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Kuwait pavilion extraordinary display of heritage and vision

Humanitarian role also makes significant presence

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DUBAI, Oct 10, (KUNA): Kuwait's pavilion in Expo 2020 Dubai is an extraordinary representation of the Kuwaiti culture as it is abound with informative displays and enthralling exhibits.

Kuwait chose its pavilion to take place in the sustainability sector and dubbed it (New Kuwait ... a new opportunities for sustainability) to reflect its commitment to sustained development and investment to ensuring a safe and prosperous future for its people through its Kuwait 2035 vision.

The pavilion's name is reflected in its outer appearance as the architectural design is inspired by Kuwait's vision for sustainability. It also focuses on the native environment by displaying sand dunes and camels.

Spectators are greeted by the sight of the water towers, a Kuwaiti symbol of sustainability and water security. The towers are strategically located in the center of the pavilion and stretching upwards across all levels, to further illustrate Kuwait's deeply-rooted respect for its environment, climate and resources.

It also includes a large pearly scroll that reflects sunlight in a representation of Kuwait's investment in solar power.

Kuwait's pavilion employs the use of groundbreaking technology to exhibit information, as it provides spectators with the opportunity to be completely engrossed in the Kuwaiti experience. The pavilion offers experiences that span across all sensory levels in which audiences can revel in local melodies



State of Kuwait pavilion with a unique design.



Large screens displaying information about Kuwait.

and scenes, and delight in the wonderful taste of Kuwaiti dishes.

The pavilion sought to appeal to all sorts of age groups as interactive displays charm the young and the old, being fun and informative. Visitors' hands could be seen waving in front of the interactive displays, smiles broadening across their faces.

Visitors could also be delighted with information about the rich Kuwaiti heritage as the Kuwaiti youth present in the pavilion provide explanations of the traditions and historic pieces.

The pavilion also introduces visitors to natural life in Kuwait as mummified desert animals could be seen across the exhibit. It also sheds light on Kuwaiti

seafaring culture with the presence of Dhow ship and displays of ship building business as well as fishing and diving for pearls.

Kuwait's humanitarian role also makes a significant presence in the pavilion as a large screen carries the picture of late Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, dubbed the humanitarian leader and making Kuwait the humanitarian center.

Concluding the journey are the pictures of His Highness Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and the Crown Prince His Highness Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Spectators are allocated seats in front of screens where they can view scenes of the humanitarian aid Kuwait provides whether internally or externally, highlighting the role of Kuwait's Red Crescent Society as well as other local institutions and Kuwaiti people who never shy away from extending a helping hand.

Pavilion also highlights Kuwait's role in empowering women and enabling them to participate in various aspects including political, economic, social and athletic.

Visitors looking for information about oil in Kuwait will find that the pavilion provides an interesting and educational opportunity. It also includes a riveting display of the democratic parliamentary life in Kuwait.

The United Arab Emirates made an astonishing commendable effort and successfully hosted this large scale international event employing all resources to enable participants and alleviate all setbacks they could be faced with.

The opening ceremony was on the first of October and under the motto (Connecting Minds, Creating the future) with an unprecedented participation of 192 countries.



One of the state-of-the-art equipments at the Diagnostic Imaging Center (DIC) at Dasman Diabetes Institute.

DIC at Dasman Diabetes Institute launches new services in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 10: Dr. Abdulmohsen Bennakhi, Consultant and Head of the Diagnostic Imaging Center (DIC) at Dasman Diabetes Institute, which was established by Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, has recently stated that; "DIC is unique in its kind, as it is equipped with the latest advanced equipment in the world and the highest quality standards are set to ensure the best level of care. Dasman Diabetes Institute and DIC obtained the highest level of Accreditation Canada International, the diamond level".

DIC offers quality radiology investigations to all people of Kuwait. It is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, delivering quality output. DIC maintains the highest quality of patient care and performs radiology tests in accordance with accreditation standards to ensure quality and safety.

DIC also actively participates in research by providing dedicated radiological investigations to support various research studies. These research collaborations have been instituted at national and international levels. Our highly experienced team assures excellent quality of procedures and reports through highly experienced and competent staff.

Dr. Bennakhi added that, DIC in addition to the above, receives many cases daily from various medical specialties and is not limited to people with diabetes. In addition, DIC accepts most insurance types, including Afiah.

He added that, DIC also provides:

1. Highly advanced MRI 3T and 1.5T (wide-bore), MRI magnetic examinations with high speed and reso-



Dr. Abdulmohsen Bennakhi

lution imaging applications.

