

3,000 STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ART COMPETITION, UNDER THE SLOGAN OF 'COLOURS OF AUSTRALIA'

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KUWAIT: Supported by the Australian Embassy, in cooperation with the Kuwait Times, the embassy is proud to launch the "Colours of Australia" drawing competition for students in Kuwait. The competition will have students in Kuwait learn more about different countries, cultures and civilizations, and to identify communities in other parts of the world through arts. The theme for the Arts competition is "Colours of Australia" to encourage students to express their

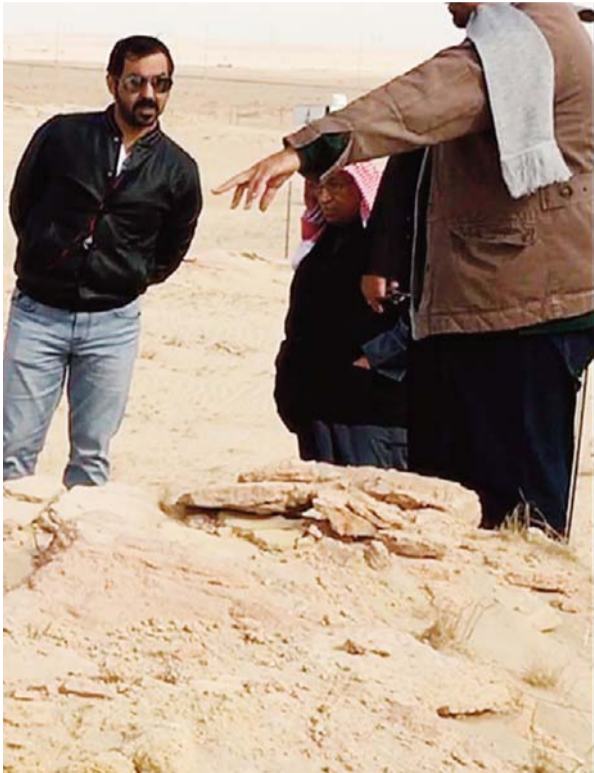
knowledge of Australia by drawing an icon, a natural scene, or any other expression they would find suitable. The competition is still open for all schools who want to participate.

The drawing competition is held from December 12, 2016 till January 26, 2017 for a period of forty six days, allowing participants from government, special needs, private schools and bilingual schools enough time to submit their work.

At the due date, the drawing sheets will be collected by Kuwait Times, and a jury of professional artists will be selected from the Kuwait Arts Association, who will choose the top ten winners of each age group. The contest is open to both boys and girls as follows: Elementary (6-9 years) Intermediate (11-13 years), Secondary (14 years and above), in addition to schools of special needs.

Valuable prizes, including phones and

tablets, will be awarded to the top 10 entrants in each category. Three major winners will be selected in each category who will be given a plaque and major prizes, while the remaining seven runners-up will receive certificates and prizes. A certificate will also be given to the school as recognition of honourable participation. The competition is sponsored by VIVA and the Australian College of Kuwait, with the awards event to be hosted by Crowne Plaza Hotel "Al-Thuraya City".



KUWAIT: Kuwait University history and antiquities professors and students examine a site in Subbiya where they say ancient remains were found. —Photos by Hanan Al-Saadoun



