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KFH HOLDS TRAINING FOR NEW RECRUITS

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) inaugurated a training program for 12 new recruits in order to raise their bar, enrich their banking knowledge and put them on track to be well equipped and prepared to assume the responsibility of optimally serving customers.

Deputy General Manager - Retail Banking at KFH, Khaled Al-Subaie said during the opening ceremony of the training program which was attended by several officers from KFH and the Manpower and Government Restructuring Program that KFH is keen on enhancing the skills and capabilities as per the highest levels of training theoretically and practically. He reiterated that customer service must be taken to the highest levels as per the highest service quality standards, thus assuring that KFH was the leading institution in providing highly sophisticated banking products and services.

Subaie urged trainees to always develop their skills, acquire new skills and benefit from KFH distinguished work atmosphere. He indicated that KFH is a major Islamic financial institution locally and

globally, thus providing more opportunities for career development and acquiring new skill in all fields.

Meanwhile, Amani Al-Merri, an official at the National Labor Force Development Department at Manpower and Government Restructuring Program (MGRP) praised KFH in recognition of its efforts in training the national labor through comprehensive training plans, hailing its commitment towards qualifying and honing the skills of its human resources.

She expressed, on the sidelines of inaugurating the training program, her pride of Kuwaitis working at the private sector, affirming MGRP's support for the Kuwaiti nationals in collaboration and coordination with KFH and the private sector in general.

It is worth noting that the 5-week program includes training courses and workshops on banking products, such as; banking cards, bank accounts, deposits, letters of guarantee, and KFH eservices. In addition, the program tackles subjects on sharia basics, counterfeiting and fraud, IT systems, etc.

TWO WOMEN DROWN IN SABAH AL-SALEM

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: Two Egyptian women (30 and 32) recently drowned in a swimming pool in Sabah Al-Salem, said security sources, noting that the two victims worked for a private hospital in the area. A case was filed and further investigations are in progress.

Traffic cameras

The total number of speeding violations detected by new traffic cameras starting from July 16th until September 11th was 32,941, said Major General Fahad Al-Showayye, the Interior Ministry's Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Traffic Affairs. He added that 915 expats were deported, while 54,166 vehicles and 950 bikes were impounded in 2016. Meanwhile, 117 expats were deported, and 12,028 vehicles and 622 bikes were impounded in the period of January 1 till July 29, 2017. In addition, Showayye said that 1,505 owners of vehicles with GCC license plates were summoned over committing 97,000 indirect traffic violations.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry's Relations and Security Media Director Brigadier Adel Al-Hashash said that a media awareness campaign was organized before the new cameras were put in

use to explain how they operate to help road users avoid legal accountability.

Fires

A fire broke out recently in a 10-story building in Salmiya used by the Ministry of Education to house female teachers, said security sources, noting that firemen rushed to the scene and found out that the fire was in a kitchen on the second floor. The whole building was evacuated and the fire was controlled without reporting any casualties. Meanwhile, a fire broke out in a 12-story building in Mirqab, said security sources, noting that on reporting to the scene, firemen found out that the fire started in a warehouse of a dentist's clinic in the third floor. The building was evacuated and one person was rescued after suffering from smoke inhalation. A case was filed and further investigations are in progress to determine the cause of the fire.

Crackdowns

Farwaniya municipality's acting cleaning department manager Soud Al-Harbi said that his teams had recently removed 23 abandoned vehicles in Jleeb Al-Shuyoukh, Farwaniya, Reqqa, Omaniya and Ashbeliya. He added that seven cafes and stores were also fined for illegal use of public property lands.



KUWAIT: Manager of the Alumni and Career Placement Center at ACK Dr Zeina Nehme poses with the interns.

