

# Municipality draft budget specifies need for 727 job slots for 2022/'23

KOC inks 12 deals worth KD 45m with local, foreign firms



Jordanian Minister of Youth honors the Kuwaiti delegation.

## 14 Arab countries participate in event

## Kuwait's Youth Public Authority relays pandemic experience in Amman meet

AMMAN, Oct 10, (KUNA): Kuwait's Youth Public Authority relayed on Sunday Kuwaiti youngsters experience in facing the coronavirus pandemic during the 17th Arab Capitals' Youth Meeting in Amman.

The meeting was organized by the Jordanian Ministry of Youth with the Arab League under the title "Arab Youth Forum - Health and Community Environment". It saw the participation of 14 Arab countries.

The authority's spokesperson Asrar Al-Ansari told KUNA that in the closing ceremony the delegations focused on the role of the authority as well as the Kuwaiti youth volunteers in facing the pandemic.

Al-Ansari also added that they reviewed the experience of the youth in the health quarries, hospitals, grocery stores and the airport



Member of the delegation Asrar Al-Ansari and Abdul Rahman Al-Jasser on the sidelines of the meeting.

as well as training them to sterilize mosques with the Kuwaiti municipi-

ality.

The delegation displayed the authority's work on many projects and various campaigns to spread awareness regarding coronavirus (COVID-19).

The 17th Youth Meeting of Arab Capitals lasted a week, during which the participants presented working papers that reviewed the efforts of their countries in the field of environment and community health, and formed teams to formulate a number of recommendations and submit them to the Arab League.

Among those recommendations are strengthening electronic "digitization" and "automation" projects in the Arab world health sectors and forming an electronic map of natural resources, as well as emphasizing the importance of linking the environmental and health aspects.

## KUWAIT CITY, Oct 10: The draft budget of Kuwait Municipality for fiscal 2022/2023 specifies its need for 727 job slots in various sectors, reports Al-Jarida daily.

The daily obtained a copy of the draft budget, stating that the Municipality needs 110 job slots with different engineering specializations in the next fiscal year.

The Municipality submitted its requirements based on the directive of the Ministry of Finance regarding the draft budget for each entity, including the request for job slots for citizens as follows: 69 for civil engineering, 16 for architecture, 12 for mechanical engineering, 11 for electrical engineering, one for air conditioning engineering, and one for communications engineering.

In addition, the Municipality is in dire need of technicians, assistant engineers, administrative and legal staff to cover the manpower shortage in various departments and increase the percentage of Kuwaiti employees in line with the policy on replacing expatriates with nationals.

The projected increase for the salary, wages and compensation item is about KD7 million; including end-of-service pay and health insurance. Studies on the draft budget are detailed and accurate, which will be reviewed and approved by the Municipal Council prior to its submission to the Ministry of Finance.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) signed 12 contracts with local and foreign companies worth KD45 million in September to implement various projects this year, some of which will be extended to the following years, reports Al-Anba daily based on the official data it obtained from the company.

The data showed that the biggest contract - worth KD30.8 million - is for providing nursing services at the KOC Hospital in Ahmadi. KOC signed this contract with a local company, while another contract worth KD3.3 million is for electrical maintenance works at the hospital.



HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince receives Speaker Al-Ghanim.

## Audiences of HH the Deputy Amir

His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, received at Bayan Palace Sunday morning, Speaker of the National Assembly Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim.

His Highness the Deputy Amir and the Crown Prince also received at Bayan Palace His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

Meanwhile, His Highness received at Bayan Palace the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Hamad Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah and the Minister of Interior Sheikh Thamer Ali Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah.

His Highness also received Abdullah Yousef Al-Roumi, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Integrity Promotion. (KUNA)

## World Sight Day being marked

## KRCS distributes optical eyewear to families in need - Al-Hassawi

By Arwa Al-Wugayan

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 10, (KUNA): Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) announced on Sunday the distribution of optical eyewear to families in need. This initiative came on the World Sight Day (WSD) celebrated annually on October 10.

KRCS, in cooperation with optics companies, distributed the medical optics to 100 individuals, Deputy Chairman Anwar Al-Hassawi said in remarks to KUNA.

"We should spread awareness in the soci-

ety on the well-being of our eyes by educating people about sight diseases and means to avoid and cure them," he said.

Al-Hassawi offered his thanks to the optical companies that offered their assistance to KRCS in this charitable activity.

KRCS is offering many medical services like distributing medicine, dental treatments, children's hearing aid, and other amenities, he affirmed.

The World Health Organization (WHO) first celebrated WSD on October 10, 1998.

'No capability to allot KD 100 or KD 200 mln'

## Decision to halt SMEs financing stays due to pressure on budget

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 10, (Agencies): The decision to suspend the financing of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) remains in effect due to the extreme pressure on the public budget brought about by the lack of liquidity and lower State revenues, reports Al-Anba daily quoting a source privy to the affairs of the National Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises Development.

In an exclusive statement to the daily, the source revealed that the government has no capability to allot KD100 or KD200 million to support the owners of SMEs consider-

ing the current economic condition. The fund's management believes the best move at present is to extend the postponement of the collection of payments for the debts of entrepreneurs, in addition to postponing the issuance of seizure summons to those who defaulted on payment, the source said.

The source reiterated that postponing the collection of installments from entrepreneurs until the repercussions of the current crisis are cleared from Kuwait and the world is the most appropriate solution at the moment.

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