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KUWAIT: The House of late artist Khalifa Al-Qattan and Lydia Al-Qattan. The house is built without windows and inlaid with glass and ceramics. The house is an artistic masterpiece. —KUNA

EARLY DETECTION KEY TO TREATING BREAST CANCER

MOH LAUNCHES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health launched yesterday an awareness campaign on the breast cancer prevention as part of a national program which coincides with the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign that

falls on October to increase awareness of the disease.

Speaking at a press conference, Chairperson of Early Detection of Breast Diseases Project Dr Hanaa Al-Khawari underlined the importance of

the early detection of the disease as this will help in treatment. The campaign is part of various activities of the program during this month represented in coordination with the primary care centers to launch the several-day awareness campaign, she said.

The campaign will include press statements, publications, interviews, brochures that will be distributed at malls, hospitals and universities, she noted. It was coordinated with Kuwait International Airport and Kuwait Airways to broadcast an awareness film on breast cancer on their screens, and signboards and brochures at supermarkets in collaboration with the Union of Consumer Cooperative Societies, she said.

A consultant of obstetrics and gynecology and an expert of breast cancer awareness will come from Saudi Arabia on October 25-29 to hold discussions on the disease in Kuwait, she added.

A special competition is to also be launched on social networking sites yesterday and runs until the end of the month aiming to urge citizens and residents to contribute to raising awareness on the early detection of the disease, she made clear. At the end of the campaign, a festival would be organized by the end of October at Marina Crescent Hotel, she concluded. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Chairperson of Early Detection of Breast Diseases Project Dr Hanaa Al-Khawari speaks during the launch of the breast cancer awareness campaign yesterday. —KUNA



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AMBASSADOR HAYAT RECEIVES HONORARY PHD IN MEXICO

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Ambassador to Mexico Johar Hayat was awarded an honorary PhD certificate by Mexico International University in appreciation of his role in developing bilateral relations between the two countries on all lev-

els. According to a statement by Kuwait Embassy yesterday, this is the eighth governmental academic award that Hayat has received from top universities since he assumed his position in 2011.

The ambassador has previously received an honorary PhD in law from the Pedregal University along with other high honorary degrees and awards, the embassy added. —KUNA

KHALED AL-ZAID'S LEGACY LIVES ON

Kuwait's book lovers pay tribute to great writer on his 14th death anniversary

KUWAIT: Lovers of poetry and literature paid rich tribute to the well-known Kuwaiti man of letters and poet Khaled Saud Al-Zaid on the 14th anniversary of his death who left a rich and immortal legacy.

The name of Al-Zaid (1937-2001) remains in the vivid memory of the country for his contributions to the advancement of the literary movement which started to flourish during the reign of Sheikh Mubarak Al-Sabah-Mubarak the Great who ruled the country between 1896 and 1915. Al-Mubarakia School and Al-Jam'iyah Al-Khairiya (charity) were founded to play a pioneering role in the scientific and cultural advancement in Kuwait side by side with Al-Ahmadia School, Al-Ahliya (national) Library and the Literary Club which were established during the reign of Sheikh Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Mubarak (1885-1950).

The icons of the literary movement in the pre-independence era include Khaled Mohammad Al-Faraj, Hejji bin Qasim, Suleiman Al-Adani, Youssef bin Issa Al-Qena'ie, Abdulaziz Al-Rashid and Issa Al-Qutami. Kuwait's literary movement is traditionally classified according to major local and global political incidents; it falls into three stages that preceded utilization of the country's huge oil resources.

Evolution of literature

The first and longest stage spanned between the emergence of Kuwait as a State and breakout of WWI (World War I); its literature is deemed apathetic and dull due to the then high rate of illiteracy. The second stage was featured with growing numbers of literary symposiums, clubs, libraries - whether public or private, and visit exchanges between Kuwaiti men of letters and their peers from other Arab countries. The third stage was marked by the growth of scientific clubs and the emergence of Arabic newspapers and magazines.

Al-Zaid, born on January 27, 1937, started his education at Qibiyah School in 1942 and then joined Al-Mubarakia School in 1951; during this period his poetic talent started to crystallize. He left school and started working in 1957 and retired in 1986.

Al-Zaid left a rich legacy of contributions to the humanity, including history, biographies and poetry, and authored 23 books which had profound impact on the local and Arab literary movement. He is a pioneer biographer on the local and regional level as shown in his first and most important book "Kuwait's men of letters in two centuries." The book was first published in 1967 and republished four times later on; a second volume of the book was published in 1982.

In 1990, he co-authored "contents of original Arabic manuscripts at Khaled Saud Al-Zaid's library" with Abbas Al-Haddad.

Al-Zaid compiled the local sayings in a book titled "slang proverbs" in 1961, and played a leading role in documenting texts of the local poetry which were liable to disappearance. He also immortalized local tales written by anonymous authors in his book "orphan stories in Kuwaiti magazines," published in 1982. The book served as a main reference for succeeding Kuwaiti anthropologists of short stories such as Dr Hayfaa Al-Asousi, Dr Suleiman Al-Shatti; the latter authored a book on short stories based on Al-Zaid's works.

'Gulf Guide'

He was the first to extract and correct the Kuwait-related material from "the Gulf Guide," written by the British politician and historian David Lockhart Robertson Lorimer (1876-1962). He published two volumes of a book titled "Kuwait in the Gulf guide - historical book" and "Kuwait in the Gulf guide - geographical book" in 1962; the book provides the reader with exact historical and geographical information on the country.

Al-Zaid authored biographies on Khaled Al-Faraj, a notable poet and writer who lived between 1898 and 1954 and Fahad Al-Dowry, the godfather of story writing in Kuwait.

His first collection of poems "prayers at deserted temple" was published in 1970. Al-Zaid also published two poetic collections titled "words of boards" in 1985 and "between your valley and the villages" in 1992.

He was the first to hold a gallery of the Kuwaiti and Arab manuscripts in 1990, showcasing 300 exhibits; he also published two contents of the rare manuscripts on display. The two books, presented later to the late Amir His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah formed the nucleus of the national library of Kuwait. The manuscripts at the gallery were totally robbed during the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Al-Zaid contributed to the intellectual and cultural drive against the Iraqi occupation (1990-1991), and documented the malpractices and atrocities committed by the Iraqi soldiers.

He served as head of the Information Ministry's committee on songs between 1977 and 1982, head of the committee on authoring at the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) in 1991, editing secretary and editor-in-chief of Al-Bayan magazine and Secretary-General of Kuwait Writers Association. Al-Zaid was the first laureate of Kuwait literary award in appreciation for his contributions to humanity; he also won the award of the ninth Kuwait Arab Book Fair for the third volume of "Kuwait's men of letters in two centuries." He was also awarded the state incentive order by Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) in 1990 and the State Order of Merit in 1999. —KUNA