ANCIENT REMAINS FOUND IN SUBBIYA

COULD BE OLDER THAN FAILAKA RUINS: PROFESSOR

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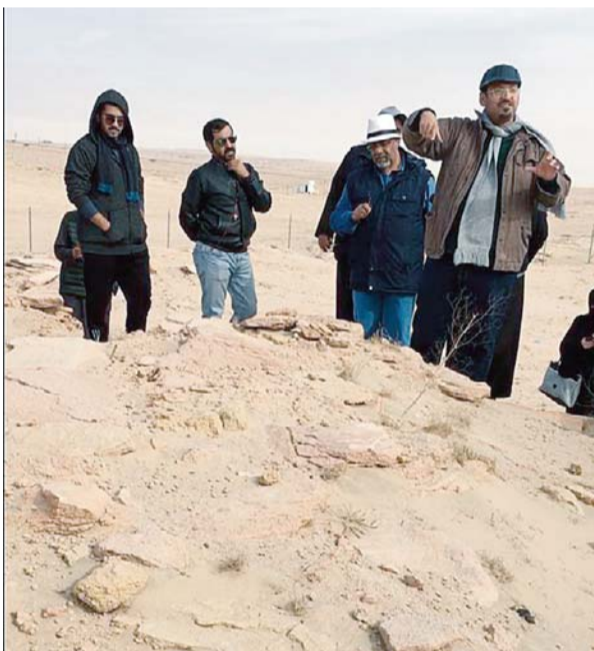
KUWAIT: Kuwait University (KU) professors believe that remnants found recently at an area located north of Kuwait could even be older than Failaka's ruins, which date back to as early as 2,000 BC. The remnants found recently in Subbiya likely belong to civilizations that existed in the area, as they include what could be grave yards of nobles. "Through the science of antiquities, it became clear the area was inhabited because of the temple graveyards and houses "found there)," said Dr Ahmad Saeed, a history professor at KU.

Dr Saeed was one of many professors who accompanied history and antiquities students in a trip organized by the history department at KU to Subbiya last Saturday. Other professors include Dr Sultan Al-Duwaish, Researcher Dr Fahad Al-Wuhaibi, Dr Sayyed Mahfouz, Dr Faisal Al-Wazzan, Dr Ahmad Al-Hassan, Dr Hamad Al-Qahtani and Dr Mai Al-Shawad. Head of history department Dr Abdallah Al-Hajiri was also present.

Meanwhile, Dr Duwaish said that ostrich eggs were found in large quantities at the site, in addition to beads and small amounts of clay. He said a seal was found that dates to the fourth millennium BC. History and antiquities experts will continue working on the site with hopes of revealing more information about the civilizations that could have inhabited the area, Dr Duwaish explained.



Dr Sultan Al-Duwaish speaks during the students' visit.



KUWAIT EXECUTES 150 PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH IN EARLY 2017: OFFICIAL 'KUWAIT IS UN PARTNER IN YOUTH SECTOR'



KUWAIT: The United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth Ahmad Al-Hendawi speaks during a meeting in Kuwait. —KUNA

KUWAIT: The Public Authority for Youth (PAY) is set to execute about 150 programs for youth activities early 2017. The plan will be executed in cooperation with different ministries and the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL), said the authority's Director-General Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi in a press statement yesterday.

The programs will allow youth of all talents to express their creativity and abilities in an encouraging environment, he said. Meanwhile, Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Health (MoH) for Medical Services Dr Mohammad Al-Khashti said the ministry is taking part in the plan by holding training courses on first aid and seminars on healthy eating and fighting obesity.

Partner

Separately, a UN envoy has lauded Kuwait's leading status in supporting the youth saying the country is a



Director General of the Public Authority for Youth (PAY) Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi

'partner' with the international organization at this level. Kuwait is among the top states in empowering the youth and providing them with incentives, said the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth,

Ahmad Al-Hendawi, in a statement yesterday.

He was speaking on the heels of a meeting that grouped him with officials from the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs and the Public Authority for Youth (PAY), discussing the national youth policy and designating the country as the Arab Youth Capital (2017) by the Arab League.

The UN is tied with a 'strategic partnership' with the ministry, he said, noting that Kuwait is ahead of other Arab countries in the youth sphere, he said. The international organization views Kuwait as a minaret for supporting youth enterprise, he added, lauding the Kuwaiti leaders who believe in the young citizens' potentials.

UN branch offices in Kuwait closely cooperate with the local authorities concerned with the juniors' affairs, he elaborated, noting that the UN and Kuwait have been bonded with an accord to enhance international action for the youth. —KUNA

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