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Kuwait Ambassador presents credentials to Thai King

KUWAIT: The King of Thailand Maha Vajiralongkorn received Kuwait's Ambassador to Bangkok Mohammad Al-Failakawi who presented his credentials as Kuwait's envoy to Thailand. Failakawi conveyed greetings of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to the King, Kuwait's Embassy in Bangkok said in a statement yesterday. The reception took place on Sunday. Failakawi wished Thailand more progress and prosperity. — KUNA



Kuwait's Ambassador Mohammad Al-Failakawi delivers his credentials to Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn.

Jordan keen on further expanding ties with Kuwait

AMMAN: Jordanian Prime Minister Bishr Al-Khasawneh reiterated yesterday deep-rooted relations and cooperation with the State of Kuwait, and said Amman was keen on further expanding these ties to new heights. This came during Khasawneh's meeting with Kuwait's Ambassador to Jordan Aziz Al-Daihani to discuss means of boosting relations and cooperation. Daihani said after the meeting that the two sides reaffirmed the excellent ties and cooperation in many domains. He quoted Khasawneh as commending Kuwait's support to the common Arab action. Daihani said he conveyed greetings of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah to Al-Khasawneh on his new post. — KUNA

Volvo Cars Kuwait by BNK, Kuwait Hospital hold talk on misconceptions of breast cancer

As part of a series of initiatives in partnership with CAN

KUWAIT: Volvo Cars Kuwait by BNK Automotive partnered with Kuwait Hospital and Cancer Awareness Nation (CAN) in a closed talk that brought together doctors, professionals and breast cancer survivors that aimed to raise awareness about breast cancer and the misconceptions around it.

Speakers were hosted at Volvo Studio and included Dr Dalal Al-Arabi - General Surgery Consultant and Head of the Breast Department at Jaber Al-Ahmad Hospital, Dr Nadia Al-Mahmoud - Family Medicine Consultant, member of CAN, in charge of the awareness clinic at CAN and former head of awareness at the Ministry of Health, actress Zahra Al-Kharji, writer and author Dalaa Al-Mufti, Dr Wajid Al-Othman - Nutritionist specialized in Nutrition Education, and Besma Al-Qassar - founder of the 'Women Support Forum' and expert in human resources, women mentoring and leadership.

The talk comes as part of a series of initiatives by Volvo Cars Kuwait, Kuwait Hospital and Sultan Center in partnership with CAN. These initiatives aimed to encourage the companies' female customers to get checked regularly and comprised lectures and workshops to educate women about breast cancer and self-check as well as a financial support program to women battling breast cancer.

Commenting on these initiatives, General Manager of Volvo Cars Kuwait by BNK Automotive, Sherif Al-Sayed, said: "Volvo is a brand about people, and safety of the people is at the core of the brand's DNA. From that belief, we are encouraging our female customers to get checked and inviting them to this initiative to raise awareness about the importance of early detection to increase their survival rates. This is linked to our brand value, safety DNA and caring about people through these values. We are pleased to be partnering with CAN and Kuwait Hospital to raise more awareness in our community."

From Kuwait Hospital, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Hisham Siddiq, said: "As a private hospital, it is our responsibility today to educate our community about breast cancer and that it is not the end for them. It is a battle that can be overcome thanks to the advancement in the medical field. What matters the most is early detection, consistent follow-up, getting the support they need and caring for oneself. It is our role as med-



KUWAIT: (From left) Dr Wajid Al-Othman, Besma Al-Qassar, Dalaa Al-Mufti, Zahra Al-Kharji, Dr Nadia Al-Mahmoud and Dr Dalal Al-Arabi attend the event. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

ical staff to care for our community, as well as those who cannot afford it financially. This is why we are partnering with institutions that share the same values and place people at the heart of their values such as Volvo Agency Kuwait BNK, Sultan Center and CAN."

The talk focused on the challenges that face every woman in her battle against breast cancer, speakers highlighted the importance of providing her with a fully integrated support system that encompasses medical, psychological, nutrition and corporate support. At the core of the discussions was the importance of early detection to win the battle against breast cancer. Dr Arabi and Dr Mahmoud called on women to avoid believing in misconceptions and get checked regularly to increase chances of early recovery. Dr Othman highlighted the importance of a healthy lifestyle which has positive impact in reducing risks as well as during the treatment phase. She added that following up with a nutritionist during treatment is important because every woman reacts to the cancer differently. On the

other hand, Qassar spoke of the responsibility of companies in providing a healthy and positive work environment to their employees to increase their performance and wellbeing. The most prominent talk came from Kharji and Mufti who are survivors. They both spoke of the importance of being positive mentally and self-care during the battle.

