

'HH Sheikh Sabah was known as Arabs' wise and leader of diplomacy, humanity'

# HH Crown Prince recalls HH late Amir's outstanding efforts

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 17, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on Tuesday highlighted efforts and contributions made by the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to Kuwait, the Gulf states, Arabs and the whole world.

This came in His Highness the Crown Prince's speech while opening the 18th National Conference.

His Highness the Crown Prince said, "we recall today the late Amir's efforts and those who served our dear homeland".

His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad was an outstanding dignitary in Kuwaiti, Arab and Gulf history, His Highness the Crown Prince said.

The late Amir was known as Arabs' wise and a leader of diplomacy and humanity, Sheikh Meshaal noted.

"I was brought up by two late Amir brothers; Sheikh Jaber and Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad, may Allah bless their souls," he noted.

They were an ideal of mercy, humanity, tolerance and appreciation to women, he said, indicating, "we will continue going on their paths, under His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's leadership".

"Mankind, especially Kuwait, will not forget the efforts of Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah," the Crown Prince stated.

Sheikh Sabah made Kuwait, this small country, a center of humanity, diplomacy and moderation, and a pioneering for development, the Crown Prince noted.

Sheikh Meshaal went to say that Sheikh Sabah has put Kuwait on a roadmap towards a "New 2035 Kuwait"

with an insightful vision.

Sheikh Sabah preserved the bases of democracy, and adopted tolerance and forgiveness, in line with the state of law, as well as established the concept of "Kuwait for all", His Highness the Crown Prince made clear.

"Sheikh Sabah was a safe haven in the turbulent events erupted amongst brothers in the Gulf Cooperation Council. He brought closer together the views and harnessed Kuwait's potentials to achieve the cohesion of the Gulf home," Sheikh Meshaal said.

Kuwait will enjoy appreciation and respect of the world, thanks to the diplomatic legacy, good international reputation, friendship relations, international and regional partnerships and alliances made by Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Sheikh Meshaal said.

Sheikh Sabah was a leader who dedicated himself to diplomacy, its concerns and issues, the Crown Prince stressed.

Sheikh Meshaal finally prayed to Allah the Almighty to bestow his mercy upon Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad and those who served the dear homeland, Kuwait.

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**Latvia congratulated:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of congratulations Wednesday to the President of Latvia, Egils Levits, on the occasion of his country's National Day.

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 also sent similar cables.

# Kuwait's Higher Education gains ISO cert for 3rd consecutive year

Cultural offices urged to work on raising level of performance

Kuwait to host event from January 9 to 19

Higher Committee of 3rd Gulf Sports Games holds its third meeting headed by Minister of Youth Al-Mutairi

By Fahd Shafaqa

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 17, (KUNA): The Higher Organizing Committee for the third edition of the Gulf Sports Games held its third meeting headed by the Minister of Information and Culture and Minister of State for Kuwaiti Youth Affairs Abdul Rahman Al-Mutairi to prepare for this gathering, which is scheduled to be hosted by the country from January 9 to 19.

The meeting, which was held at the headquarters of the General Sports Authority on Tuesday emphasized the need to finalize the organizational and technical matters and the stadiums on which the competitions and training of the participating teams will be held, and to secure the hosting requirements to ensure the comfort of the sisterly Gulf delegations.

In this regard, committee member, Deputy Director-General of the Public Authority for Sports for Competitive Sports Affairs, Dr Saqr

Al-Mulla, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) after the meeting that it stressed the need for sports facilities to be ready to receive this important sporting event.

Al-Mulla added that the State of Kuwait possesses distinguished facilities at the level of stadiums, indoor halls and swimming pools, enabling it to successfully organize this sports forum, which will witness competitions in 15 team and individual games.

He stated that the meeting discussed the implementation of all procedures for health precautions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the approved protocol and medical centers to follow up on these procedures, explaining that the meeting also discussed establishing media centers in sports stadiums to facilitate the work of media professionals and journalists in transmitting events from inside and outside the State of Kuwait.

He pointed out that Minister Al-

Mutairi directed "the necessity of providing sports camps for the participating Kuwaiti teams and overcoming all obstacles to ensure the best preparation and achieve distinguished results," praising the efforts of all sports federations and clubs in preparing for the establishment of this session that brings together the people of the Arab Gulf.

The tournament's competitions include football, handball, volleyball, basketball, swimming, athletics, karate, judo, fencing, archery, tennis, cycling, ice hockey, table tennis, in addition to electronic games.

The meeting was attended by Hussein Al-Musallam, Director General of the course, Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Mutairi from the Ministry of Health, Mishal Al-Subaie from the Public Authority for Youth, Hana Al-Bati from the Kuwait Anti-Doping Agency, Suleiman Al-Fahad from the General Administration of Customs and Ali Al-Marri from the Kuwait Olympic Committee.

CAIRO, Nov 17, (KUNA): Kuwait's Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) is keen to direct cultural offices abroad to work on raising the level of performance and to ensure quality of services, which will positively reflect on students, the Head of the Kuwaiti Cultural Office in Cairo, Dr Ahmad Al-Mutairi said.

Al-Mutairi added in remarks to KUNA, on the sidelines of the office's celebration of renewing the (ISO) certificates for the third year in a row, namely (the international standard for the quality management system ISO 9001:2015), (the international standard for Environmental Management System ISO 14001: 2015), and (International Standard for Occupational Safety, and Health Management System ISO 45001: 2015).

