by parents is aimed for entertainment and pleasure, given that all entertainment facilities have been closed, in addition to schools.

Al-Mousawi stressed that the closure of entertainment centers for children and restaurants, and the lack of travel contributed to the desire to have pets at home.

She explained that the total and partial curfews in the country extended for nearly a year. They contributed to an increase in the number of depression-related cases, and also caused the spread of various types of obsessive-compulsive disorder and cases of panic disorder and anxiety. These symptoms increased during the total curfew in addition to the effect of rumors in increasing tension and impacting the psychological state negatively.

On the other hand, the phenomenon of dumping pets on the street has increased, as confirmed by Noura Al-Haddad, an animal rights activist and founder of "Nadia's Shelter in Kuwait" for the care of stray pets.

She said, "Many people dump animals on the streets in different areas to get rid of them for several reasons.

We are trying to educate the public and doing what we can to save the animals left on the streets, especially dogs, by taking care of their health and providing the necessary vaccinations and care they need. It is important for individuals to understand that an animal has the right to live in peace without being left on the street and being abandoned or poisoned to die.

Most of the stray cats and dogs we find have been abandoned by their owners who lack experience in raising them.

Some people sell stray animals in the market in light of the non-implementation of local laws and regulations regarding the possession of animals.

'Start receiving bids'

Mishref Cooperative to begin implementing major projects

KUWAIT CITY, June 13: Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mishref Cooperative Society, Ali Al-Fahd, announced work will start soon on the infrastructure development projects of its facilities that the society will undertake for the Mishref Cooperative Society and the Mubarak Al-Abdullah area, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

Al-Fahd said in a statement, "we have obtained approvals from the concerned authorities and government institutions, and it has already been announced in the official newspapers to start receiving bids from companies to launch the projects.

The project will kick off with the construction of the new administrative building and parking lots for the Mishref Cooperative Society in Block 4 and comprehensive renovation and maintenance of the board of directors building, as well as the long-awaited project of the demolition and rebuilding of the grocery store in Block 4, taking into account the modern architectural character to add an aesthetic shape to the building in addition to the high technical specifications.

He added the current administration is working hard to implement the projects whose task is to develop the coop and the region.

These projects are only the beginning of several other projects that the cooperative society is preparing to implement, especially the new clinic for the region.

The project has got the approvals from the concerned authorities and is waiting to begin work. A large area of up to 1,000 square meters has been allocated to build the clinic to solve what he called 'the congestion crisis', whether for patients inside the clinic or for car parks, for which an area of approximately 2,500 square meters has been identified.

Al-Fahd concluded that the Mishref Cooperative is aware of the size of its social and service responsibility towards the people of the region and the shareholders, which is no less important than providing basic and luxury goods. He added, the administration spares no effort to consolidate the leading position that the cooperative society and the Mishref region has acquired.



Blueprint of the Mishref co-op building.

We tried it out and here is why we think it's an excellent choice!

Huawei's all new smart band brings together smartwatch features like all day SpO2 monitoring, a large AMOLED Full-View Display and doesn't break the bank

When thinking about the concept of a band there is usually one school of thought, a simple wearable that tracks all kinds of fitness indicators and relays the data to an app or service on a connected smartphone. Manufacturers never used to think of adding larger and functional displays or more integrated health features, which would be more commonly found in full-fledged smartwatches. However, bridging this gap is Huawei with its newly launched HUAWEI Band 6, which brings all the meticulous fitness tracking like all-day SpO2 monitoring and a large AMOLED display to see it all in a wearable that can last up to 2 whole weeks!

All-day SpO2 Monitoring

SpO2 monitoring essentially refers to the blood oxygen levels of the wearer, which by itself is an important health indicator. Having these levels drop down can result in fatigue but prolonged drops can result in long-term adverse health effects. Fitness trackers and smartwatches today are capable of tracking these levels however it is often a feature that has to be turned on separately, something users would only do if they were feeling unwell. Huawei, known for being user health-centric in designing product features has had this feature in its earlier wearables, but takes it up a notch on the HUAWEI Band 6 by having it run constantly in the background. The advantage of this is that users get 24/7 continuous monitoring of their SpO2 levels, even generating an alarm when blood oxygen levels are low.