ACK RECEIVES AWARD OF APPRECIATION FROM ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES FOR THEIR EFFORTS

KUWAIT: Representatives from the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) attended the Alghanim Industries Internship Graduation Ceremony, which was held recently at the JW Marriott hotel for its summer interns who completed an intensive four week program in July 2017. ACK received an award in recognition of its continuous support towards the Alghanim Industries summer interns this year. Commenting on the award, Manager of

the Alumni and Career Placement Center at ACK, Dr Zeina Nehme said; "We would like to thank Alghanim Industries for giving ACK students and alumni a great opportunity to gain exposure to the real world, outside of the classroom experience. Our university students were able to work in teams with students from multiple universities in Kuwait and abroad. It was indeed a great pleasure, and a wonderful learning experience for all of our participants."

PROGRAM TO HELP KUWAITI GRADUATES JOIN PRIVATE SECTOR

By Meshaal Al-Enezi

KUWAIT: The Manpower and Government Restructuring Program (MGRP) signed an agreement recently with the National Union of Kuwaiti Students (NUKS) to provide Kuwaitis graduating from local and foreign universities with enough training and skills in order to meet the local labor market's demands and encourage more Kuwaitis to join the private sector.

In this regard, MGRP Secretary General Fawzi Al-Majdali said that MGRP is happy to invite the unions to activities, workshops and seminars it organizes in Kuwait and abroad, in addition to determining the local market needs for certain degrees and certificates.

Majdali added that MGRP would coordinate with various unions abroad to facilitate students' participation in various activities and, provide MGRP with lists of outstanding students wishing to work in the private sector. Meanwhile, NUKS Secretary General Falah Al-Ajmi thanked MGRP for its support to Kuwaiti graduates as well as to national economic development.

Separately, Majdali issued a directive for MGRP employees on cancelling all exemptions from having to use the fingerprint system to check in and out, except those for employees with severe or mental disabilities who provide certificates from the Public Authority for the Disabled about their disabilities. Majdali added that the decision would take effect by the beginning of October.

Nurses' problems

Kuwait Nursing Society's Chairman Bandar Nashmi Al-Enezi urged His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah to immediately interfere to put an end to the 'disappointment' he accused the Ministry of Health of causing to nursing staffs through its decisions, and warned that many nurses have already threatened to resign.

Enezi added that many head nurses in various hospitals had been ignoring the health minister's decision on giving nurses two weekly days off, and that many nurses had been reshuffled according to 'wasta' (connections).

Furthermore, Enezi accused that current



KUWAIT: MGRP Secretary General Fawzi Al-Majdali (left) and NUKS Secretary General Falah Al-Ajmi sign the agreement. — Photo by Meshaal Al-Enezi

nursing services' manager of abusively dealing with nurses, adding that she had deliberately set hard admission exams for GCC and bedoon

nurses to have them fail. He also warned that nurses plan to go on strike unless their problems were solved.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSES EXPATS HEALTH FEE INCREASE EXEMPTIONS

By A Saleh

KUWAIT: The parliament's health affairs committee meets today to discuss reducing the scope of exemptions from increased fees on health service presented to expatriates, which will start in October 1, 2017. The panel's meeting agenda also includes discussing the latest regarding its ongoing investigations in Ministry of Health violations, parliamentary sources said. Meanwhile, the parliament's human rights committee will meet today to resume discussing the issue concerning fake passports that some bedoons (stateless residents) reportedly obtained in order to legalize their status. The panel seeks to find a resolution to the problem that ensures protecting the bedoons' basic rights.

Notably, the committee has been urging the

Interior Ministry to drop charges against the fake passport holders and return their previous legal statuses, said informed sources, noting that the ministry already has documents proving that the individuals in question belong to some neighboring countries.

Panic

MP Waleed Al-Tabtabaie urged the government not to panic after a number of MPs threatened to grill several ministers. Tabtabaie also referred to some reports claiming that there are intentions to change four or five ministers, but he denied knowing whether a reshuffle would be considered, especially since some ministers 'were not up to the responsibilities of their posts'. Furthermore, he noted that the performance of all ministers, including the premier himself, was below bar.

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