

KHALID AL-ZANKI: LAZY LEADERSHIP IS DEAD

MCCARTHY'S FAMOUS SEMINARS TO TAKE PLACE TODAY IN KUWAIT



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KUWAIT: Entrepreneurs await the world's renowned corporate consultant, trainer and coach, Tom McCarthy to ignite their leadership skills at LAUNCH ON FIRE Meetup today.

Entrepreneur in Kuwait are reminded that McCarthy's visit is his 12th to Kuwait, which strictly aims at developing leadership styles and delivering peak performance. Creating a compelling story, surrounding yourself with winners and A-Players and many more are all among the many topics that will be discussed throughout McCarthy's keynote, titled: "Disrupt & Dominate."

Entrepreneur in Kuwait will learn the secrets to knowing what constitutes a true leader and how to deliver peak performance and become one of the top 10% of all effective leaders.

Khalid Al-Zanki, Host & Producer of LAUNCH ON FIRE Podcast said: "We are pleased to host Tom McCarthy in Kuwait for the 12th time due to his exceptional seminars and his extraordinary ability in igniting performance specially in small busi-

nesses. I work with Tom McCarthy all the time in developing the content and outcomes of customized seminars for Kuwait. We are keen on developing a national leadership programs for small and medium businesses in Kuwait and address these gaps through a series of seminars, workshops or trainings."

For more than a decade as a corporate consultant, speaker, trainer and coach, Tom has successfully taught hundreds of thousands of people how to dramatically increase their level of performance in business and in life. He has presented more than 1,500 seminars, workshops, and training programs to corporations and associations around the world.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina in 1983 where he was an honor student and a member of the nationally ranked football team, Tom became the youngest stockbroker ever hired by a prestigious Wall Street firm. By his second-year Tom had become one of the highest pro-

ducing brokers in the entire firm. Later he founded Thomas McCarthy & Associates, a thriving training and consulting firm, which works closely with clients ranging from new ventures to Fortune 500 companies.

In addition to coaching and training peak performers in business, Tom has also been hired to work with Olympic Gold Medalists as well as several World Champion athletes and teams. Tom resides in Rancho Santa Fe, California with his wife Stacy and their two children.

LAUNCH ON FIRE Business Podcast(s) mission is to educate, empower, entertain and inspire people by spreading knowledge of business and marketing. Khalid Al-Zanki launched LAUNCH ON FIRE Podcast in February 2014. His passion for sharing how entrepreneurship is transforming businesses, companies, human interactions, as well as influencing behavior and reshaping cultures motivated him to create what would become LAUNCH ON FIRE Business Podcast(s).

BURGAN BANK INVITES PREMIER CUSTOMERS TO ATTEND SCREENING OF 'STAR WARS - ROUGE ONE'

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank, in collaboration with Grand Cinemas, announced yesterday that Premier Banking customers will be offered the chance to watch the first screening of "Star Wars - Rouge One" movie for free at the most luxurious VIP movie theatre - Grand Class VIP in Al Hamra Tower, on December 15th, 2016.

Each Premier customer can reserve two free seats, which will also include access to a light mini cuisine from the buffet dedicated to Premier customers at the "Grand Class VIP" lounge.

Accordingly, Burgan Bank allocated a special number to receive calls from Premier customers to reserve their free VIP seats for any of the three shows that will be available that day.

To book for the free seats, Premier Banking customers can call 22988405 (from 9:00am to 5:00 pm). Burgan Bank is committed to reward its premier customers with exclusive offers and a wide

range of benefits. These matchless benefits include the full attention of a highly professional Personal Banking Executive (PBE) who is assigned as a financial advisor for each premier banking customer. Other benefits include free access to more than 70 international airport lounges across the world, a variety of concierge services such as courier service, airport transfers, limousines for occasions, efficient car registration, and the payment of their children's school installments.

Additional benefits include a free travel insurance policy, which is provided upon completing a purchase transaction of airline tickets using any of Burgan Bank's Platinum (debit/credit cards) for customers and their immediate family members, in addition to free valet parking service at select venues and shopping malls across Kuwait and merchant discounts at selected retail outlets throughout the country.



Jawahery receiving the awards in Dubai.

KFH-BAHRAIN WINS 'BEST WEALTH MANAGEMENT' AWARD IN ME

CPI FINANCIAL ACCORDS 'BEST CORPORATE BANK' AWARD TOO

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House - Bahrain (KFH-Bahrain) is proud to announce that it has won the "Best Wealth Management Bank in the Middle East" and the "Best Corporate Bank in the Middle East" Awards from CPI Financial recently held at the prestigious 'Islamic Business & Finance' Awards ceremony held at Emirates Towers in Dubai.

Abdul Razak Jawahery, Executive Manager of Wealth Management at KFH-Bahrain, proudly accepted the accolades on behalf of the Bank from Mohammed Juma - Vice Chairman of CPI Financial at the ceremony. Upon receiving the Awards Abdul Razak Jawahery said: "Winning these prestigious Awards highlights the confidence of both the industry and our clients in KFH- Bahrain and KFH Group. We are particularly delighted that our Wealth Management team has been able to achieve the "Best Wealth Management Bank in the Middle East" after only a year from launching the division that shows the successful performance to our Clients. The

Wealth Management at KFH-Bahrain is the first Islamic asset management and tend to offer more returns to the clients."

Jawahery concluded, "We are also delighted to receive the "Corporate Bank Award in the Middle East", which reflects our commitment to the corporate sector. We will continue to focus on our vision and implement our strategies while contributing towards the economic growth and sustainability of the Kingdom of Bahrain."

