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His Highness told the delegation that he was personally proud of them, urging them not to pay attention to what has been written and said about their mission, saying that those

critical remarks are driven by "jealousy." Parliament Speaker Ghanem replied by saying "on behalf of myself and members of the delegation, we extend our thanks and gratitude for Your Highness' support during our mission."

"I have explained to Your Highness details and background of the mission and when some doubted our work, we resorted to Your Highness' wise directives upon which we have always relied," Ghanem added. He went on to say "Your Highness' precious message has given us tremendous

support especially when it comes from a wise person as Your Highness at the right time to prove a stance of a country and a nation and this is the most precious accolade one can be honored for, not for me personally but for the entire parliament." He pointed out "there is no nation that has got a wise leader like Your Highness appreciates what you have done... we extend our thanks, appreciation and respect to Your Highness." His Highness replied by extending his pride and thanks for such men "like yourselves" who have stood

firmly in front of the entire world. Ghanem and his delegation later met with His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah as well. Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Amir received His Highness the Crown Prince, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, while His Highness the Crown Prince also received His Highness Prime Minister. — KUNA

Gulf Bank congratulates ArabNet on successful conference

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank concluded its Gold Sponsorship of the 2017 edition of the ArabNet Kuwait conference. The Bank congratulates the organizers on a successful second edition of the event, which took place at the Arraya Ballroom - Courtyard Marriott over 17 and 18 October 2017.

The conference was held under the patronage of Khaled Al-Roudhan, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of State for Youth Affairs. During the event, Roudhan visited the stand out Gulf Bank booth themed 'Investing in Entrepreneurs and Innovation' and was briefed on the Bank's latest product, WISE Investments.

The conference was attended by a wide cross section of government entities, private sector companies, digital commerce businesses, social media companies, several of Kuwait's start-ups and entrepreneurial ventures, as well as youth in Kuwait. During the event, a number of panel discussions took place on ad-tech, investment and innovation, digital commerce, as well as a Startup battle and Ideathon competition, and tech exhibition fair.

Throughout the conference, Gulf Bank staff at the booth answered questions about how to finance startup companies and further business ideas. Bank staff also gave demonstrations of the WISE investment platform, a cost efficient, simple, transparent way to invest in



KUWAIT: Gulf Bank's team, CEO of ArabNet Omar Christidis, and Minister Khaled Al-Roudhan pose for a photo at Gulf Bank's booth.

global markets.

Commenting on ArabNet Kuwait, Laila Al-Qatami, Assistant General Manager at Gulf Bank said: "As social media penetration in Kuwait is amongst the highest in the world, and digital commerce here is booming, the ArabNet conference offered a unique opportunity to address those topics and discuss their impacts. Moreover, Gulf Bank's sponsorship of this year's ArabNet conference was great way for us to support young, bright entrepreneurs."

During the conference, Qatami noted: "The venue was filled with energy and our staff spoke with countless people looking for answers and advice on funding for their ventures and growing their businesses. There was also great interest in WISE Investments, our recently launched digital investment platform which is simplifying investing in global markets and offers customized scenarios based on each customer's risk attitude and goals. We thank the organizers for this edition of the ArabNet Kuwait conference and we look forward to next year's edition."

Meshari Shehab, Assistant General Manager for Priority and Wealth Management at Gulf Bank, was one of the judges for the Startup competition on Tuesday, 17 October. The Bank extends its congratulations to the winner of the Startup competition, Orddr which is a business to business platform for the food industry in Kuwait. The Bank wishes them success at the regional MENA competition.

Additionally, Tareq Al-Saleh, Assistant General Manager for Investments, represented the Bank as a speaker on the new trends and innovation panel on Wednesday, 18 October. During his discussion, he elaborated how Gulf Bank delivered Kuwait's first cutting-edge digital investment platform - WISE Investments and how it works.

The conference featured over 30+ leading global and regional companies, allowing guests to share insights on the latest trends, applications, and technologies and offered entrepreneurs opportunities to connect with the digital world.

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research company focused on digital business and entrepreneurship in MENA. ArabNet organizes major annual conferences in Beirut, Riyadh, Dubai, and Kuwait; publishes news

and analysis of the digital sector on its online news portal and print 'ArabNet Quarterly' magazine; and creates original research reports about the region's digital industry.

Sheraton Hotel Kuwait holds EU education exposition

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: A two-day EU educational expo 'QSEduEx' commenced yesterday at Sheraton Hotel Kuwait. Adel Al-Masaad, Assistant Undersecretary of Administrative and Financial Affairs at the Ministry of Higher Education, inaugurated the QSEduEx Autumn - International Higher Education Exhibition, in the presence of ambassadors, university and school heads. German Ambassador to Kuwait Karl Bergner lauded the organizers, saying that he was happy to be part of the expo with other EU member countries including.

"As you can see, here we are united in our efforts to win more students from this part of the world," Bergner said. "We want to increase awareness on EU education and no tuition fees at EU universities. State universities are free, English is also the medium of instructions in German universities. We have a strong focus on applied sciences. If you study in Europe you have access to a vast network of universities and companies. It is an added advantage if you study in Europe, you just have to apply for the



KUWAIT: Students attend the EU educational expo 'QSEduEx.' — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

scholarship."

The QSEduEx expo which ends today saw the participation of 12 countries from around the world including the US, UK, Australia, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. European universities offer various academic disciplines from political sciences, engineering to arts and business. EU universities are keen on accepting students from Kuwait and foreign students including masters and PhD levels, with English-taught programs.

Massad said, "QSEduEx is a very important event for Kuwait. It has the ability to uplift and improve the human resource

skills of the country which will directly improve the economy. The exhibition has done a brilliant job in being able to promote local and international higher education institutions. I urge the youth and their parents to visit the expo and use this opportunity, which has been created for them to their maximum benefit."

Sadiq Ahmed Khan, a managing director from the organizing company said, "QSEduEx provides the perfect opportunity for school students (grade 10-12) to meet and discuss their future path with various prestigious local and international colleges and universities. This is a great opportunity for parents to come with prospective students to secure their future."

