



KUWAIT: Yeo Jun-suk, a staff reporter from the Korea Herald, visited Kuwait Times yesterday where he interviewed Editor-in-Chief Abd Al-Rahman Al-Alyan on developments in the local and regional scenes. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

ARAB WOMAN AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED



KUWAIT: (From left) Dr Labiba Tamim, Sheikh Mubarak Al-Sabah, Sheikh Mansour Mubarak Al-Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Shiekha Mariam Ahmed Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, and Sheikh Rafi Mansour Mubarak A-Abduallah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.



(From left) Noor Faisal Al-Qatami, Dr Fawzi Al-Qatami and Faisal Nasser Al-Qatami.

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: The winners of the Arab Woman Awards were announced on Sunday at a ceremony at the residence of the Undersecretary of the Department of Protocol Affairs at the Amiri Diwan Sheikh Mubarak Fahd Al-Salem Al-Sabah's. The private winners' ceremony was attended by the board of judges, this year's winners and their families and VIP guests.

excellence and celebrate achievements."

The Arab Woman Awards Kuwait was launched in 2013 by ITP and was co-founded by Dr Labiba Temmim; Executive Director at the Hayatt Ruqayah Abdul Wahhab Alqatami Breast Cancer Foundation, along with ITP's Deputy Managing Director Sue Holt.

Culturally accepted platform

The Arab Woman Awards mission is to provide a culturally accepted platform to raise public awareness of the significant achievements of Arab women across the GCC and provide positive role models for young women. The Arab Woman Awards represents an exclusive opportunity to access top female members of the society; receive editorial and advertorial coverage on ITP consumer media platforms, logo placement on artwork, award sponsorship and on-site activations where they can demonstrate products and services direct to end consumers.

Launched in 2009, the Arab Woman Awards was established by ITP with the aim of providing a culturally accepted platform to raise awareness on the significant achievements of Arab women in areas including business, finance, legal, media and the humanitarian field. The awards are held annually in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait and to-date over 250 women have been presented with the prestigious trophies. The Arab Woman Awards board of judges was announced ahead of the winners' presentation ceremony.



Ascia Al-Faraj, winner of the 'New Media' category.

"The overarching aim of the Arab Woman Awards is to highlight and recognize the outstanding contribution by women," Sheikh Mubarak said. "We had had such a fantastic range of entries this year, with so many women involved in wonderful projects across a wide variety of fields. The awards identify



Winner of the 'Entrepreneur' category Noor Al-Qatami with Editor-in-Chief of Hello Arabia Magazine Diana Antabli, and Anna Maria.

The full lists of recipients of the 2015 Kuwait awards are:

- Businesswoman of the Year: Najla Al-Ghanim
- Finance: Riham Al-Ghanim
- Education: PR Moudi Al-Humoud
- Art: Amira Behbehani
- Entrepreneur: Noor Al-Qatami
- Literature: Basma Al-Enezi
- Sport: Taiba Al-Nouri
- Fashion Designer: Amna Al-Salem
- Young Designer: Muneera Al-Sahrhan
- Medical: Dr Rajaa Al-Attayah
- Media: Arwa Al-Wagayan
- New Media: Ascia Al-Faraj
- Humanitarian: Dr Seham Al-Foraih
- Legal: Esra Al-Amiri
- Young Talent: Fatemah Al-Ali and Fatemah Busakhr
- Energy: Badria Abdul Raheem
- Woman in Government: Hind Al-Subaih
- Inspirational Woman of the Year: Nada Al-Shammari
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Mariam Abdul Malik Al-Saleh
- Special Recognition: Moodi Al-Sultan
- Judges' choice: Sheikh Basma Mubark Al-Sabah

GPA MEETS TODAY IN KUWAIT



Nasser Al-Othman

KUWAIT: Secretariat General of the Gulf Press Association (GPA) holds its 17th meeting today in Kuwait, GPA's Secretary General Nasser Mohammad Al-Othman said, noting that the meeting would be hosted by Kuwait's local daily, Annahar and its editor-in-chief Emad Jawad Bokhamseen.

He added that the meeting, to be presided by GPA's chairman



Emad Bokhamseen

Torki Bin Abdullah Al-Sadeeri, will be dedicated to discuss suggested working plan for the tow coming years, he said. Meanwhile, Bokhamseen said that the Kuwaiti press is keen on providing all the requirements needed to help GPA achieve its goals. He added that the meeting will be held in Kuwait upon request Annahar made over two years before.

WARBA BANK SPONSORED ADAN HOSPITAL PHYSIOTHERAPY AWARENESS OPEN DAY

KUWAIT: In line with its leading social responsibility program and driven by its keen commitment to support the health sector, Warba Bank, the fastest growing bank that offers a series of banking and investment services compatible with Islamic sharia according to the regional and global levels, sponsored an awareness open day for physiotherapy (child unit) being held at Al-Adan hospital.

Warba Bank initiative stems from its deep commitment to support the health sector and provide all the help needed to fulfill its social role. The Bank is confident in the role of physiotherapists in helping thousands of patients daily to regain their health and to relieve the patients pain.