This prestigious global annual event is organized by CPI Financial based in Dubai. CPI Financial is the leading publisher of financial magazines in the Middle East, namely, Banker Middle East, Islamic Business & Finance, FinanceME, Banker Africa and WEALTH Arabia. The Islamic Business & Finance Awards have been designed to encourage, inspire and reward excellence within the global Islamic Business and Finance community and they have become the yardstick by which Islamic Finance

institutions and practitioners across the globe measure themselves.

KFH was established in Kuwait in 1977 and is enlisted in the Kuwait Stock Exchange. KFH Group is a global pioneer in the field of Islamic banking services, where it offers a wide array of Islamic products and services, not to mention a high standard of innovation and client service.

KFH manages its operations in the GCC, Asia, and Europe through over 446 branches, including KFH-Turkey, in order to offer services for the bank's clients in Turkey, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Germany, Jordan, and Dubai. KFH's mission is to achieve highest levels of excellence and innovation in the field of client service, while developing common interest for all those concerned with the financial institution. KFH's vision is to spearhead the global development in Islamic financial services, and to upgrade the bank into the level of becoming the most sustainable profitable Islamic bank in the world.

FEDERAL REGULATORS DECLINE TO RECONSIDER OREGON PIPELINE

PORTLAND, Oregon: Federal regulators on Friday refused to reconsider a 230-mile liquefied natural gas pipeline that would have terminated in the southern Oregon coastal town of Coos Bay, handing a serious setback to a multi-billion project to deliver the gas to markets in Asia.

In a 15-page opinion, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission denied requests from the Jordan Cove Energy Project, the Pacific Gas Connector Pipeline, the state of Wyoming and the Wyoming Pipeline Authority to reopen the case and reaffirmed the agency's decision from earlier this year. In that March 11 ruling, the agency found there was little evidence to support the need for a pipeline and not enough public benefit from the project, which has been tied up in a legal fight for several years.

Supporters of the pipeline, however, challenged the decision in an appeal and also moved to swing public opinion to their side. Wyoming, which was among those challenging that ruling, argued that FERC should have considered the economic benefit from the pipeline to its residents from increased natural gas production, royalties and taxes.

Colorado sent representatives to Oregon to lobby for the pipeline this fall

and Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper asked federal regulators to take another look at the \$7 billion project, which would allow it to ship natural gas to markets in Japan.

TV advertisements touting the pipeline's potential economic benefits aired in Oregon during last summer's Olympic Games.

Veresen Inc., the Calgary, Alberta-based company, said in a statement Friday that it would consider another appeal or might submit a new application to FERC.

"Veresen remains committed to this important energy infrastructure project," said Don Althoff, Veresen's president and CEO. "We are very disappointed by FERC's decision, especially in light of the significant progress that has been made in demonstrating market support for the project and the strong showing of public support for the project."

The pipeline route would have stretched from the farming town of Malin east of the Cascade Mountains, just north of the California border, to Coos Bay on the southern Oregon coast. The route, which was opposed by private landowners and environmentalists, would have crossed rivers, mountain ranges and a mix of private and public lands. — AP



PORTLAND: Native Americans from left, Eugene Sanchez, Jason Umtuch, Martan Mendenhall, and Hugh Ahnatock, all of Portland, Oregon, drum and sing at the Ocati Sakowin camp where people have gathered to protest the Dakota Access oil pipeline in Cannon Ball, ND. — AP

KIB NAMED 'BEST ISLAMIC BANK IN GCC' BY WORLD FINANCE

KUWAIT: Kuwait International Bank (KIB) announced that it was named "Best Islamic Bank in the GCC 2016" by World Finance. This recognition came as part of the annual GCC Investment & Development Awards bestowed by the leading UK-based magazine, renowned for being an independent assessment body specializing in the banking and finance sectors.

KIB received this latest accolade as a result of its outstanding performance in a number of key areas, including: quality of services and products, competitive future strategy, sound leadership, developing the local workforce and creating job opportunities, corporate governance and dedication to transparency, sustainable development, commitment to innovation and technological development, and leading social responsibility policies.

Commenting on this latest accolade, Sheikh Mohammad Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Chairman of KIB, said: "Receiving this award is a milestone achievement for KIB, and it only adds to our existing record of excellence and leadership within the Arab Islamic banking sector. It also underscores our position as a premier Islamic bank not only in Kuwait, but across the GCC as well."

Al-Jarrah further added: "We are proud to always be developing and growing as a bank, and this honor comes as a continuation of KIB's ongoing streak of successes and accomplishments. It also serves to highlight a new phase in our journey, marked by stability and high performance within the framework of a highly competitive regional and international banking



Sheikh Mohammad Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah

industry. Today, we are determined more than ever before to forge ahead with our strategic plans, which focus on enhancing our position and status within the market by offering innovative sharia compliant banking solutions."

Additionally, Al-Jarrah spoke of KIB's commitment to supporting and developing human capital, stating: "The success of any organization depends on the efforts and dedication of its employees; therefore KIB prioritizes human resources development and focuses heavily on investing in its human capital. The Bank's team

features highly qualified and experienced banking professionals across all levels of the organization, and we strive to attract the best local and international talent who add value to our business and operations."

In a testament to the Bank's ongoing success and solid performance, KIB has garnered numerous local and international prestigious awards over the span of the past few years. One of the biggest accolades was being named "The Best Islamic Bank in Kuwait" by World Finance for three consecutive years (2014, 2015 and 2016). KIB was also named "Best Sharia-Compliant Bank in the Middle East" for the year 2015 by Capital Finance International, and won "Best Banking Vision" for the year 2016 by CPI Financial in the Islamic Business and Finance Awards category.