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Kuwaiti loan to Palestinian health sector

GAZA: The Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR) announced that it has delivered a new set of medical equipment to the European Gaza Hospital by the support of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development's (KFAED) loan of \$2.8 million. The council's head of board Mohammad Abu Awad said in a press statement that this loan by KFAED is to support the Palestinian Health sector. Abu Awad expressed his gratitude to Kuwait for this aid and to the support of KFAED and the Islamic Bank for their efforts to facilitate the purchase of the medical equipment needed to enable the Palestinian health sector to face the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). —KUNA

Japan hails Kuwait's efforts to end dispute

TOKYO: Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi on Friday hailed Kuwait's efforts to solve the Qatari diplomatic issue, expressing hope for improved relations among the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states. "We are aware that there are positive movements such as a statement issued by the Kuwaiti government that a final agreement has been reached to solve the Qatari issue. The Japanese government highly appreciates the efforts of Kuwait and other related countries, and hopes that these efforts will lead to the solution of the issue," Motegi told a press conference. Motegi said there are reports that the Qatar diplomatic issue will be taken up at the coming GCC summit. — KUNA

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: People spend time outdoors in front of the Holy Family cathedral in Kuwait City on December 25, 2020, as the church was closed by the authorities in a bid to avoid the spread of the novel coronavirus. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Zain sponsors virtual talk hosted by GUST and ASCC

Featuring former NASA Engineer Aisha Bowe

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, announced its sponsorship of a virtual lecture hosted by Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) in partnership with Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre (ASCC). The event, held on Instagram Live, featured Aisha Bowe, a former engineer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields.

The first Spheres of Knowledge episode, moderated by Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre, and joined by former NASA engineer Aisha Bowe, centered on the topic of "NASA, Entrepreneurship and the Importance of STEM Education". During this discussion, Bowe shared with the viewers her personal experiences at NASA, addressed the challenges that come with diversifying Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, and discussed how she started her own STEM-related business.

Bowe also provided valuable and actionable tips and advice for women looking to enter or advance



in the field of engineering and technology. This was then concluded with a lively Q&A session. Her participation was facilitated in coordination with the US Embassy in Kuwait.

Commenting on Zain's sponsorship, Waleed Al-Khashti, Zain Kuwait's Chief Corporate Communications and Relations Officer said: "Our main goal in supporting this initiative is to inspire the younger generation to look beyond what is traditionally available to them in terms of academics and career prospects. We hope for them to pass by the challenges that come along their education and career journeys, and follow a path that speaks to them and achieve what is fulfilling to them personally - as that is the true motivator for success."

Dr Albaraa Altourah, Assistant Professor of Mass Communications and Chair of the Global Studies Centre at GUST, said, "The Spheres of Knowledge collaboration with the prestigious Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre highlights our joint mission as educational institutions that strives to enlighten and expose the public and our students to topics they would not normally come into contact with, and therefore to stimulate their minds to ignite a spark for knowledge that would otherwise go undisturbed."

Since its launch, Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre has strived to elevate the role and standing of science in Kuwait. As an institution



Waleed Al-Khashti



Dr Albaraa Altourah

with a vested interest in the cultivation of young minds, this collaboration with GUST blossomed as a natural progression to move closer to its goal.

The Spheres of Knowledge event continues the university's tradition of bringing together experts, scholars, and industry professionals from a variety of fields to its campus through the many academic centers it hosts, such as the Centre for Teaching Learning and Research (CTLR), and the Global Studies Centre. Zain's sponsorship to this initiative comes under its comprehensive strategy to support sustainability, entrepreneurship, and innovation. The discussion was hosted on GUST's Instagram account, and can be watched in its entirety on its IGTV tab (instagram.com/gust_official).

KRCS honors Alghanim for COVID-19 donations

KUWAIT: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) awarded Kutayba Yusuf Alghanim, Executive Chairman of Alghanim Industries, a trophy and certificate of appreciation for his company's generous donations towards COVID-19 relief efforts during recent months. Alghanim was awarded by Dr Hilal Al-Sayer, Chairman of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society, and Anwar Al-Hasawi, Deputy Chairman.

During his visit, Dr Sayer lauded the longstanding relationship between the KRCS and Alghanim Industries, valuing the charitable donations of the company to help KRCS in its activities to confront repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic across Kuwait. He noted: "Alghanim Industries, under the leadership of Kutayba Alghanim, spared no effort in supporting the various activities of the Kuwait Red Crescent Society, an expected action from a pioneering Kuwaiti business figure, reflecting the true Kuwaiti values of generosity and solidarity."

Commenting on receiving this award, Kutayba

Alghanim praised the KRCS relief efforts during the pandemic, adding: "It is an honor to be recognized by a reputable leading organization such as the Kuwait Red Crescent Society, who will always have our unwavering support. It is also an honor for Alghanim Industries to be among the leading private sector organizations recognized for their contribution to the various KRCS campaigns in fighting this pandemic. In these trying times, though, we mustn't forget those who deserve the true honor: our daughters and sons on the front lines, who have been working tirelessly for months to contain the spread of this virus. They deserve our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude."

Alghanim Industries, one of the largest privately-owned companies in the region, is one of the main donors to the KRCS. It finances a student fund in collaboration with the KRCS and the Arab Open University to provide underprivileged youth access to higher education, enabling them to expand their career opportunities in the future. The students under this fund are nominated and awarded through a competitive selection process led by the KRCS. Alghanim Industries reiterated its commitment to this initiative, underscoring the importance of supporting education, which opens career opportunities and helps members of underserved communities achieve financial independence.



KUWAIT: Executive Chairman of Alghanim Industries Kutayba Alghanim receives the award from KRCS Chairman Dr Hilal Al-Sayer.

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