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CBK ORGANIZES EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THAT AL-SALASIL

KUWAIT: The Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) announced its cooperation with That Al-Salasil bookstore for organizing an exciting educational and cultural event exclusively for My First Account holders aged five to 14 years old at its branch in Avenues Mall. The event meant to encourage kids to read more and highlight importance of reading in developing and upgrading the culture and general knowledge of kids. The event will include numerous fun and educational activities like bookstore tour, storytelling and crafts, in addition to games and competitions and giveaways. The activities will be held every Wednesday and Thursday for three weeks starting from 26 July to 10 August with both morning and evening timings available.

Parents and guardians can register their kids through the CBK website under the 'Promotions section' and will be contacted shortly by the bank to choose day and timing preferable to them or they may contact the bank's Call Center. It is worth to mention that My First Account is a savings account designed for children from birth to 14 years old. The account contributes in a perfect way for parents who want to secure a better future for their children and saving money for them from an early age.



AMIR RECEIVES SULTAN UL-BOHRA

HIS HIGHNESS CONGRATULATES KUWAITI ATHLETE

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday the visiting Sultan ul-Bohra Dr Mufaddal Saifuddin and an accompanying delegation. The meeting was attended by Advisor at Amiri Diwan Mohammad Dhaif Alla Sharar. Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir received at Bayan Palace National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem, as well as Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

In other news, His Highness the Amir sent cables to a bevy of Kuwaiti athletes, congratulating them on their successful outings during the Arab Athletics Championship recently held in Tunisia. Gold medalists Majid Al-

Zaid and Essa Al-Zankawi, Khaled Al-Subaie, who bagged a silver medal, bronze medal winners Fajer Mandani and Nadia Al-Haqan, as well as the bronze-winning quartet of Yaqoub Al-Yoha, Mishal Al-Mutairi, Abdulaziz Qarainis and Hussein Al-Sheeha, were the recipients of His Highness the Amir's cables.

In his cables, His Highness the Amir wished the competitors success in their careers, saying that such accomplishments would propel Kuwait to the upper echelons of sports. 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 sent similar cables.—KUNA



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KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem meets with the Mexican Ambassador to Kuwait Miguel Angel Isidro.— KUNA

GHANEM CALLS FOR EMERGENCY AIPU SESSION ON AL-AQSA MOSQUE

KUWAIT: National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanem received at his office yesterday the Mexican Ambassador to Kuwait Miguel Angel Isidro. MP Nayef Al-Merdas Al-Ajmi attended the meeting.

Separately, Ghanem has called for an emergency session for the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU) on the ongoing escalation in Jerusalem, and the Israeli violation of Al-Aqsa Mosque sanctity. Ghanem made the call in a letter to AIPU President Habib El Malki, who is also Speaker of the Moroccan House of Representatives.

Due to the continued violations by

the Israeli occupying forces at Al-Aqsa Mosque, preventing Palestinian's from entering the site to perform prayers, Ghanem asked for an emergency meeting of the AIPU in Morocco or at the Arab League the headquarters in Cairo "as soon as possible," the letter reads.

The session aims to discuss the hazardous escalating situation in Jerusalem, and to agree on political, diplomatic and popular moves on the Arab, Islamic, continental and international levels to strongly press the occupation authorities to stop their unjust practices that run against all international and human laws and norms, Ghanem noted.— KUNA

PAKISTAN BACKS AMIR'S EFFORTS TO END GULF CRISIS

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday expressed his country's support of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's efforts to resolve the Gulf crisis. This came during talks in Islamabad with the visiting Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani.

The foreign minister briefed the premier on Qatar's response to the demands of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt and the current status of mediation efforts pursued by His Highness the Amir. The prime minister appreciated the "sagacity and wisdom" of His Highness

the Amir, and said Pakistan supports these "sincere efforts," according to an official statement. "Pakistan maintains close, friendly and cooperative relations with all GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries and is concerned at the recent crisis in Middle East," added the statement. Furthermore, Sharif said that Pakistan wishes to see a diplomatic solution to the problem between brotherly Islamic countries. Meanwhile, the Qatari minister expressed his gratitude to the prime minister for the warm reception and reiterated Qatar's desire to further enhance bilateral relations between the two countries.— KUNA

ARAB LEAGUE CHIEF DENOUNCES ISRAELI MEASURES IN JERUSALEM

CAIRO: Arab League Secretary General Ahmad Abul-Gheit yesterday denounced the Israeli violence and arbitrary measures against Palestinians in the occupied Jerusalem, especially in the vicinity of Al-Aqsa Mosque. In a statement, Abul-Gheit demanded the Israelis to immediately stop all bring to a halt all such practices and measures, and to fully respect the sanctity of the Mosque. He warned against the gravity of the escalating Israel has been taking since

