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KUWAIT: A picture taken from an elevated window shows a Chinese cargo ship passing by Souq Sharq Marina on its way towards Shuwaikh Port, in Kuwait City. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

KUWAIT DONATES \$100,000 TO ANTI-CORRUPTION ACADEMY

VIENNA: In contribution to its activities, Kuwait donated yesterday a sum of \$100,000 to support the activities of International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA). This announcement was made by Kuwaiti Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN and International organizations headquarters in Vienna, Sadiq Ma'rafi. After a meeting with IACA's head Martin Kreutner, Ma'rafi said that such financial contribution came to bolster international cooperation between Kuwait and various international and specialized organizations, namely the IACA, noting that Kuwait joined the organization in May of 2015, after UN General Assembly decision to launch the organization globally in 2011.

Ma'rafi added that the academy's Inaugural Conference "From Vision to Reality" took place in Vienna in 2010 and witnessed the participation of over 1,000 delegates from UN Member States, international organizations, NGOs, the private sector, civil society, and academia. The ambassador noted that IACA's various training programs were vital for the development of several bodies in Kuwait including the Finance Ministry, general prosecution, audit bureau, and the Public authority for combating corruption. IACA is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, allowing the Academy to host a variety of conferences, seminars, and programs.

It offers a number of seminar rooms of various sizes, all equipped with computers and interactive smart boards, creating an ideal environment for interactive lectures and meetings. Strolling around campus, students can soak in that imperial spirit of Laxenburg, which continues to attract large numbers of visitors each and every year. In the summer, for example, participants



VIENNA: Kuwaiti Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN and International organizations headquarters Sadiq Ma'rafi presents donation to IACA's head Martin Kreutner. — KUNA

from all around the world arrive at the Academy to take part in the annual International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy or a module of the Master program, converting the IACA campus and the picturesque town into a "global village" for anti-corruption experts. — KUNA

KUWAIT HIGHLY ACTIVE IN ANTI-ORGAN TRAFFICKING

VATICAN CITY: Chairman of Kuwait Transplant Society (KTS) Dr Mustafa Al-Musawi has affirmed Kuwait's keen interest in countering human organs trafficking, as well as high action on supporting all international efforts to combat this crime and find other practical solutions that meets the patients' needs. Al-Musawi made his remarks on the sidelines of his participation in the 2017 Pontifical Academy of Sciences' Summit on Organ Trafficking in Vatican City. He has represented Kuwait during the two-day event, which kicked off on February 7th under the auspices of Pope Francis.

Kuwait has been actively involved in anti-organ trafficking efforts since 2006, when the country hosted a founding meeting to crystallize these efforts, he said. These early Kuwaiti-led efforts have, eventually, paved

the way for the declaration of Istanbul on organ trafficking and transplant tourism in 2008, and later for World Health Organization's 2010 resolution (WHA63.22) on optimizing organ donation and transplantation practices.

He also mentioned that Kuwait's contribution and scientific worksheet on the issue were widely welcomed by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, pointing out such greeting as a source of pride for the country and its efforts. Pope Francis has expressed his keenness on sponsoring this year's summit, which coincides with the International Patient Day, meeting with the participants, and signing the event's concluding communique, Al-Musawi said. He described the Pope's action as an ethical support for all international efforts, led by the

Transplantation Society (TTS) and the International Society of Nephrology (ISN), against organs trafficking.

The 2017 Pontifical Academy Summit on Organ Trafficking aimed at describing the widespread extent of transplant tourism and organ trafficking and preparing a statement referable to the Pontifical Academy Summit that would be signed by the participants and distributed worldwide. The event's main objectives were to engage a group of stakeholders, including government officials, prosecutors, investigators, justices, and journalists, who can be influential in the long term in combating organ trafficking in an alliance with transplant professionals, and develop an alliance of individuals committed to combating organ trafficking and transplant tourism. —KUNA

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In brief

MoE underlines the need for effective partnership

KUWAIT: Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Mohammad Al-Fares has underlined the need for effective partnership with all society institutions to ameliorate education in Kuwait. In a ceremony held by Kuwait International Law School to celebrate the graduation of 294 undergraduate students and 15 post-graduate students, Al-Fares he noted that this partnership could help build new private world-class universities and colleges. He pointed out that the state development plan prioritizes education development and considers it backbone of any future development to the country. The development plan aims to create high-quality education process with outstanding outcome, he said. The minister called for focusing more on the scientific specialties required by the labor market.

Kuwait 17th camel race begins today

KUWAIT: Kuwait's 17th Camel Race will begin today with an unprecedented large number of participating best-of-breed 3,000 camels. The race, which was previously held for five days, would be extended to six days for holding 124 rounds, said Dr Humoud Flaiteh, the commission chairman and Deputy General Director of the Public Authority for Sports (PAS), in a statement yesterday. Large participation in the race, patronized by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, affirms that camel racing has become an internationally recognized sport, he said. PAS will offer 124 cars and cash as prizes for winners and His Highness the Amir will honor winner of the grand prix race with the Golden Sword. The race logo is "11 years of giving," referring to His Highness the Amir's 11th reign anniversary. It will be held at Martyr Fahad Al-Ahmad Track at Kuwait Club for Camel Race. A heritage village depicting ancestors' livelihood will be held on the sidelines.

Pan Arab Hematology Conference kicks off

KUWAIT: The Ministry of Health said that the 6th Pan Arab Hematology Association Conference will kick off today. Chairman of the higher committee of the conference Dr Nagat Roh Al-Din said in a press conference, the three-day gathering will be held in cooperation between the Pan Arab Hematology Association and the European Hematology Association (EHA). Dr Nagat added that 24 lecturers from Arab and foreign countries will participate in the Conference, in addition of specialist representatives for EHA. She added that the event will discuss a variety of medical issues including stem cell, kinds of tumors and blood diseases of premature babies, unlike previous sessions of the conference which discussed blood related diseases only. A number of workshops will be conducted to improve the level of diagnosing and treatment of blood diseases, with discussions being moderated by international experts.

EPA, KISR sign cooperation deal against air pollution

KUWAIT: The Environment Public Authority (EPA) and Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) inked on Thursday a cooperation accord for developing gases' emission monitors. EPA Director General Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al-Sabah said in a statement that the agreement aims at increasing cooperation and paving way for mapping out integrated schemes and training cadres on environment protection. It is in line with Article 148 of the Environment Protection Law which stipulates that EPA takes charge of regular monitoring and assessment of the air quality to limit poisonous gases. EPA and KISR will coordinate for collecting data about emissions from various sources. KISR Director General Dr Samira Omar said the project centers on upgrading air quality monitors. The KD 200,000 program, funded by Kuwait Foundation for Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), is valid for three years. It can be renewed for two years more.