

KUWAIT'S ANIME, MANGA COMMUNITY GATHER AT PLAMO CON

KEY ANIMATOR, VOICE ACTOR ATTEND CONVENTION

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KUWAIT: Various Japanese arts including anime, manga, comics, and cosplay are on display at 'Plamo Con,' a convention and exhibition which kicked off at the Zain Tent near 360 Mall on Thursday evening. The three-day event is organized by Plamo Con, Kuwait's first official home of Japanese animation characters. Plamo Con is hosting the seventh event in cooperation with the Japanese Embassy.

"When we first organized the event in 2012, I was really surprised to know that a lot of people in Kuwait really like Japanese anime and cosplay," said Yousef Fawzi Mustafa Karam, President of

Plamo Con. "the excitement of our customers and participants has never demised ever since."

Japan's embassy officials lead by Ambassador Takashi Ashiki attended the event. "We consider this as a pop-culture event," Ashiki said. "A lot of Kuwaiti young men and women were in attendance; many of them dressed as (anime and video games) characters that they like. We planned this event for them to come together under one roof."

The event, which concludes today, also hosts a best cosplay contest and video game tournaments, held for the first time. Some of the winners selected will qualify to participate in competitions to be held in Japan in August 2016.



KUWAIT: Yousef Fawzi Mustafa Karam, President of Plamo Con (left).

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