Friday, preventing Palestinian worshippers from entering and performing prayers in Al-Aqsa. These measures constitute obvious violation of the international human rights law, and will only lead to further tension and fueling of conditions in the city, in addition to provoking Muslims' feelings, Abul-Gheit said. He noted that the measures will leave their positive implications on any opportunities for a political settlement between Israel and the Palestinians.— KUNA

KUWAIT TO HOST EU-GCC ENERGY EVENT IN OCTOBER

GAS PRODUCTION WILL RISE TO 510 MILLION CUBIC FEET

BRUSSELS: A two-day event on "Energy Efficiency: A Key Driver for Clean Energy Transition" will take place in Kuwait, on October 2-3 under the patronage of Minister of Oil and Minister of Electricity and Water Essam Al-Marzouq. It is organized by the European Union and the Gulf Cooperation Council (EU-GCC) Clean Energy Technology Network in partnership with the Kuwait Society of Engineers and the Public Authority of Applied Education and Training, said the organizers in a press release.

The aim of the event is to foster partnerships by bringing together high-level stakeholders from the EU and the six-member GCC to discuss Energy Efficiency and Cooling Technologies suitable for the region, exchange

best practices and lessons learned and to advance collaboration between EU and GCC actors.

The EU-GCC Clean Energy Network initiated its activities in 2010, as a response to the common EU-GCC interest for strategic clean energy cooperation. The Network aims to catalyse and coordinate cooperation on clean energy, including policy and technology aspects among stakeholders in the EU and GCC countries. In December 2015, the EU launched the second phase of the "EU-GCC Clean Energy Network II" project aiming at further developing the activities of the Network and at supporting its mid-term sustainability. The Network targets stakeholders from both the GCC and the EU,

including energy authorities and policy makers.

Gas production

In other news, Marzouq announced that Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and its affiliates plan to ratchet up free gas production capacity to 510 million cubic feet and increase light oil output to 200 thousand barrels per day (bpd) by December.

Speaking to the press, Marzouq said that capacity would be enhanced through three production units to be configured soon, all of which will churn out 100 cubic feet of free gas and 40,000 bpd of light oil. Marzouq, who doubles as Minister of Electricity and Water, pointed out that Kuwait has collaborated with



Oil Minister Essam Al-Marzouq

reputable gas exploration and production companies to help meet the country's rising need of natural gas, as temperatures soar during the summer. He added that Kuwait, through cooperation with staunch ally Saudi Arabia, was "eager to develop its gas fields in order to boost production capacity."—KUNA

'KAFO' MEETS YOUTH ASPIRATIONS: ADVISOR

KUWAIT: 'KAFO' is a national e-platform that enables the search, connection and collaboration among achievers in Kuwait for better future opportunities, building networks for knowledge sharing and communities around common interests, an official said.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the Kuwait Achievers for Future Opportunities (KAFO) Project Dr Youssef Al-Ibrahim noted that the project was developed to meet youth aspirations as per the recommendations of the National Youth Project, which was initiated by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah in 2013 as a nationwide campaign to outreach youth and involve them in national development plans.

Ibrahim, Advisor at the Amiri Diwan, said his remarks during a seminar to introduce the project. The main objective of KAFO is to have access to Kuwaiti achievers and talents through a platform that can display their efforts and empower them to attain more and collaborate with others. "They are the real assets of Kuwait and the hope for its future," he said. Ibrahim hoped the project would create self-renewing energy in the Kuwaiti youth to push them with economic activities and voluntary work that have always characterized the Kuwaiti personality.

Meanwhile, Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Mohammad Al-Faris said that KAFO includes a large segment of young people, which requires building a database for them to facilitate the search process for their competencies. The existence of a database for young people to identify their potential is very important to help them in projects and action teams, in addition to supporting and developing their abilities, Minister Faris said.

Kuwait's youth are its real wealth and the support of His Highness the Amir for these projects is a clear evidence that Kuwait's future lays within youth, Faris noted, adding that the Ministry of Education will support

such projects by giving young teachers the opportunity to develop the educational system. In the meantime, General Coordinator of the project Dr Fatma Al-Mousawi said the main goal of the meeting is to introduce the project and facilitate the process of identifying the official website in its experimental phase before the official launch in October this year.

"Our aim also is to hear and gather more opinions and comments about the website for the development of the project before the official launch," she pointed out. The database will focus on six electronic communities in the fields of sports, media, culture, arts, science and technology, as well as food.— KUNA



Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education Dr Mohammad Al-Faris speaks to reporters.



KUWAIT: Officials attend a seminar to introduce 'KAFO'; a national e-platform that enables the search, connection and collaboration among achievers in Kuwait.— KUNA