



KUWAIT: Some of the participants read Kuwait Times Newspaper in one of the booths.

MARINA MALL HOSTS FIRST EVER 'TRAVEL AND TOURISM EXPO'

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KUWAIT: The Marina Mall is hosting the first 'Travel and Tourism Expo' scheduled May 18 -21, 2016. Visitors will find the best travel deals, promotion and discounts on tickets, travel insurance and other services. This expo is organized by Outer Limit media solutions in partnership with Atlas Global. About 30 booths - representing 22 companies are displaying their products and services. The event which was launched on Wednesday will continue until Saturday (from 10:00am - 10:00pm). The booths were spread along the mall including the main dome and other spaces around the mall.

Exhibitors offer special deals for the period of the expo including air fares by Atlas Global. "During the four-day Expo, passengers can book a ticket to any of the Europe destinations that Atlas Global flies to for only KD 99. This offer is only valid during this event. We offer many special services onboard such as the flying chef, who can prepare any dish on board. We also offer 40kg baggage allowance, and our prices are competitive," Ahmad Al-Safadi, Deputy Regional Director, Atlas Global said. The sales representative of Booking Express

Michael, noted that this expo was a great opportunity to introduce their agency to the public. "We offer different promotions. We provide tickets, hotels booking, cruises, collective tours among others. We also provide paying with K-net and online booking system. We only add KD 1 to the ticket if the passenger bought his ticket at our office, while other offices charge between KD 5 to KD 10," he told the Kuwait Times.

Amani Saleh from Mix Media spoke about their Aero promotion. "Buying the special package for only KD 1, which is less than its value in the market, the customer will get a coupon to enter a raffle draw for two tickets to London with accommodation for five nights. There will be three lucky winners after a raffle draw that will be hold on Sunday - each will get two tickets," she pointed out.

Al-Muzaini Exchange sales representative Mohammed Mustafa spoke about the special services provided by the company. "With 70 branches around Kuwait, A-Muzaini offers many special services such as a special rate for money transfer to the Philippines. It also charges only KD 1.500 for money transfer to Egypt. We also offer special rates for money transfers to China, Canada, and Australia within minutes," he stated.



KUWAIT: Officials inaugurate the first 'Travel and Tourism Expo' at the Marina Mall. — Photos by Joseph Shagra

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KD 100 per month to be paid as housing aid

KUWAIT: Applicants qualified for housing aid will be paid KD 100 per month of the next 18 months, Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yagoub Al-Sanea announced yesterday. He made this remark during a press conference held on the occasion of announcing the first money dispatch, as part of a funding housing plan. This financial aid will help Kuwaiti families of limited income, families who are unable to pay their rent and newlyweds who are financially exhausted to make their payments on time. The housing aid plan was established in accordance to decree 441/2015. 362 applications were received; only 117 one were qualified for approval. "The funds will be disbursed in the accounts retroactively to January of 2016," Al-Sanea said. He added that KD 275,000 was allocated to fund the project this year alone; approved applicants will be paid KD 100 per month for the next 18 months. He stressed that the Kuwaiti leadership is very much keen on providing a good life to all citizens by focusing on finding solution for the ongoing housing issue.



Officials take group photo during the concluding ceremony of a seminar.

PAY communicates with the youth to draw up strategy

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Youth (PAY) is keen on communicating with young people to get acquainted with their views to draw up PAY's strategy, Director General Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi said. Al-Mutairi made the statement at the concluding ceremony of a seminar with members of the Kuwait Boy Scouts Association (KBSA) and Kuwait Girl Guides Association (KGGGA). The event aims to get acquainted with the views and expectations of the scout movement on PAY's methods and executive plans, as part of the efforts to set the strategy, Al-Mutairi added. It is part of similar events with the youth in the different Kuwaiti governorates, he said. According to Al-Mutairi, PAY is set to sign a protocol with representatives of the Kuwaiti scout movement to enhance bilateral cooperation through joint activities and forums. He said that the Ministry of Education will be engaged in this cooperation.

Tons of Kuwaiti relief aid given to Syrian refugees

KUWAIT: The International Islamic Charitable Organization (IICO) announced yesterday it has sent 47 tons of relief aid aboard a Kuwaiti military aircraft to Syrian refugees in Jordan. The aid consists of such staples as rice, sugar, flour, pasta, and dates in addition to blankets and clothes, said IICO public relations director Salah Al-Jassem, in a press statement. He added that IICO has also arranged it with Kuwait Airways to send another shipment of relief aid to Syrian refugees in Jordan at a later date, possibly by the advent of the holy month of Ramadan, early in June. All aid is to be distributed in Jordan under the supervision of the Kuwait embassy there and the office of IICO, he said.