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Kuwaiti women play 'important' role in social dev, says diplomat

'More gains coming year after year'

NEW YORK, Oct 2, (KUNA): First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations said the Kuwaiti women played a significant role in building a modern state and developing the society.

Women have a pivotal role to play in development and offer invaluable contributions to the national efforts to combat coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, Fahad Hejji said in an address to the UN Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Issues (Third Committee).

The Committee meeting was convened on Friday evening as part of the 76th UN General Assembly session.

"We meet at a time when the world is at a crucial juncture of the modern history of humanity. After one and a half years of the health crisis have passed since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic which left more than four million people dead and over 200 million others patients," Hejji noted.

"We need to draw lessons from this crunch time, work together to rebuild our world and resume the march towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," he stressed, noting that collective global efforts are needed to reach "this noble target."

Over the past year and a half, the youth worldwide contributed a lot to the combat against the pandemic. In the State of Kuwait youth have been in the front-line, offering the best example in voluntary action, he pointed out. The State of Kuwait attaches great



Fahad Hejji, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the UN

importance to the roles of youth and women in the development of the community away from any racial, gender, religious or linguistic discrimination, he said, citing Article 29 of Kuwait constitution.

Therefore, Kuwait spared no effort to empower women, ensure their rights, ensure their effective participation in all aspects of daily life, and enable them to assume leading state posts.

"We celebrated last year the 15th anniversary of women attaining their political rights for candidacy and voting.

"More gains are coming year after year in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through the passing of legislations for women empowerment," the senior diplomat affirmed.

On the professional level, he said Kuwaiti women enjoy full access to state jobs on equal footing with men, assuming posts in all government institutions including the diplomatic corps, the judiciary, police, firefighting, oil and health sectors, and other vital posts.

Entitled to various leading posts, including ministerial and parliamentary

ones, Kuwaiti woman took part in the political decision-making over long years, he went on.

Jeji reaffirmed Kuwait's commitment to protection of human rights and cultural diversity, based on the relevant international treaties and resolutions, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the UN Charter.

Concluding, he said it is inevitable for the world at such challenging times to work within a multi-party system with a view to addressing the most pressing issues.

Also:

KUWAIT CITY: Kuwaiti Minister of Higher Education **Dr. Mohammad Al-Fares** instructed forming a fact-finding committee to probe the complaint of Kuwaiti ladies in Egypt about a video that went viral on social media.

The incident took place on September 27 at Kuwait Embassy's Cultural Office in **Alexandria**.

Under the Minister's instructions, the probe committee has to submit a report to the Minister as early as possible pending the adoption of necessary measure, Assistant Overseas Missions and Cultural Relations **Fatema Al-Sanan** said on Thursday evening.

"The Ministry is committed to addressing all affairs relating to its jurisdiction, including the students studying abroad, with transparency and in the frameworks of law," she affirmed, adding, "this is the Ministry's top priority."

Al-Sanan underscored the strength of the relationship between the peoples of Kuwait and **Egypt**, noting that any individual behavior cannot affect these fraternal relations.

'Time to move forward into new era of partnership'

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2: The Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the State of Kuwait, HE Chung, Byung-ha on the occasion of the National Foundation Day and Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Korea said, "I extend my best wishes for the continued peace, progress and prosperity to the State of Kuwait."

"I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate HH the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the first anniversary of his accession to the throne and HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the first anniversary of his appointment as Crown Prince, wishing them everlasting health and success."

"I also convey my best wishes of good health and success to HH the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and my sincere greetings to all the people of Kuwait," the ambassador said.

He went on to say, he appreciates the Kuwait government's effective quarantine measures and expansive vaccination policy that have led to a dramatic decrease in the number of daily Covid-19 confirmed cases in Kuwait -- the beginning of the end of the pandemic, "I am very pleased to see that our two countries have maintained relentless cooperation even during the pandemic," said the ambassador.

The ambassador cited many reasons as to how this was possible. First, "our two countries have continued to build up a comprehensive partnership. Ever since the establishment of our diplomatic ties more than four decades ago, we have developed our relations based on a profound friendship and steadfast mutual trust in diverse fields and various ways. Our partnership has not been confined to economic ties but has deepened across political, cultural and even scientific fields."

The envoy said both countries have been working together for the benefit of each other. It has remained the epitome of the spirit of mutual benefit. He disclosed, Korea is the second largest importer of Kuwait's crude oil. The tenders awarded to Korean companies

are worth a remarkable \$49 billion. Korea is the 10th largest investor in Kuwait and was instrumental in fighting the pandemic by supplying more than 1.4 million test kits to date.

