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Gulf Bank hails successful MGRP career fair, signs 36 new employees

Employment ceremony held at the bank's headquarters

KUWAIT: Gulf Bank congratulates Kuwait's Manpower and Government Restructuring Program (MGRP) for its tremendous efforts to increase youth employment in the private sector. The bank strongly supports and is proud to be a partner in MGRP's Recruitment Screening Program: it is a partnership designed to hire and empower Kuwaitis seeking employment in the banking sector.

Earlier this month, Gulf Bank participated, as a gold sponsor, in MGRP's Career Fair and was impressed with the enthusiasm of attendees seeking employment. Speaking on the turnout and demand from qualified candidates, Salma Al-Hajjaj, General Manager for Human Resources at Gulf Bank said: "The MGRP Career Fair was a unique opportunity to engage with Kuwaiti youth and the level of interest in careers in the private sector was remarkable. It was heartening to see our youth not only looking to find employment, but seeking to build long-term careers for themselves. It is just this type of enthusiasm and focused determination that the bank looks for in its new hires."

Following the Career Fair, the bank accepted 36 qualified candidates, and held a signing ceremony at its headquarters to welcome them to the bank. The bank was pleased to have Bandar Al-Rashed, Assistant General Secretary of MGRP, and Naderah Al-Houmoud, Manager, Recruitment Department at MGRP, present at the employment signing ceremony.

Commenting on the new hire signing ceremony, Hajjaj said: "Both Gulf Bank and MGRP are committed to boosting employment in the private sector to support our country's economic development. This partnership has been of great benefit to both parties, but most importantly it has led to our youth finding employment. We thank Rashed and Houmoud of MGRP for being with us at the signing ceremony. At the bank, we have a well-rounded program named Ajyal which seeks to identify high potential new employees and nurture them to prepare them for



future leadership positions, we hope to see some of these new hires in this program soon."

In 2017, Gulf Bank was awarded the 'Best Training Plan 2016' from the MGRP, which is a testimony to the bank's commitment and dedication to support Kuwait's youth. Gulf Bank has successfully implemented several initiatives over the past years, such as external training programs held in collaboration with the MGRP and its long-term sponsorship of INJAZ Kuwait offering professional skills and entrepreneurial training for high school and university students. The bank is particularly pleased with the popularity and effectiveness of its internal Ajyal Graduate Development Program nurturing young Kuwaiti talent early in the career, aiming to develop them into 'holistic bankers' and prepare them for leadership positions at Gulf Bank and in our country. Furthermore, the bank also offers an internal learning and development program, which includes a wide range of trainings and courses for employees across all ranks and departments.



Ibtikar Initiative accepts 37 school projects

KUWAIT: The Ibtikar Al-Kuwait Initiative accepted 37 out of 123 projects presented by 288 female public school students. Chairperson of the Saad Al-Abdullah Charity for Knowledge and Scientific Research Sheikhha Fadia Al-Saad Al-Sabah announced yesterday.

Fourteen science fiction story projects were presented by primary school girls, in addition to nine projects on electronic waste recycling presented by intermediate school girls, as well as 14 projects on systems, which were presented by secondary school girls, Sheikhha Fadia said.

The projects were currently being reviewed by a jury panel pending declaring the three winners by mid-March, Sheikhha Fadia said, noting that the Ibtikar Al-Kuwait Initiative works on this project in collaboration with the Ministry of Education (MOE).



Sheikha Fadia Al-Saad Al-Sabah

KIB sponsors 'Love of Kuwait' National Day parade

KUWAIT: In celebration of National and Liberation Days, Kuwait International Bank (KIB) participated in the annual 'Love of Kuwait' National Day parade, which was organized by the Kuwait Dragons Bikers team. The parade saw the participation of over 2,000 motorcycles and 600 vintage cars, which were supervised by a group of regionally and internationally renowned motorcyclists and drivers.

The parade's official starting point was nearby the Kuwait Towers, located on the Arabian Gulf Road, and travelled all the way to 360 Mall, where a number of bicycles were showcased for public viewing. Featuring a wide range of fun, entertaining activities and performances, the annual 'Love of Kuwait' parade is a community-based, voluntary, and humanitarian event embodying the nation's message of social unity and peace.

In this context, Manager of the Corporate Communications Unit at KIB, Nawaf Najia, said: "It is with great pride that we lend our support to this outstanding parade. Our sponsorship came as part of our celebrations commemorating Kuwait's 57th National Day and 27th Liberation Day anniversaries. We are also committed to supporting youth-related and national activities, which is the least we could do to show our ongoing support and appreciation for our beloved nation."



Najia added that KIB is committed to participating in a number of diverse activities and initiatives that serve to memorialize this historical event in all our hearts. Accordingly,

the bank is adamant on being consistently involved in initiatives that support the success of events that truly bring people together in unity and love for this great nation.

KFH visits security, emergency personnel

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) visited security and emergency personnel in recognition of their efforts and pivotal role in serving the country and the people. The visit comes as part of KFH eventful program on the occasion of National and Liberation days. Also, it stems



KUWAIT: KFH's team pose with Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah.

from KFH's commitment towards achieving the corporate social responsibility.

Taking these initiatives, KFH confirms its keenness to reinforce humanitarian and solidarity ties with society, while reinforcing cooperation with government's institutions. Such events have a positive effect in encouraging security and emergency operatives and lifting their morale to perform their duties optimally during occasions.

Meanwhile, Acting Assistant Undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior for Public Security Affairs Major General Ibrahim Al-Tarrah appreciated KFH initiative and lauded its distinguished role in assuming social responsibility.



KFH' team honors security and emergency personnel.

ABK sponsors National Day celebration at disabled authority

KUWAIT: Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) successfully concluded its sponsorship of the Special Needs' National Day, which was organized by the Vocational Rehabilitation of the Public Authority of the Disabled on the occasion of the National and Liberation days. The event was attended by a group of special needs children.

The event was held to shed light on the importance of involving those with special needs, and to encourage the integration of these individuals with the members of society, especially at a time of celebrating this dear national occasion. Children with special needs participated in the celebration with various activities to further strengthening the sense of nationalism and joy on this special occasion.

ABK represented by Ali Al-Baghli - Corporate Communications Manager was honored by Vocational Rehabilitation Department, for the bank's support and commitment to making a difference in the community. The bank's sponsorship of the national festival is in line with its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy, which focuses on supporting the humanitarian and social issues.



KUWAIT: Ali Al-Baghli, Senior Manager-Corporate Communications at ABK, receives an appreciation award from Alanoud Al-Wazan and Anwar Al-Ansari from the Public Authority of the Disabled.

Int'l Student Network holds education fair

KUWAIT: The International Student Network (ISN) returns to Kuwait today for an educational fair at the Regency Hotel from 6-9 pm.

The fair will include a session about studying in the United States, and student visas that will start at 5.15 pm.

Representatives from nine US Colleges and universities will provide information about their schools and answer questions from students and parents about educational opportunities in the United States. The three-hour educational fair is organized by ISN in cooperation with the US Embassy.

The following universities will attend the

event: Austin Peay State University, Drury University, Grand Valley State University, Purdue University Fort Wayne, State University of New York at Geneseo, The University of Oklahoma, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Michigan, Flint and University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point.

The US Embassy will have a booth with representatives who can answer students' questions about how to obtain information on higher education in the US, and about the student visa application process.