He expressed his happiness for renewing the ISO certificates for the Cultural Office for the third year in a row.

The care offered to quality, institutional governance and rational management represents "a global concern that is not new, but has been adopted by many countries of the world," he affirmed.

**Cornerstone**

Al-Mutairi considered that "starting from the concept of quality and the principles of corporate governance is the cornerstone for launching any process of development, change, or understanding a future vision for any institution."

The real wealth of our nation, is the "human", Al-Mutairi said, noting that raising the quality of services will have the greatest impact on the quality of the product, "which is for our children to be an added value in the quality of work in our beloved country, Kuwait", he added.

He stressed on the importance to adapt the principles of institutional governance "of transparency, efficiency, fairness, participation, combating corruption, accountability and the rule of law".

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti cultural attaché, Professor Dr Abdulmohsen Al-Qahtani, endorsed the achievement, quality, and control he observed in the efforts exerted by the Cultural Office since he joined the work a short time ago.

Al-Qahtani thanked the head of the office and all the employees, as well as MoH for its continuous support, which would raise the efficiency of work and serve Kuwaiti students studying in Egypt.

"It is not easy for any organization to maintain the ISO certificates they gained for a period of three years," Director of ISO Certifications at (SGS) International Company in Egypt, Yasser Qansoura said, praising the achievement the Kuwaiti Cultural Office has fulfilled in this field.

6,000 register for work in '2 weeks'

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 16: The Civil Service Commission (CSC) said 6,000 Kuwaitis are registered in the CSC systems, between Oct 22 and Nov 5, when the CSC opened the window for Kuwaitis seeking jobs in government institutions, reports Al-Rai daily.

The daily added the CSC is sorting out the applications according to the needs of different government department to ensure the applicants are properly distributed based on their qualifications and the needs of the institutions.

The CSC will start sending text messages at the beginning of next week to the applicants with the names of institutions they have been nominated to.



Kuwaiti plastic artist Sharifa Dashti.



Faculty member at the College of Basic Education, Kuwaiti plastic artist, Dr Abeer Al-Kandari.

Support, sponsorship by institutions hailed

## Kuwaiti fine art movement constantly evolving: artists

CAIRO, Nov 17, (KUNA): Kuwaiti plastic artists affirmed on Wednesday, that the Kuwaiti fine art movement is in continuous development due to the support, sponsorship and encouragement of Kuwaiti cultural institutions for talented and creative people, as well as their openness to different cultures, whether Arab or international.

This came in separate statements made by the artists to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) on the sidelines of the Oscar International Art Land Exhibition for Fine Arts at the Abdel Moneim ElSawy Culture Wheel in the Egyptian capital, Cairo, whose activities will continue until Thursday, with the participation of 19 countries, including Kuwait.

A member of the teaching staff at the College of Basic Education, Kuwaiti plastic artist Dr Abeer Al-Kandari, expressed her happiness to participate in the exhibition, which includes a constellation of stars of fine art, whether from the Gulf States or Arab and foreign countries.

Al-Kandari affirmed that the exhibition is a "good opportunity and a gain in itself" to exchange experiences and cultures, get to know artists from different countries of the world and learn about the various styles through the displayed paintings, noting that she participated in many exhibitions, whether local or international.

She added that she is participating with two paintings in which innovative artistic materials were used.

Regarding fine art in the State of Kuwait, Al-Kandari affirmed that "it is in continuous development and intense competition," stressing that Kuwait has taken care of art from the pioneers' generation and has provided them with full-time work and places for drawing.

For her part, Kuwaiti plastic artist Sharifa Dashti affirmed that art is a universal language and a sublime message, pointing



Kuwaiti plastic artist Lina Hijazi.

to the importance of international exhibitions to interact with different cultures and benefit from the diversity of styles, as each artist has his own personality, style and preferred materials.

Dashti explained that she specialized in watercolor painting, but she used ink in her painting participating in the exhibition, which embodied the famous character Charlie Chaplin, which gave her a "successful and strong result."

For her part, Kuwaiti plastic artist Lina Hijazi said that she participated in many art exhibitions in Kuwait, Lebanon, Italy, Switzerland and a number of other countries, pointing out that her participation in the Oscar International Art Land Exhibition for Fine Arts is her first in Egypt, "the country of tradition and art."

Hijazi explained that her painting participating in the exhibition expresses the various movements of the ballerina, noting that she loves painting using bright and cheerful colors, which is reflected in her work.

Pediatric emergency physicians included

## KD 2.15 bln spent for allowance of citizens' rent for last 11 years: data

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 17: Official data revealed that the State spent around KD 2.15 billion for the rent allowance of citizens entitled to housing grants in the last 11 years, reports Al-Anba daily.

The data cited delay in the implementation of some housing projects as the reason behind the increase in State expenditure on rent allowance for citizens in 2020 - KD 227 million compared to KD 218 million in the previous fiscal year. The implementation of housing projects on time will reduce State expenditure on rent allowance, the data pointed out.

The data showed that the annual rent allowance have been increasing to record

levels over the past years; as it reached KD 155 million in 2010, while the highest was recorded in 2020 - KD 227 million.

MoH's, the Ministry of Health has included Kuwaiti and expatriate pediatric emergency physicians to the beneficiaries of the KD 500 salary increment approved by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for intensive care, anesthesia and emergency doctors, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources from the health sector.


In an exclusive statement to the daily, sources disclosed that about 200 pediatric emergency doctors will also receive the increment that will be paid retroactively starting from July 2021.


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