"The history of our cooperation is not just a simple chronicle of economic transactions but a solemn record of sharing values of co-prosperity. Kuwait crude oil is still running through Korea's economic artery like lifeblood to nurture its growth and development. The flow of oil from Kuwait has never stopped even during the oil crisis in the 1970s. In Kuwait, many buildings, houses, roads and plants built with passion and devotion by so many Koreans already became an essential part of everyday life. Korea stood firmly with Kuwait to protect the people's everyday lives here during the Gulf War. However, our relations cannot be described just by the numbers, volumes and sizes of our projects. There is truly something more enduring, special and intimate in them," the ambassador added.



Chung, Byung-ha

Focusing on the future, the ambassador said, Korea has been seeking to expand the areas of cooperation with Kuwait to new sectors such as health care, renewable energy, IT, smart city, smart farm, aviation and education, etc. For example, the ambassador said, the 'Multi Stack Photovoltaic system (MSPV)' which is a new technology introduced by a Korean company, has been applied in Mutla'a new city project to increase the efficiency of collecting solar energy.

Korea Land & Housing Corporation (LH) is now ready to work with its Kuwaiti partner to construct the brand-new innovative city in South Saad Abdullah. Moreover, a close discussion is well underway between concerned parties to provide the high-

est quality health care service in the new Jahra Hospital. Meanwhile, T4, operated by the Incheon International Airport Corporation, has obtained ISO certificate in the customer satisfaction in 2021.

Kuwait has laid out 'New Kuwait Vision 2035' with its pillars such as sustainable diversified economy, living environment and creative human capital. Also, the Republic of Korea has announced the 'Korean New Deal 2.0', which is the national development strategy for surmounting the pandemic and climate change. "Our two visions, pursuing similar objectives, will create a synergy effect if we share our experiences and strategy. I assure you that Korea will continue to be a faithful partner in Kuwait's great journey toward realizing the Vision 2035," the ambassador added.

Saying Kuwait-Korea has vigorously promoted cultural exchange and mutual understanding between the two peoples for shared future, "I appreciate all members of the Korea-Kuwait Cultural Diwaneya who have played an excellent role as our cultural bridge since 2012. The Embassy is now hosting a variety of small-sized cultural events where you will be able to have a glimpse of Taekwondo, Korean traditional clothing, Korean calligraphy. In November, we will invite you to an event of Korean food festival also we will host 'Test of Proficiency in Korean' on October 16 for the first time in Kuwait. More importantly, we have been discussing with universities in Kuwait to find a way to open Korean language classes here," said the ambassador.

The ambassador went on to say, "Last but not least, the members of the Korean community have always worked together with Kuwaiti friends through thick and thin. I am absolutely sure that they will continue to make significant contributions to the co-prosperity of our two nations. Therefore, I wish to reiterate on this occasion that everlasting friendship and solidarity among our peoples will further grow." Now is the time to move forward into a new era of partnership.

Malaysian ambassador meet LuLu Management to strengthen the bilateral trade



Malaysia Ambassador to Kuwait H.E. Dato' Mohammad Ali Selamat paid a visit to the regional head-office of LuLu Hypermarket in Kuwait on 30 September. The ambassador was received on arrival by top management of the hypermarket.

During the visit Ambassador Selamat held talks with the hypermarket's top-level management that centered around further enhancing imports of food in particular palm oil products and non-

food items from Malaysia. In the course of discussions, the Malaysian ambassador underlined the strong bilateral relations between Malaysia and Kuwait and plans to further strengthen these ties, including by focusing more in the areas of food security, where retailers like LuLu Hypermarket have a major role to play.

For their part, the LuLu officials expressed their utmost satisfaction with the products sourced from Malaysia. Pointing out that the hypermarket already imports and stocks more than a 100

different products in various categories from Malaysia, the officials added that they planned to import even more products in the future.

The talks also revealed that the hypermarket is preparing to hold a major Malaysian products promotion in the upcoming months, to

showcase the wide variety of Malaysian foods and non-food items available on the hypermarket's shelves

In this regard it is worth pointing out that LuLu Hypermarket has its own dedicated sourcing center located in Malaysia that manages the sourcing, storing and shipping of products from the country on a regular basis. The hypermarket is also a major retailer in the country with three hypermarkets already catering to the public, and more outlets planned in the coming years.



Kuwait builds village for Yemenis

The Kuwait-based Global Charity Association for Development (Tanmeia) has inaugurated Friday Basmat Al-Amal (Smile of Hope) village for displaced Yemeni families in the Al Hudaydah Governorate.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Undersecretary of the Al-Hudaydah Governorate Waleed Al-Qademi expressed gratitude to Kuwaiti leadership and people for their generous financing of the development and humanitarian projects in Yemen.

For his part, Tanmeia's Director General and Deputy Board Chairman Naser Al-Ajmi voiced delight for the completion and opening of the village and thanked donors and philanthropists who donated for the humanitarian project. (KUNA)



The inauguration of Basmat Al-Amal (Smile of Hope) village for displaced Yemeni families in the Al Hudaydah Governorate.

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