

Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Cultural Center takes part in Dubai's Expo 2020

Kuwait pavilion in Expo 2020 highlights democratic experience

DUBAI, Oct 18, (KUNA): The Kuwaiti pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai highlights the country's democratic experience, which garnered interest and positive feedback from visitors. The pavilion displayed Kuwait's transparent and clear democratic process that helped bolster the GCC country's status amongst its peers. Meanwhile, Sheikh Abdullah Al-

Salem Cultural Center is taking part in Kuwait's booth at Dubai's Expo 2020, as one of the biggest cultural projects in the world. The center's participation in the Expo's Space Week aims to encourage passion for science among visitors of all ages, head of the center's space museum Khaled Al-Jamaan told KUNA on Monday.

The center aims to present Kuwait's efforts to encourage arts and culture of all origins, as well as allowing visitors to learn of the different modern scientific museums in the center, he noted. In the meantime, Al-Jamaan noted that the center is providing specialized training courses to inventors to build new technologies that can help

people in different aspects of life. He added that it will showcase a wireless probe prototype, which determines weather forecast and air navigation. The center is one of the country's top developmental and cultural projects, consisting of several museums including natural history, science and technology, Arabic and Islamic science, space, fine arts and a theater.



KUNA photo Education minister during the opening of one of the 5 schools.

'MoE able to overcome challenges through efforts of devoted cadres'

Minister inaugurates five schools in Al-Wafra area

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 18, (KUNA): Minister of Education Dr Ali Al-Mudhaf affirmed that the ministry faced great challenges last year and was able, thanks to the efforts of its dedicated cadres, including officials and educational and administrative bodies in all educational areas, to confront and overcome them.

Al-Mudhaf said in his speech, Sunday, on the occasion of the opening of five schools in the residential area of Al-Wafra, that these challenges began with hold-

ing paper tests to assess students, which were successfully completed, and then the safe return to schools after a break of more than a year and a half, which ended with achieving the desired goal. He expressed his thanks to all the participants in the preparation of the Wafra schools affiliated to the Ahmadi Educational District, which will contribute to serving the people of the Wafra area and the nearby areas.

Explained

He explained that the ministry will face in the coming period the challenge of monitoring the education index, pointing out that the technical guidance in the ministry is currently working on developing the necessary plans that will advance the education

index at the local, Gulf and international levels.

For his part, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Dr Ali Al-Yaqoub, said in a similar speech that the support of the Minister Al-Mudhaf contributed to accelerating the pace of preparing these schools and providing all their requirements and needs, praising the great role and the strenuous and distinguished efforts made by the assistant undersecretaries and all the officials and workers in the Ahmadi Educational District in order to achieve this achievement.

He stressed the ministry's keenness with all its employees to harness all the necessary efforts and capabilities to meet the requirements of the next stage and provide a safe environment for learners and members of the edu-

ditional and administrative bodies, in addition to school workers.

For his part, Director-General of Al-Ahmadi Educational District, Mansour Al-Daihani, said that the Ministry of Education seeks to continue the wheel of education and achieve achievements, indicating that the number of schools in the area has reached 195 schools for all educational levels, after the opening of the five schools in the residential area of Al-Wafra.

It is noteworthy that the five schools that opened today are Nasra Al Naqi Primary School for Girls, Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi Primary School for Boys, Abdulaziz Al-Zamil Joint School for Boys, Mudi Al-Issa Joint School for Girls for the intermediate and secondary levels, and AlTomoo Kindergarten.

EPA distributes million bags to co-ops

Number of employees protest against weekend work, timing

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 18: For the second time in a week, a number of employees of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Community Development organized a two-hour demonstration in protest against the timing of work and for forcing them to work on weekends and not paying them shift allowance, reports Al-Qabas daily.

The demonstration at the Family Welfare Department in the Ahmadi Governorate were seen holding placards were requesting working hours to be reduced to one hour 15 minutes to avoid road congestion and lack of drivers to drive them home from work.

They were also demanding to cancel Friday and Saturday work, since the instructions were issued orally.

It is reported a number of departments are expected to participate in the strike on a daily basis for two hours inside their offices as of today.

The Environment Public Authority (EPA) has launched a campaign of one million biodegradable environmentally friendly bags to be distributed to cooperative societies, in order to reduce the use of plastic bags, reports Al-Rai daily.

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TOPIK in progress.

First time in Kuwait

Embassy of Republic of Korea holds TOPIK Test

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 18: For the first time the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Kuwait organized the Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) Saturday, Oct 16, for non-native speakers to evaluate their command of Korean language, says a press release issued by the embassy.

The accredited Korean language test administered by the Korean Ministry of Education is designated for those who are interested in learning the Korean language and culture. The test allows applicants to use their test results in filing college admission and job application in Korea.

TOPIK provides two different test levels - TOPIK I and TOPIK II. TOPIK I consists of listening and reading sections with multiple choice questions, and writing section is added to only TOPIK II.

Recently, amid the growing popularity and interest in Korean culture due to Korean drama, movies, pop music and food across the world, the Korean language is gaining increasing attention from the Kuwaiti youth who desire to understand the Korean culture in depth.

To meet the increasing demand to learn the Korean language, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea has been discussing with universities in Kuwait the possibility of opening Korean language classes. The embassy plans to arrange TOPIK test twice a year, in April and October.

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