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# AMIR RECEIVES AL-SUMAIT PRIZE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2015, 2016 WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister and Director of the Board of Trustees of Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Prize for African Development Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and board members.

During the meeting that came on the occasion of announcing winners of Al-Sumait Prize for African Development for the years 2015 and 2016, His Highness the Amir recalled Sumait's exploits and his great services to Islam and charity on the continent.

Sumait has offered a civilized and honorable model for charity and humanitarian work of his country, devoting his life to assisting the afflicted and the needy. His Highness wished the board everlasting success. The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah.

### Winners

Dr Kevin March of the Kenya-based African Academy for Sciences and Oxford University was awarded the 2015 health award for his relentless work to improve children's lives in the African continent. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled announced after chairing a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Prize. Meanwhile, the 2016 prize, also \$1 million and dedicated for food security, was shared by the Peru-based CIP's Sweet Potato for Nutrition Team and the International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA), based in Nigeria.

He said Dr March, who would receive the \$1 million prize, won the award for his sustained efforts for around three decades in scientific research, training and building of institutions with the objective of controlling and eradicating Malaria, Sheikh Sabah said. He also indicated that Dr March has big contributions to addressing problems of respiratory system as well as malnutrition.

CIP's team, explained Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, had successful research in improving quality of nutrition especially by sweet potato in the African continent. The team, he added, developed new types of sweet potatoes rich with vitamin A thus improving food system of millions of African families, compensating severe shortage of this essential vitamin.

The IITA has successful application of research aimed at improving quality of basic food substances, corn and legumes. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled said IITA succeeded in developing food security for millions of people in Africa through the development of major staple food crops, such as cassava, banana and maize. The winners will be officially awarded during the upcoming Arab-African Summit, due in Equatorial Guinea, next month.

### Developments

At the beginning of the Board of Trustees meeting, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, in a brief speech, called for collaboration of efforts to improve sustainable development plans of

developing countries, particularly the African continent to eradicate poverty, illiteracy and diseases.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, who conveyed greetings of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to members of Board of Trustees, said Kuwait has long been supporting humanitarian and development domains all over the world.

He said Abdulrahman Al-Sumait prize was another addition to endeavors by the state of Kuwait towards development of needy communities. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled cited the UN honoring of His Highness the Amir as a "Humanitarian Leader," and Kuwait as a "Humanitarian Center." The Board of Trustees consists of Bill Gates, co-chair of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr Donald Kaberuka, Former President of the African Development Bank, Dr Kwaku Aning, Former Deputy Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Abdulateef Al-Hamad, Director General and Chairman of the Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, and Tareq Al-Mutawa, Executive Member of the Board of Public Gathering Charity Committee and others.

### Discoveries

Dr Adnan Shihab-Eldin, Director General of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), which administers the awards, is the rapporteur. Shihab-Eldin, in a separate statement, said "we are deeply humbled by the efforts demonstrated by Al-Sumait prize laureates in the pursuit of scientific discoveries to meet the challenges of disease, nutrition, food production and climate change." "The laureates were in the front-line of Africa's challenges, yet have succeeded despite limited resources," he said.

Al-Sumait prize honors individuals or institutions that help advance economic and social development, human resources development and infrastructure in Africa through their sustained research and or innovative projects that result in major impact on the lives and welfare of the people of Africa especially the poor and underprivileged.

The prize was announced by His Highness the Amir during the 3rd Arab-African summit that was held in Kuwait in 2013 in appreciation of Al-Sumait's humanitarian legacy in the African continent. "Each of the winners represent innovative, exciting initiatives being done to address the challenges facing Africa," said Shihab-Eldin. —KUNA



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**His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah meets with Jordanian Senate President Faisal Al-Fayez.**

# AMIR RECEIVES LETTER FROM JORDAN'S KING

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday visiting Jordanian Senate President Faisal Akef Al-Fayez at Bayan Palace yesterday, in presence of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. During the meeting, the Jordanian Senate President delivered a written letter to His Highness the Amir addressed from Jordanian King Abdullah II on bilateral relations and how to enhance them.

The letter also handled coordination and cooperation over various regional issues as part of Arab and Islamic integra-

tion. The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah and Secretary-General of Kuwait's National Assembly Allam Ali Al-Kandari. Earlier, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received the Jordanian Senate President and his delegation. The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, head of His Highness the Premier's Diwan Sheikhha Itimad Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Kandari, and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Jordan Hamad Al-Duajj. —KUNA



**First Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah chairs a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Prize yesterday.**



**KUWAIT:** Deputy Amiri Diwan Minister Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah, during a visit to the Thai Embassy yesterday, conveyed condolences from His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the death of King Bhumibol Adulyadej. He also conveyed the condolences of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. —KUNA

# KUWAIT'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO QATAR SUBMITS CREDENTIALS

**DOHA:** Kuwait's new Ambassador to Qatar Hafeeth Mohammad Al-Ajmi presented his credentials yesterday to Qatari Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani. The Kuwaiti diplomat said that he conveyed the Kuwaiti leadership's greetings and well wishes to the Qatari Amir. Moreover, he underscored historic ties between both nations, saying that both countries strive to bolster Gulf and Arab cooperation.

Meanwhile, Ajmi had previously handed over a copy of his credentials to Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, subsequently discussing with him bilateral ties. The meeting was attended by the Kuwaiti embassy's counselor Nasser Al-Ghanem, along with secretaries Fahad Al-Awadhi and Mohammad Al-Omar. —KUNA



**KUWAIT:** Qatari Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani meets with Kuwait's new Ambassador to Qatar Hafeeth Mohammad Al-Ajmi. —KUNA



**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with the newly appointed US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence Robert Silverman. —KUNA photos

# CROWN PRINCE MEETS NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADORS

**KUWAIT:** His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at Bayan Palace the newly appointed US Ambassador to Kuwait Lawrence Robert Silverman. His Highness the Crown Prince also received today the newly appointed German Ambassador to Kuwait. The meeting was also attended by head of the protocol at the Diwan of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.

Earlier yesterday, His Highness the Crown Prince received Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Bader Al-Essa, as well as the outgoing Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs Dr Ali Saleh Al-Omar, and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs and Minister of Communication Essa Ahmad Al-Kandari. His Highness also met with National Security Apparatus Chief Sheikh Thamer Ali Al-Sabah.