

'Kuwait's efforts to empower women admired universally'

HH Amir congratulates Fijian president on assuming office

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 29, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent, Monday, a cable to President of Fiji, Wiliame Katorivere, congratulating him on assuming office and wishing him success and good health, and the people of Fiji more prosperity.
His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar congratulatory cables.

SACGC praises Kuwait winning 2 prizes in Future Science Challenge



Municipal Council session in progress.

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Municipal Council OK's allocation of land to PAHW

The Municipal Council approved on Monday, in its session chaired by Osama Al-Otaibi, the allocation of land in the southern Qairawan region for the Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW) for the purpose of using it as a private residence.

The council agreed to develop the Red Palace project, while requesting a detailed explanation of the issuance of licenses for sports clubs and the heritage village project, as the council was not satisfied with the municipality's response to the members' questions in this regard.

Vice President of the Municipal Council Abdullah Al-Mahri adjourned the session due to the lack of a quorum, which prevented the approval of the rest of the items on the agenda, the most important of which was the request to expand the Mubarak port project. (KUNA)

'Target completion date for hospital in Q4 of 2022'

KOC receives 88 claims worth KD 161.1m from contractors

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 29: Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) received 88 claims from contractors valued at approximately KD161.1 million, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources from the oil sector.

Sources revealed to the daily that some of these claims date back years ago, some have been settled, others have yet to be settled and some were rejected.

Sources added some contractors submitted claims for expired contracts, which were settled after the end of their validity and this led to the failure to issue change orders for the approval of internal and external committees au-

thorized to do so after the contractors agreed on the settlements.

Sources said about 59 tenders were cancelled last year with an estimated value of KD414.3 million due to the rejection of the Higher Procurement Committee at Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) or because the offers submitted were higher than the estimated cost or for other reasons.

On the other hand, sources indicated that KOC incurred losses estimated at KD116,300 - cost of the annual rental of 38 cars allocated for workers in some foreign parties and were not used by these parties. Sources affirmed that all the measures taken by the company

have gone through official channels and the required appropriations.

Meanwhile, Chief Civil Engineer in the Special Projects Department at the Ministry of Public Works Eng Mishaal Al-Enezi, who also serves as project manager for the new maternity hospital, disclosed that the target completion date for the hospital is in the fourth quarter of 2022 with a total cost of KD220.6 million, reports Al-Anba daily.

He said the total area of the land allotted for the hospital is 60,000 square meters; while the total building area is 357,300 square meters distributed to four buildings.

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 29, (KUNA): Janneke van der Graaff-Kukler, Deputy Regional Director of UN Women Regional Office for Arab States, has said that the continuous efforts by the Kuwaiti government for empowering women socially and economically is universally admired.

The global appreciation of Kuwait's state-level efforts came as a result of its commitment to the the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, endorsed by the UN in 1995.

Graaff-Kukler was addressing a ceremony, organized by the Secretariat General of the Supreme Planning Council in cooperation with the UN Development Programme, a number of government departments and private establishments. The ceremony marked signing of the accord for genders' equality at work place by 30 private Kuwaiti companies.

Kuwait is a pioneering example in the region with respect of empowering women, both at the public and private levels, Graaff-Kukler said, also noting that the Kuwaiti women have occupied leading positions and have contributed to pushing forward economic development and supplying the labor market with skilled personnel.

For his part, Dr Khaled Al-Mahdi, the council secretary general, affirmed in statement the Kuwaiti government ongoing support for woman empowering, noting that this approach is in harmony with the bases of the development strategy and New Kuwait Vision 2035.

Employ

The Kuwaiti private sector, like the public sector, has managed to employ more women, empowering them with training, opportunities and promotion.

The Kuwaiti government efforts for empowering the women economically have intensified since 2015, when the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, adopted the UN objectives for sustainable development, Graaff-Kukler said, adding this approach was embodied in an action plan, executed over the past years, in tandem with the goals of New Kuwait Vision 2035.

Christian Tudor, the European Union Ambassador to Kuwait, said in his statement that the Kuwaiti government efforts resulted in attaining more gender equality at work.

The EU, last year, applauded Kuwait's adoption of a law on protection against domestic violence and appointment of eight female judges for the first time in Kuwait's history.

Meanwhile, the UN resident representative, Hideko Hadziac, stressed on the necessity of maintaining the accomplishments that have been made in Kuwait for gender equality.

Dr Lubna al-Qadhi, the head of the woman research and studies center at Kuwait University, said in her address that Kuwait was the first country in the region that included woman empowerment in its development plan.

Kuwait University and the planning council have trained a large number of women to make them eligible for occupying leading posts in the public and private sectors, she said, noting that the future holds a lot of opportunities for the Kuwaiti women; with forecast participation in decision making at various levels.

Meanwhile, the acting chairman of Sabah Al-Ahmad Center for Giftedness and Creativity (SACGC) Dr Saleh Al-Aqaili expressed his pride on winning two prizes out of six in the Future Science Challenge competition, which was held in the UAE with the participation of 251 GCC students.

