

Countdown to 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' begins

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KUWAIT: Officials attend the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon press conference.



Gulf Bank representatives pose with representative of Pro-Vision Sport Management.

KUWAIT: With just days to go until the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon,' Gulf Bank along with Pro-Vision Sport Management held a press conference to announce the launch of Kuwait's most exciting sporting event. The 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' will take place at 7:00 am on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Souq Sharq.

Participants of all ages and fitness levels can participate, by either walking or running one of the four distance categories: the Family Fun Walk/Run (5KM); Souq Run for regular runners (10KM); Half Marathon for more advanced runners (21KM); and Kuwait's only Full Marathon (42KM). The Marathon starts and ends at Souq Sharq and the route takes participants past some of Kuwait's most recognisable landmarks including Souk Al Mubarakiya, the Gulf Bank head office, the Grand Mosque, Al Seif Palace, the National Assembly, the Jaber Al Ahmad Cultural Center, and Kuwait Towers.

Each year the Marathon partners with a leading group to raise awareness of an important issue. For the second consecutive year, the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' is partnering with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, to support its #Voices4Refugees campaign. This awareness campaign aims to make stories of refugees heard around the world and encourages people to add their voices to the campaign.



In Support of UNHCR's #Voices4Refugees

proud of the Pro-Vision Sport Management team who we partner with to hold this event. When the team came to us with their idea, we saw two young Kuwaiti entrepreneurs with a vision and the determination to succeed. As Gulf Bank is heavily invested in supporting Kuwait youth and entrepreneurs, we joined together to create an event that puts Kuwait on the international sporting map."

Ahmad Al-Huzami, CEO of Pro-Vision Sport Management, said: "We thank Gulf Bank for their belief in us and Pro-Vision Sport Management. When my partner Ahmed Al Majed and I first started organizing sporting events, we had hoped to create something special, today the positive response to the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' exceeds our expectations. It is the only road race in Kuwait to have three of its longer distance categories accredited by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS), meaning they serve as qualifying events for major international marathons. Last year competition was strong and we saw over 100 nationalities take part from around the world including Kuwait, US, Europe, and the wider GCC. This year, we anticipate even more people taking part and enjoying the event as part of an active and healthy lifestyle. We would like to thank the Ministry of Interior, the Municipality, the Jaber Al Ahmed Cultural Center, the Public Authority for Sports, the Ministry of Information, Souq Sharq, and all our sponsors for their support of the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon'."

Raising awareness

With regard to the importance of the private sector in raising awareness about humanitarian issues, Lulwa Al-Terkait, External Relations Associate at UNHCR - UN Refugee Agency: "I would like, in the name of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Gulf Bank for choosing for the second year in a row to address and highlight the issues of refugees and displaced persons around the world in one of Kuwait's most prominent sports and social events, the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon', for its success locally, regionally and internationally. We are proud that Gulf Bank has chosen to work again with UNHCR, as this step reflects successful cooperation with the private sector in Kuwait, where Gulf Bank is one of its pillars."

Dr Hamdan added: "UNHCR launched the

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#Voices4Refugees campaign in 2015, an electronic initiative inviting you to register your names in a global petition claiming the right of every refugee to live in safety and dignity regardless of religion, nationality or race and to equal treatment in terms of protection, assistance and resettlement opportunities. The campaign also seeks to gather your signatures and express your moral solidarity with these refugees through the campaign's marathon website <https://voices.unhcr.org/en/gulfbank> as this solidarity shows them that the world is aware of their suffering and supports them in facing these challenges."

Hamed Al-Hazeem, Director of Sports for All at the Public Authority for Sports said: "As an authority, we aim at providing the needed support to initiatives that highlight the importance the several types of sports, therefore, we thank Gulf Bank for this renowned event which provides a sophisticated model of sports focused events. We wish participants all the best"

Real value

As a platinum sponsor for the event, Waleed Al-Khashti, Corporate Communications and Relations Director - Zain Kuwait added: "Zain has always been committed to taking part in activities that add real value to the community, and we know that Gulf Bank 642 Marathon is one of those, as it's considered one of the biggest annual health driven events in Kuwait, and offers a wonderful opportunity to increase awareness of health and fitness issues"

Speaking on behalf of platinum sponsor Chevrolet Alghanim, Abdallah Mouazen, General Manager for Chevrolet Alghanim, said: "We are proud to participate in the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' for the second time. At



Salma Al-Hajjaj, General Manager of Human Resources at Gulf Bank.

Chevrolet Alghanim, we continuously support and sponsor activities throughout the year that entail community engagement. This is a great event that reaches not only to the youth, but to all segments of Kuwait's society, and we are happy to be a part of it."

To find out more about the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon and to book your place, visit www.gulfbank642marathon.com or @GulfBank642 on Instagram. Add your voice to the #Voices4Refugees campaign at voices.unhcr.org. The number 642 stands for the number of muscles in the body.

Zain holds internal blood drive campaign

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading telecommunications company in Kuwait, recently held the second internal Blood Drive campaign of the year for its employees. The campaign, held at the company's main headquarters in Shuwaikh, came in partnership with the Central Blood Bank of Kuwait and Al Salam International Hospital.

This event came as a continuation of Zain's first internal Blood Drive campaign of the year held back in April, which aims at raising awareness about the importance of donating blood and saving people's lives. The campaign falls under the umbrella of the company's Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility strategy towards the health sector.

The campaign received positively overwhelming participation from Zain employees who were eager to donate blood all-day long with the presence of the medical teams of Central Blood Bank and Al Salam International Hospital. The medical staff offered a number of free check-ups for Zain employees and answered their questions and inquiries regarding blood donation and general health.

Zain is proud of the positive feedback the blood drive campaign witnessed from its employees, which further reinforces the



company's keenness in having a productive role in social and health activities, especially those that contribute with saving people's lives. Zain strives to contribute to its community through its numerous Corporate Sustainability initiatives and is pleased with the success this particular activity has achieved.

The company is keen to organize health awareness campaigns for employees in col-

laboration with the leading medical entities in Kuwait to encourage them to pursue healthier lifestyles. The company's solid Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility strategy primarily focuses on the wellbeing of the entire nation. For this reason, the company has maintained its support of numerous initiatives that spread awareness and help make a difference to people's everyday lives.

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