

EPA and Abu Dhabi team up to 'preserve, enrich' environment

Sides to cooperate on multiple projects

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 17, (KUNA): The Kuwait Environment Public Authority and the Environment Agency in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi signed on Wednesday an environmental memorandum of cooperation aimed at enriching the biological aspect between the two sides, transferring experiences and exchanging environmental projects.

Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General of the Kuwait Environment Authority Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah said in a press statement after the signing that there are large and multiple projects in which the two parties will cooperate, on top of which is the cultivation of mangrove trees and inventory of fish quantities in the Arabian Gulf and how to deal with international environmental agreements.

Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmad explained that among the projects are



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Director General of the Environment Public Authority Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah and the Secretary-General of the Environment Agency in Abu Dhabi Dr. Sheikha Al Dhaheri during the signing of the memorandum of cooperation.

also monitoring the phenomenon of red tide, increasing green spaces, introducing plants that adapt to the climatic conditions prevailing in Kuwait and the UAE, as well as establishing new coral colonies to contain fish, in addition to water-related projects.

He added that the two sides had previously cooperated on planting mangroves and palms and enriching their

natural reserves, at the generous initiative of the late President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, indicating that this cooperation comes to complement these fruitful efforts that benefit the environment of the two countries.

He stated that the two sides have a long history and environmental experience that will be positively reflected on the two countries through the Gulf

portal, which provides environmental data and information, stressing the two parties' keenness on cooperation and integration in order to provide a better environment.

With regard to the camping season, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ahmad stated that the Kuwait Municipality has done its duty to determine the camping places in the country, and the authority's teams will be present at those sites to organize this work and monitor violations, hoping to preserve the environment, adhere to environmental requirements and laws, and not expose the wild environment to pollution.

He pointed out that the Kuwait Municipality will place large containers next to the specified sites, noting that "from here begins the role of the individual in reducing waste and dumping it in the designated places, hoping that some plants from camp owners will be planted near their places to contribute to increasing the green area in the country."

For her part, the Secretary-General of the Environment Agency in Abu Dhabi, Dr. Sheikha Al Dhaheri, said in a press statement that the areas of cooperation between the two sides are in the interest of both countries by virtue of everyone's knowledge of environmental concerns and challenges in the world and the Gulf in particular.

Dr. Al Dhaheri explained that the areas of cooperation will focus on preserving biological diversity, including projects to restore and rehabilitate mangrove trees in the two countries, especially in Kuwait, because of their important role in preserving natural habitats and being of great value to fish and marine life.

She pointed out that the areas of cooperation will include coral reefs that face challenges due to the high temperatures in the Gulf, which leads to the phenomenon of coral bleaching.

She stated that the Environment Agency in Dubai has established the largest nursery in the region to grow more than one million coral reef seedlings, stressing that the cumulative experience of the authority in this regard will be transferred to Kuwait in order to benefit from it to the fullest.

She indicated that one of the common challenges between the two parties is the phenomenon of red tide and the death of fish in the Arabian Gulf, as joint projects will include this issue as well.

She pointed to the experience of the Abu Dhabi Authority in benefiting from modern technology using drones to disperse seeds, including mangrove seeds, as this experience will be used in Kuwait as part of cooperation projects.

'Cultural activities' in schools resume

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 17: Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Dr. Ali Al-Yacoub announced the resumption of cultural activities in schools for various educational stages, including religious and private schools as well as special education schools during the current 2021/2022 school year, reports Al-Anba daily.

This announcement was made in a bulletin issued by the undersecretary Al-Yacoub, in which he said, "School activities play a prominent role in students' learning process, as well as in developing their talents and discovering their various abilities. They also affect the students' personality and their future."

With reference to the Ministry of Education circular No. 11/2020 issued on 10/13/2020 regarding the suspension of all sports activities, events, lectures, seminars and tours during the 2020/2021 school year, and in view of the resumption of studies in the schools of the Ministry of Education, in order to activate the role of school activities and to adhere to the preventive measures to preserve the safety of our students, please work on activating the mechanism for implementing school activities by resuming cultural and literary competitions and awareness-raising meetings in schools for the 2021/2022 school year".

On the other hand, the Ministry of Education explained that it will continue to receive members of the public who wish to meet the Undersecretary of the Ministry Dr. Ali Al-Yacoub as per the dates specified through the "Mataa" platform with an amendment to the time of the visit to be from 6 am to 7:30 am.

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The Guest Show features social scientist Dr Lubna

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 17: Dr Lubna Al Qadi is one of Kuwait's leading social scientists. She has dedicated her life to addressing issues of gender inequality, facilitating women's empowerment and developing a wide range of educational, outreach and advocacy programmes to improve the status of women in the country. Under her guidance, the Women's Research Studies Centre has developed into a top-class professional research institute dedicated to advancing women's issues with a vision of creating a gender-equal society.

Dr Lubna Al Qadi is a graduate of the University of Texas, Austin with a PhD in Demography and Sociology. A professor in the Sociology department of Kuwait University, she founded the Women's Research and Studies Centre in 2010 in association with the Ministry of Planning and the United Nations Development Program. Her contribution to the cause of women's rights in Kuwait is indelible. Research and study on the development of Kuwaiti women will be incomplete without a mention of her contribution.

Here, on The Guest Show, Dr Lubna speaks of her growing up years in India, her beginnings as a volunteer and activist in a school in India, her role in the women's movement, the personal challenges she faced during the invasion when her husband became a prisoner of war, of the changing role of Kuwaiti women in society, about the scope of work of the Women's Research and Studies Center, the increasing participation of women in civic and work-spaces and about the absence of Kuwaiti women in leadership roles.



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