



His Highness the Amir is pictured with Cultural Attache at the Embassy in Washington DC Dr Aseel Al-Awadi.



# AMIR RECEIVES KUWAITI STUDENTS IN US

## KUWAITI STUDENTS PROUD OF LEADERSHIP'S SUPPORT

**WASHINGTON:** His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah yesterday received a batch of Kuwaiti students pursuing their education in the US at his residence in Washington DC. During the meeting, in the presence of Deputy Chief of the Kuwait National Guard (KNG) Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Amir gave the students his fatherly advice regarding the importance of education and academic achievements, affirming that Kuwaiti will hugely benefit from the students' knowledge once they return to the country.

The meeting was attended by First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and

Minister of Interior Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh, and members of the delegation accompanying His Highness the Amir.

His Highness the Amir's endless support to the development of education in Kuwait invokes a sense of pride amongst Kuwaiti students locally and abroad, said a number of students pursuing education in the US. In statements to KUNA, the Kuwaiti students said that they were honored to have met His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah during his visit to US.

On her part, Lina Najem, a student at Yale University, said that seeking education in the US was a great opportunity for her to develop her academic skills. Najem affirmed that once she returns to Kuwait she would use her experience in the US to help in the country's

development. Kuwaiti students at the University of Southern California Abdulmohsen Al-Zebn, Hussein Al-Sahhaf, Nour Al-Qadi, and Ali Al-Ghanim thanked His Highness the Amir for showing his commitment to the development of Kuwaiti education, stressing that attending the reception held by Kuwait's highest authority figure was reflective the Amiri care for Kuwait and its people.

Echoing similar statements, Kuwaiti students from the Universities of Pennsylvania, Boston, and California-Abdulaziz Shamsah, Al-Ghalia Al-Gabandi, and Khaled Al-Omar respectively-expressed their strong desires to contribute to Kuwait's welfare once they return home. They said that this resolve came after they met with His Highness the Amir who provided them with words of wisdom and encouragement regarding the vitality of

their academic careers.

Displaying the Kuwaiti diplomatic mission's gratitude for His Highness the Amir's visit, Cultural Attache at the Embassy in Washington DC, Dr Aseel Al-Awadi affirmed that the reception of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah of 25 Kuwaiti students was a gesture that would ignite feelings of pride and determination. The students paid attention to His Highness the Amir's directives regarding the importance of education in the development of Kuwait, indicating that they will surely heed the calls by Kuwait's leadership to turn the country into an important regional and international player. On his part, Kuwaiti Cultural Attache in Los Angeles Dr Mohammad Al-Rashidi said that the reception of the students reflected the country's keenness on education whether it was locally or abroad. —Agencies

### EMBASSY LAUNCHES KUWAIT CULTURAL DAYS IN CANADA

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait Embassy in Canada and the country's National Council for Culture, Art and Letters (NCCAL) have launched Kuwait Cultural Days in Ottawa - marking the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Confederation with the aim of promoting cultural exchange. The cultural days aim at fostering "friendship between the Kuwaiti and Canadian people, because we believe that culture is the bridge that brings nations closer and a mean of interaction among different cultures," Abdulhameed Al-Failakawi, Kuwait's Ambassador in Ottawa said in a statement during the opening of the event.

"We strongly believe that culture has a great impact in the mind and heart of every person," said Al-Failakawi, whose remarks were sent to KUNA in Kuwait. The opening ceremony was attended by Mohammad Al-Asousi, NCCAL's Assistant Undersecretary for Culture, Arab and Western Ambassadors, Canadian businessmen and university professors. Al-Failakawi said Kuwait was proud to see that relations with Canada were established more than 50 years ago.

Al-Asousi said Kuwait Cultural Days were one of the fruits of cooperation between Kuwait and Canada. He said the cultural days, who were due until September 8, highlighted aspects of Kuwait Culture and its development in the Gulf country. Al-Asousi described relations with Ottawa as special, as Canada contributed to the liberation of Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion in 1991 and the consequent rebuilding of the nation. The opening ceremony included workshops, a photo exhibition, an illustration of wooden-ship building and an exhibition of the Arabic calligraphy Fonts. — KUNA

### KUWAIT MINISTER LURES CHINESE INVESTORS

**KUWAIT:** Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan yesterday discussed with Chinese officials ways to encourage Chinese firms to open their headquarters in Kuwait through the Direct Investment Promotion Authority. His discussions with Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Qian Keiming focused on alleviating obstacles to the development of bilateral trade relations, read a Ministry statement.

The Kuwaiti minister, on the fringes of the China-Arab States Expo in the northwestern Chinese city of Yinchuan, also met with the representatives of several Chinese companies specialized in financial services, investment and transportation, like Sany, JD and China North Industries Corp. These companies are currently involved in many projects in Kuwait, he was quoted as saying. The minister went on to underline the importance of learning from China's practices in the fields of small and micro enterprises and developing a similar approach in Kuwait. China is Kuwait's largest non-oil trade partner with deals worth around \$9.5 billion struck between the two in 2016.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry arrived in Beijing yesterday for talks focused on attracting Chinese investments in

Kuwait. Al-Roudhan, who doubles as State Youth Minister is expected to meet CEOs of China's biggest state-owned and private firms on his second stop in China having attended the China-Arab States Expo in Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Both countries are keen to boost bilateral relations, as China seeks to carry out giant projects in Kuwait in the wake of His Highness the Amir's strategic 2035 vision and President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road project, Kuwaiti Ambassador to China Jawhar Hayat said.

Kuwait's plans to transform itself into

a financial hub and to build an international port, mirroring its trade history as a transit stop for goods, go hand in hand with China's plans to revive the ancient Silk Route. Kuwait was also the first Arab country to sign an agreement linking it to the Belt and Road project. These plans aim to diversify Kuwait's dependence on oil as a sole financial resource, he explained.

In May, Amiri Diwan Minister Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah took part in the Silk Summit held in Beijing where he met President Xi Jinping and Vice President Li Yuanhao. — Agencies



Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Khaled Al-Roudhan with Chinese officials.