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Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Birds perched on a tree trunk at a park in Kuwait. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Kuwait Airways inaugurates premium lounge at T4 building

KAC-Incheon coordination to make T4 a role model for modern airport administrations

KUWAIT: Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) inaugurated yesterday the new state-of-the-art Bayan lounge at the Terminal 4 (T4) building, which is dedicated exclusively to first and business class passengers. The opening was held in presence of Directorate General of Civil Aviation's Chairman Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.

KAC is keen on enhancing Kuwait International Airport, keeping up with latest developments, and preserving Kuwait's well-regarded international reputation, Sheikh Salman said in a statement. He expressed his gratitude to KAC and all its staff for making a quantum leap in the national carrier's services to travelers, wishing the Corporation further progress and development.

Meanwhile, KAC's Chairman Yousef Al-Jassem stated that opening the new premium lounge is one of the corporation's latest accomplishments and part of its efforts to enhance its various services. The highly efficient lounge

was constructed and completed within just 70 days, Jassem noted, adding the project was implemented in coordination with the South Korean-based Incheon International Airport Corporation.

The KAC-Incheon coordination would attain DGCA's goals in making T4 building a role model for modern airport administrations, he said. Such significant achievements are part of implementing the directions of His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, and His Highness

the Prime Minister to swiftly complete and achieve all services, added the executive official. Furthermore, he affirmed KAC's continued keenness to improve its services and keep up with the latest aviation inflight entertainment. — KUNA



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KUWAIT: Officials inaugurate the new Bayan lounge at the T4 building yesterday. — KUNA

Kuwait's KAFO partakes in local charitable summit

KUWAIT: Kuwait Achievers for Future Opportunities (KAFO), an Amiri Diwan-backed project, participated in the 'Attah Heb' (Give a Gift) Summit on December 5-6 at Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center (JACC) as part of its contributions to the Kuwait Vision 2035 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) 2030, said a statement yesterday. A KAFO statement said that the summit, held under Kuwaiti and



UN supervision, aimed at unifying the youth's efforts towards contributing to Kuwait's own development plans. The KAFO team, partaking in the event, introduced the attendees to the project's KAFO application and Social Media accounts. KAFO is the premier platform that allows youth to easily communicate with each other and cooperate to contribute to the development of Kuwait. — KUNA



A seminar held as part of the summit.

Non-oil exports up to 25.2% in Nov: Ministry

KUWAIT: Kuwait's non-oil exports went up to 25.2 percent in November compared to November 2017, Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry said yesterday. Total exports were about KD 13.4 million (approximately \$44 million) during November compared to KD 7.9 million (around \$26 million) November 2017, the ministry said in a press statement.

Arab countries accounted for 83 percent of Kuwait's total exports with KD 11.1 million (about \$36.4 million). The rest of the world accounted for 17 percent with KD 2.2 million (about \$7.2 million). Qatar was the highest ranked coun-

try to import at KD 4.3 million (approximately \$14 million), after that Saudi Arabia with KD 2.6 million (about \$8.5 million). Next is Iraq at KD 1 million (around \$3.2 million), then Jordan with KD 733,000 (about \$2.4 million), followed by Lebanon with KD 639,000 (approximately \$2 million), then Morocco with a value of KD 9,300 (about \$30,000). Food, utensils, furniture, tents, livestock and material such as wool, metal doors, and glass fibers were most of the exports to Arab countries.

With regards to Kuwaiti exports to non-Arab countries, Italy was the largest importer with KD 1.6 million (around \$2.5 million), then Portugal with KD 187,000 (about \$614,000), after that France with KD 127,000 (about \$417,000) and Spain with KD 95,000 (approximately \$312,000). Kuwait also exported to Greece, Poland, Tanzania, Cyprus, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Guinea and Benin, worth overall KD 142,000 (about \$466,000). Polyethylene, lye, silicon, plastic granules, sweets and chicken were mostly exports to non-Arab countries. — KUNA

KNPC eyes projects worth \$5.2 billion in next five years

KUWAIT: The total value of projects set to be carried out by Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) in the next five years hits around \$5.2 billion, its CEO Mohammad Al-Mutairi said yesterday. The aforementioned value excludes expenses for the company's clean fuels project, which will push that figure up to \$25 billion by the year 2040, he said on the sidelines of a ceremony to mark a decade after KNPC launched its sustainability program. He labeled Kuwait's planned Dibdibah solar power plant as among the company's marquee projects, with 70 percent of expenses covered by foreign funds and 30 percent coming from domestic sources.

Mutairi put a two-year timeframe on the project, which is likely to boost Kuwait's renewable energy to 160,000 barrels per day, citing plans to build a new refinery in the south of the country. "We were the first company in the Gulf region to publish a report over sustainability," he revealed, saying that KNPC has set a benchmark in the oil and gas industries. Sustainability reports help companies assess their level of commitment to legal, environmental and economic standards. KNPC's Managing Director of Support Services Nasser Al-Shamma explained. He went on to say that several companies have started producing sustainability reports as well, following in KNPC's footsteps. — KUNA



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