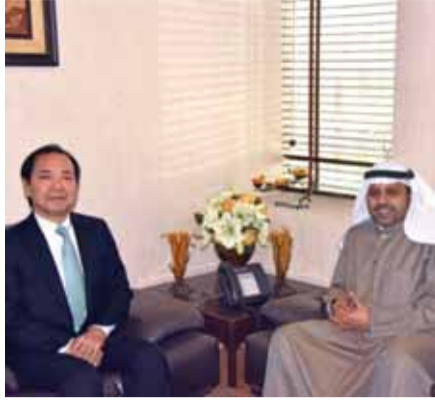


In Brief

**MUNICIPALITY MINISTER MEETS JAPANESE ENVOY**

**KUWAIT:** Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Minister of State for Municipality Affairs Mohammad Al-Jabri met at his office on Thursday with the Japanese Ambassador to Kuwait Takashi Achiki. The two sides discussed topics of mutual concern and ways of boosting cooperation in the municipal field between Kuwait and Japan.



**1,000 VOUCHERS TO DISPLACED IRAQIS**

**IRBIL:** The Consulate-General of Kuwait distributed yesterday around 1,000 food vouchers to Iraqis displaced in Irbil, Kuwait's Consul General of the State of Kuwait in Irbil Dr Omar Al-Kandari said. He added that the vouchers were distributed in cooperation with Kuwait's Al-Najat Society to the displaced Iraqis, in order to ease their suffering. — KUNA



**30,177 TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED**

**KUWAIT:** Traffic police launched several inspection campaigns around Kuwait in the period of January 15-21, 2017. During the campaigns, police filed a total of 30,177 traffic tickets, impounded 46 vehicles and 29 motorbikes, arrested 51 traffic law violators, referred two expatriates to deportation for driving without a driver's license and locating 18 vehicles that were reported stolen.



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KUWAIT: A laser show at the Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center. — KUNA

**DYSLEXIA IN KUWAIT: PROBLEMS, SOLUTIONS**

**KUWAIT:** Dyslexia is a common language-based disorder which is affecting a large number of people around the globe, making the process of reading, writing, and spelling almost unbearable. In Kuwait, the issue is far greater especially with the lack of awareness about Dyslexia. For Kuwaiti citizen Mohammad Al-Qatami Dyslexia is very personal issue due to the fact that his son suffered from this disorder.

Traveling far and wide, Qatami - also Vice Chairman of Kuwait Dyslexia Association - made it his mission to inform the populace about the problems he faced with his son's disorder, affirming that not all hope was lost.

Qatami revealed that the association conducted a survey in 650 schools which pointed out that some 30,000 students in Kuwait showcased some symptoms of the disorder. This is an alarming number, said the official who added that "the survey gave us a clear idea of how to deal with Dyslexia in cooperation with various government and private bodies."

Due to the enormous challenge facing Kuwait, the Association had worked effortlessly to promote the issue on the local level, said Qatami who indicated that in 2005, his organization and the Ministry of Education had launched a Dyslexia-awareness program in 22 schools to

enable these facilities to deal with the disorder in a friendly manner. Qatami said that discussions with Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr. Mohammad Al-Far will be held soon to expand the campaign to include more schools.

Association official Theiya Al-Rasheed and Health Ministry pediatric consultant Dr Nahed Abdulrazzak both affirmed meanwhile that there were various ways to diagnose whether a person was suffering from the disorder. They also said it was paramount to treat Dyslexia in a professional manner, otherwise, the situation might get further complicated. — KUNA



**AUTHORITIES JOIN HANDS IN BEAUTIFYING KUWAIT**

**KUWAIT:** Two main Kuwaiti authorities have joined hands giving momentum to efforts to turn empty spots green with leafy plants and blossoming flowers throughout the country of largely arid land. In its latest activity to turn as many parts as possible of the landscape green, Kuwait Public Environment Authority (EPA), said in a statement on Friday that up to 10,000 saplings were distributed for planting in Al-

Nuwiseeb, Kuwait's southernmost region, stretching along the southern shores of the Gulf country. The plants were given to citizens, campers and volunteers, enthusiastic about such activities to safeguard and improve the environment of Kuwait, indicated Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al-Sabah, EPA Board Chairman.

He also indicated that the activity is part of a nationwide campaign to promote peoples' awareness of the necessity to safeguard the Kuwaiti wild life and environment. Greening side-streets and public parks and location helps in purifying the air, he said, noting the top leaders' special concern for greening Kuwait. EPA is distributing large numbers of saplings in coordination with the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET), whose general director, Haytham Al-Athari, said that up to 100,00 saplings had been planted in the first (4-month-long) phase of the campaign. The current second stage is designed to plant 250,000 ones.

PAAET's services department is cooperating with the "green dream" team, which comprises volunteers who have been leading the multi-phased greening campaign. The authority had granted 20,000 saplings to Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Popular Heritage Village. It had also distributed 10,000 ones in Kabad, some 70 kilometers from Kuwait City, and planned to distribute 10,000 more elsewhere. Moreover, it is involved in greening projects outside mosques, oil companies and on islands. Kuwait's land is largely desert; however authorities and associations exert relentless efforts to keep much of the land green. — KUNA



KUWAIT: EPA Board Chairman Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al-Sabah (center) distributes the plants. — KUNA



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