Volvo Studio located in Sharq will continue to showcase artworks gifted by Wejha Arts. Proceeds from the sale of these artworks will be donated to women who need financial support during their breast cancer treatment. Breast cancer in Kuwait today affects more than 66 women out of every 100,000. It is also the most common type of can-



Most common type of cancer in Kuwait



Nadine Quaddoumi paints live during the talk. Painting proceeds to be donated to women being treated.

cer in Kuwait, representing 23 percent of all cancers among men and women, and 41 percent of all cancers among women according to CAN.

Kuwait Digest

The journey of Kuwaiti charitable giving

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Perhaps one of the most prominent features of the reign of the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, which spanned 14 years, was that appreciation, support and interest in Kuwaiti charitable work, considering it a partner in development and a manifestation of the country's foreign policy and building relationships with other countries. This greatly contributed to the institutional and organizational advancement of Kuwaiti charitable work, its global spread, and its acquisition of international recognition, which culminated in 2014 by the United Nations' naming the late Amir as a 'Humanitarian Leader' and Kuwait as a global center for humanitarian work.

The late Amir's support for Kuwaiti charitable work was evident in several aspects. With his directives, the Kuwaiti government facilitated the work of Kuwaiti charitable societies and gave them the freedom to collect and direct donations at home and abroad, within a system of controlling legislation aimed at organizing Kuwaiti charitable work and protecting it from terrorism.

On the domestic level, the late Amir's reign witnessed the Kuwaiti charitable societies' active involvement in achieving development, and ensuring and caring for the less fortunate in the Kuwaiti society. Their contributions reached an estimated \$182 million annually. Furthermore, they launched a strong partnership with official authorities to face the emergency crises Kuwait faces, which was recently embodied in the role of Kuwaiti charities in facing the coronavirus pandemic.

With regard to Kuwaiti charitable work directed abroad, the late Amir instructed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Kuwaiti embassies in the countries of the world to provide support and facilities for the work of Kuwaiti charitable societies, and to grant them the maximum possible freedom in choosing projects and their destinations. Kuwaiti official bodies did not interfere in the work of charitable societies except within the limits of non-binding directives. This was reflected in the great role of Kuwaiti charitable societies in various parts of the world in alleviating the suffering of millions of people affected by wars and disasters. The volume of Kuwaiti foreign charitable work jumped, according to some estimates, to \$1 billion annually.

The late Amir also took the initiative, sponsoring four international conferences for donors for the reconstruction of Iraq and relief for Syria, as well as sponsoring global initiatives undertaken by some Kuwaiti charities, such as the 'One Humanity Against Hunger' initiative that was launched by the International Islamic Charity Organization two years ago.

The late Amir has repeatedly described Kuwaiti charitable work as a 'crown on the heads.' In his memory and recognition of what he offered to support Kuwaiti charitable work and its gaining of a prestigious international status, all parties, official bodies and charitable foundations, are required to work on further development and advancement of Kuwaiti charitable work, in a way that preserves Kuwait's position as a global center for humanitarian work.

Education Ministry teams with Microsoft to provide e-learning

KUWAIT: In a move to further enrich the smart learning ecosystem securely in Kuwait, the Ministry of Education of Kuwait joined forces with Microsoft to empower over 400,000 educators and students with Office 365 and Teams across Kuwait. This allows them to start their semesters online, with education institutions using Microsoft Teams and Office 365 to better connect, engage and learn in a secure digital environment.

"The Kuwaiti government has placed high importance upon prioritizing education continuity through e-learning. With public health placed front and center, the country has adopted smart solutions and tools to encourage a continuing commitment to learn and to grow," said Alaeddine Karim, Country Manager, Microsoft Kuwait. "We are driving forward the country's core education objectives as we enable educators and students with advanced tools and innovation. This approach features enterprise-level security and compliance that offers a secure method of remotely delivering comprehensive curriculums."

A virtual classroom, Microsoft Teams brings conversations, content, assignments, and apps together under one easily-accessible umbrella, empowering educators to create vibrant learning environments backed up by security and privacy. The educator and student experience is assured by providing capabilities such as identity management, multi-factor authentication, mobile device management, mobile application management, conditional access, information protection with data loss prevention for files and chats, and retention policies.

With the power to build collaborative classrooms, Microsoft Teams connects with learning communities to elevate beyond a video conferencing app to a productivity app - backed by the full capabilities of Office 365 and empowering students to achieve more. The highest of standards is assured in accordance with 17 global benchmarks including HIPAA compliance, providing a high level of endorsement for the complexity of the modern environment.



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