During the open day, a series of lectures and an exhibition were held to raise the awareness about physical therapy, where a professional team from Warba attended these events and contributed to educating attendees about the banks' services, products, Islamic banking mechanism while explaining its trends.

Within this context, the Bank said in a press statement: "Since our inception in the Kuwaiti market, the Bank performed its responsibilities towards society as a whole

consistently and effortlessly. Accordingly, we will continue to provide the necessary assistance for the growth and development of other sectors of society, particularly the health sector, which constitutes the cornerstone of public health and disease prevention, ensuring a healthy and peaceful generations growth".

The statement also considered: "The bank is ongoing in its endeavor to support strategic events involving different sectors including: education, health and culture to achieve the general benefit and the wellbeing of the community, which is well known as the backbone of successful and sophisticated society."

It is well noted that Warba Bank works diligently to develop a strategy for social responsibility and does not hesitate to support various groups and sectors, where the bank imprints on sponsorships targeted at these sectors by dedicating a professional team from the bank to educate the masses about the importance of Islamic finance and its leading role in supporting the growth of the economy, particularly Warba Bank that constitutes a milestone in this area and is characterized by distinctive solutions.



KUWAIT'S 'GHINWA' WINS TOP PRIZE AT MIT ENTERPRISE FORUM ARAB STARTUP COMPETITION

KING ABDULLAH ECONOMIC CITY: MIT Enterprise Forum Pan Arab, in partnership with founding partner Community Jameel and the Zain Group, announced the winners of the MIT Enterprise Forum Arab Startup Competition from a total of 76 contesting teams from 15 Arab countries. The competition's final award ceremony was held at the Bay La Sun Hotel and Marina in the King Abdullah Economic City on April 14, 2016. This year's event was also supported by government partner the Economic Cities Authority and hosting partner the King Abdullah Economic City along with global technology provider Huawei.

The competition was preceded by the Time to Invest in Arab Youth and Their Innovations Conference, organized by MIT Technology Review Arab Edition. During the conference, MIT Technology Review Arab Edition's five innovators under 35 in the Arab world were announced.

The ninth edition of this year's competition received an outstanding 5,967 individual and team applications from 21 Arab countries, up from 4,275 last year, and representing a record participation of over 16,500 entrepreneurs up from 12,000 last year. The 9 winning teams across three tracks - Ideas, Startups, and Social Entrepreneurship - hail from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco.

The \$50,000 top prize for the best start up track was awarded to Kuwait's Ghinwa, who are building a mobile application that can be used by users to perform Karaoke where songs are licensed from the copyright owners to ensure legality, allowing users to share and promote their talents across different social media platforms.

Several high-profile entrepreneurs, investors and government officials from Saudi Arabia, the region and beyond shared insight during the conference and judged the competition. These include HRH Saud K Al-Faisal, Executive Director for Investment Policy at SAGIA, HH Reema Bint Bandar, founder and CEO of Alf Khair, Fady Mohammed Jameel, President of Community Jameel International, Scott Gegenheimer, CEO of Zain Group, Hassan Kabbani, CEO of Zain Saudi Arabia, Fahd Al Rasheed, Group CEO and Managing Director of Emaar Economic City and Wassim Khashoggi, vice secretary general operations of the Economic Cities

Authority. Speakers and judges from several leading organizations in the finance and technology space such as Google, Facebook, Oak Investment Partners, 500 Startups and MBC Group also shared insight during the event.

The winners

The announcement of the MIT Enterprise Forum Arab Startup Competition ceremony took place during the evening award ceremony and the winners took home a pool of prize money totaling \$150,000.

Apart from the winner's prize money, each of the Ideas, Startups, and Social Entrepreneurship tracks semi-finalists benefited from top tier training, mentorship, coaching, media exposure, and great networking opportunities throughout the competition.

Startups Track: Winner: Ghinwa from Kuwait; 2nd place: Zamen from Egypt (A mobile application for real-time news feeds, filtered to display only the topics users interested in); 3rd place: B8ak from Saudi Arabia (A mobile application for home maintenance delivery)

Ideas Track: Winner: Tutorama from Egypt (A marketplace of pre-vetted, professionally recruited tutors, which students and parents can use to search for tutors by subject, curriculum, location/distance and scheduling availability); 2nd place: Deep OR from Morocco (Data Analytics and Operations Research to help make quick and educated resource allocation decisions); 3rd place: Ostor Lab from Morocco (A cloud-based mobile application vulnerability scanner) Social Entrepreneurship Track: Winner: Hydropneumatic Flushing System from Tunisia (An economic water flush that does not leak and that withstands frequent use); 2nd place: Pathfinder from Lebanon (A mobile app and a belt, both automatically and securely connected to serve the visually impaired harmonically and safely) and 3rd place: Low Cost PPC from Jordan (A lower leg prosthetic with low production costs).

Five innovators under 35: Ahmed Alfidhel (Saudi Arabia) - King Abdullah University for Science and Technology; Eve Tamraz (Lebanon) - White Labs; Jean Nehme (Lebanon) - Touch Surgery; Osman Bakr (KSA) - King Abdullah University for Science and Technology and Yaman Abou Jeib (Syria). — Glean.



Kuwait's Ghinwa with Zain Group CEO and Zain KSA CEO.