He said in a statement on Monday that the results were announced in a live virtual ceremony through Zoom.

The competition, considered the first virtual, was organized by Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Center for Giftedness and Innovation; run by Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation for Distinguished Academic Performance for GCC gifted students.

He pointed out that the Future Science Challenge competition aimed to enhance the learning of the principles of artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things by focusing on interdisciplinary learning methods for talented and outstanding students in the field of science and technology.



HH the Crown Prince receives the ambassador of the Custodian of Two Holy Mosques.

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Event to be held on Dec 5

Crown Prince receives invitation to attend Jeddah's F1 Grand Prix

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 29, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received Monday a written letter from Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud concerning ties and ways to enhance them.

The letter touched on recent regional and international development and also included an invitation to attend the For-

mula 1 Grand Prix to be held in Jeddah on December 5th.

Saudi Ambassador to Kuwait Prince Sultan bin Saad bin Khaled Al-Saud handed the letter to His Highness the Crown Prince at a reception in Bayan Palace.

Head of His Highness the Crown Prince Diwan Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and other officials were present at the reception.

Interviews for diplomatic service delayed

100 teachers launch nat'l initiative to teach about 1,600 students free

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 29: General Coordinator of the 'Volunteer Teachers' initiative Badr bin Ghaith confirmed that 100 teachers launched the national initiative to teach about 1,600 students in the intermediate and secondary levels for free and conduct comprehensive reviews of all basic materials from Dec 5-25 in preparation for the mid-year exams, reports Al-Rai daily.

Bin Ghaith told the daily that the teachers affiliated with this initiative in the Ministry of Education include Kuwaitis and other nationalities. He said: "We cater to students of all nationalities and we prepare free reviewers for them, whether in person or online. We will receive 1,600 students in the Promenade Complex in Hawally during the aforementioned period."

Bin Ghaith expressed his gratitude to the heirs of the late Al-Othman for supporting the initiative as part of the 'Take My Hand' initiative. "We were given classrooms for free, but due to space limitations; we had to apologize to a large number of students as we could no longer accommodate them. We can receive only 1,600 students according to our available capabilities," he clarified.

On the other hand, Bin Ghaith confirmed the readiness of the National Center for Education Development to launch beta tests for the 'Meeza' team for fifth and ninth graders. "As the leader of the team, which consists of eight members, we will organize experimental tests in about 50 schools in December, while the official test will be in April," he concluded.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said given the big number of Kuwaitis who wish to join the diplomatic service interviews that were

Supervisory posts

MEW suspends 'written' exams

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 29: The Ministry of Electricity and Water has suspended the written examinations for applicants to supervisory positions, in compliance with the decision of the Council of Ministers and circular of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) in this regard, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources.

Sources explained the ministry took this step in line with the Cabinet's decision to stop appointments to leadership and supervisory positions; as well as the transfer, delegation and secondment procedures. Accordingly, the written examinations scheduled before the resignation of the government have been suspended, sources added.

"Once the new government is formed, the ministry will resume all procedures for filling up vacancies; in addition to adjusting the dates of the written examinations as it is necessary to fill up 100 out of 160 vacant posts before the next summer," sources disclosed.

scheduled to be held on Dec 7, 2021 have been postponed for a month, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The daily quoting the ministry sources stated, the tests have been rescheduled for 10:00 am, Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters and at the Saud Al-Nasser Al-Sabah Diplomatic Institute.

Campaign receives great admiration

EPA launches 'Don't Throw It, Recycle'

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 29, (KUNA): The Environment Public Authority has launched a campaign 'Don't Throw It, Recycle' which is concerned with collecting used coffee capsules instead of throwing them away, declaring its readiness to collect as much as possible to benefit from them in the environmental field and recycle them.

The initiator, researcher and media person in the Public Relations Department of the authority, Rashid Al-Matar, told Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) on Monday that the campaign started at the beginning of October and was limited at the beginning to the employees of the authority, and it received great approval, admiration and cooperation.

Indeed, the used capsules were collected in a dedicated box placed in the lobby of the authority building. Al-Matar added that drinking coffee is a very common habit in Kuwaiti society, as we see coffee machines in homes, work and various places, and they are used all the time, pointing to the authority's cooperation with one of the international coffee companies located in Kuwait and coordinating with factories specialized in recycling, as the existing aluminum will be extracted in capsules, recycle it and use it again.



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Used coffee capsules.

He stated that the factories will also extract coffee from these small capsules and can also be used in the agricultural field, such as planting seedlings and palm trees, indicating that the authority aims through this campaign to increase environmental awareness and encourage community members to recycle in general, which contributes to preserving and enriching the environment.


He pointed out that this step is positive and environmentally friendly and must be applied in all societies in order to achieve a clean and sound environment free of pollutants and reduce the environmental burden.

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