2. The center also has the latest high-definition tomography (CT) devices with innovative low-radiation technology performance for full-body imaging and accurate imaging of blood vessels in the body, including evaluation of the coronary arteries.

3. In addition, the DIC offers ultrasound examinations.

4. And many other services and tests, including Bone Mineral Densitometry (BMD) and body composition.

5. Digital X-ray & Orthopantomogram (OPG)

6. In addition to an integrated Diagnostic Vascular Laboratory.

Dasman Diabetes Institute is a non-profit organization that aims at scientific research, therefore, the services provided in DIC are at competitive prices and accessible to everyone.

In conclusion, Dr. Bennakhi said that DIC has launched a new service to communicate with the public through WhatsApp on the number 65055011, for various patients from different medical specialties to inquire about the services provided and prices, and to book appointments and everything related.

The Sultan Center completes Debt Restructure Program, embarks on new growth period

Kuwait-headquartered supermarket chain The Sultan Center (TSC) today crossed a major milestone in the company's turn-around plan. The Sultan Center today announced it has entered into a binding agreement with the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) and Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) to restructure KD 76.6 million of Sultan's debt, achieving a restructure of 92% of the company's total liabilities.

As a result of its KD 76.6m restructuring agreement, repaid over ten years, The Sultan Center will significantly rebalance its capital structure, strengthen its balance sheet,

and position it to continue growing its core business.

The Sultan Center Chief Financial Officer Haitham Shalaby said: "The agreement places The Sultan Center on a path to improve its capital structure and execute its long-term business strategy. We thank our financial partners for their support. Today's agreement is a validation both for our business model and our robust capital position. This restructuring, coupled with an increase in profitability and a decrease in our current liabilities, provides a sound foundation for growth in the months and years ahead. We now have the operational efficiency and flexibility to



Haitham Shalaby

fully pursue our ambitions of delivering the most sought-after grocery retail market experience in the region."

The three-phased "Kuwait Retail First" turn-around plan was tasked with refocusing the company on its core retail business, boosting its balance sheet, and improving cash

Financial restructuring establishes a strong capital structure to continue The Sultan Center's successful turn-around plan

flow. At the center of the plan is a commitment to having a consistently strong core retail business. After delivering this turn-around plan, The Sultan Center is set on a new store expansion drive regionally, involving multiple projects that are currently underway that convey flagship concepts providing a unique experience that is tailored to the discerning customer.

Sultan's Turn-around Plan

Launched in 2017, Sultan's turn-around plan aimed to refocus the company on its core retail business by exiting non-core assets and non-performing activities on the one-hand, and on the other

hand focusing on enhancing its core retail business. The plan had three main objectives:

1. Exiting non-core activities (successfully completed in 2019), 2. Bolstering the balance sheet and restructuring debt (successfully completed with today's announcement), and 3. Grow retail business (currently in progress and on schedule). Other goals include establishing a world-class and robust corporate governance structure, introducing a leaner business model, stronger supplier relationships, and an omni-channel approach to its business. All of which are striding ahead of scheduled targets.

The binding agreement concludes the restructure of 92% of the company's liabilities, and demonstrates a strong commitment to the business by primary lenders

Burgan Bank Yawmi account draw flyer

Burgan Bank announces daily Yawmi account draw winners

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 10: Burgan Bank announced today the names of the daily draw winners of its Yawmi account draw, each taking home a cash-prize of KD 5,000.

The lucky winners are:

- NABIL ISMAIL MURAIASH
- MOHAMMAD ALI QABAZARD
- MUSTAFA ABDULHAMEED MOHAMMAD
- HASHIM ALRIFAAI AND FAYHAA ALIYAN
- SALWA ALI ALSHATTI

In addition to the daily draw, Burgan Bank also offers a Quarterly Draw with more chances to win higher rewards, offering the chance to one lucky customer to win KD 125,000 every three months. The Yawmi Account offers Daily and Quarterly Draws, wherein the Quarterly Draw requires customers to maintain a minimum amount of KD 500 in their account for two months prior to the draw date. Additionally, every KD 10 in the account will entitle customers to one chance of winning. If the account balance is KD 500 and above, the account holder will be qualified for both the quarterly and daily draws.

Burgan Bank encourages everyone to open a Yawmi account and/or increase their deposit to maximize their chances of becoming a winner. The higher the level of the deposit, the higher the likelihood to win.

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