But that's not all, because the HUAWEI Band 6 also tracks other key health indicators. For instance, accurate heart rate is monitored with HUAWEI TruSeen™ 4.0, HUAWEI TruSleep™ for sleep tracking and HUAWEI TruRelax™ for stress measurement and management.

Large 1.47" AMOLED Full-View Display

Smart bands are not really known for its displays: Huawei decided to change it up with a full-fledged 1.47" AMOLED display, tackling some of the major pain points that were commonly addressed with smart bands. The size of the display is complemented further by its integrated bezel-less design, which gives it a screen-to-body ratio of 42%.

This large display is not just sheer size, but also brings smartphone-like interactivity, complete with simple swipes, while its overall color quality allows the rich animations to really pop out. In addition to this, Huawei has also used a physical button on the side, allowing for not just an easier way to interact, but also removing excessive

display elements for a more immersive Full View display.

HUAWEI Band 6 2 Week long battery life

Another concern with wearables is having yet another device to charge or worry about battery life. Wearables are not always the best when it comes to this matter, but Huawei has implemented into the HUAWEI Band 6 an extended battery life of 2 full weeks on a single charge, even with all the health and fitness tracking features running. Not only does this make it more convenient to use, but also takes away the hassle of having to charge it every other day.

Fitness Tracking and Guidance

Speaking of fitness, one of the main purposes of a smart bands is to keep an eye on workouts and track all the needed data to calculate and evaluate performance. The HUAWEI Band 6 keeps this in mind and packs in features and tracking features that fitness and sports enthusiasts would love and appreciate on an everyday basis. For

instance, the HUAWEI Band 6 comes with up to 96 workout modes that are automatically detected and tracked to get the most accurate data. In addition to this, the HUAWEI TruSport™ algorithm deeply analyzes user's exercise capabilities based on heart rate variability and exercise data and provide detailed assessments such as oxygen intake levels, recovery time and training effects, for a more scientific and efficient approach to working out.

All of this is topped off with a range of smart features, which include notifications for incoming calls and messages, music playback control and a remote shutter to control the camera of the connected smartphone.

Final Verdict

With the HUAWEI Band 6, Huawei has managed to tackle some of the key pain points faced by users who opt for smart bands, bringing solid features making it a great choice for both everyday users and fitness enthusiasts. It also provides users with a complete smartwatch experience, without having to pay the price of one, making it a lot friendlier on the wallet as well.

Meta Description: Huawei's latest smart band, the HUAWEI Band 6 brings together key features for everyday use.



'Qamar Al-Kuwait' satellite launch into space June 24

KUWAIT CITY, June 13: The General Manager of the Orbital Space Company, Dr Bassam Al-Faili announced the first Kuwaiti satellite; 'Qamar Al-Kuwait' will be launched into space on June 24 from the rocket launching pad in Florida in the United States of America, reports Al-Qabas daily.

Al-Faili told the daily this is purely a Kuwaiti production, saying, "I installed it myself and it cost me 50,000 dinars of my money." He said he did not get any support from any party.

Al-Faili said he opted for government support, not to design and assemble the satellite, but to obtain the necessary approvals to request the allocation of frequencies for broadcasting from the satellite and to register the satellite in the name of Kuwait with the International Telecommunication Satellites Organization.

Al-Faili pointed out the Emirates Space Agency and the Mohammed bin Rashid Space Center received him and provided him with all the facilities and even the necessary location for the educational ground station, stressing that through the Emirates station, the satellite will be available to all.

He indicated that the Turkish Institute for Space Technology also officially invited him to the meeting to discuss ways of cooperation.

Al-Faili indicated the Abdullah Al-Salem Cultural Center has taken the initiative, through the Space Museum, to cover the launch in the media.

TGS features Tarek Aleryan

On Thursday, The Guest Show will present Tarek Aleryan - Kuwait's TV prominent host in English. He is also the Head of Public Relations & Media at Dasman Diabetes Institute. Over the years, Tarek has built a reputation as an affable and unflappable live show host, who interviews guests from different walks of life making them super comfortable while facing the lights & camera. On The Guest Show, our listeners will get to understand the person behind the persona. Tarek will speak of his journey in media, his career in public relations, and the way he balances things in his life. He will speak of his experience in hosting Hala Kuwait Show and how his work has shifted during the pandemic.

