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KUWAIT: A view of Kuwait Towers taken during the early morning hours. — KUNA photo

Kuwait keen on applying quality, patients' safety criteria: Minister

Kuwait major hub for obesity surgeries: Dr Jarallah

DOHA: Minister of Health Sheikh Basel Humoud Hamad Al-Sabah said yesterday that Kuwaiti health authorities are very keen on applying quality, patients' safety criteria as human rights. This is a "political, professional and ethical commitment" by all the staff of the health sector, as well as state institutions, in Kuwait, the minister said in Doha where he was attending a major three-day forum on quality and safety in healthcare, and the launch ceremony of Qatar National Health Strategy (2018-2022). He added that all the Kuwaiti health utilities are committed to applying the World Health Organization (WHO)'s global initiative on patient safety quality.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Basel Al-Sabah said the sixth Middle East Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare offers an opportunity to exchange expertise and visions among specialists and leaderships of the health sector to discuss how to counter challenges of patients' safety.

He pointed out that Kuwait is hard at work to achieve the third of the 17th UN 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), namely "ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all at all ages is essential to sustainable development." Qatar's Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani on Friday opened the Forum at the Qatar National Convention Centre, featuring more than 60 sessions by over 20 international and 65 locally-based presenters. The event agenda, developed in collaboration with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), focuses on patient-centered care, the internationally recognized concept known as 'joy at work',



DOHA: Minister of Health Sheikh Basel Al-Sabah (third from left) attends a major three-day forum on quality and safety in healthcare, and the launch ceremony of Qatar National Health Strategy (2018-2022). — KUNA

improvement science, patient safety, and leadership and capacity building. While in Doha, Sheikh Basel Al-Sabah held talks with Qatar's Minister of Public Health Dr Hanan Al-Kuwari, and visited a host of the Qatari hospitals and medical research centers.

Obesity surgeries

In other news, former Health Minister of Kuwait Dr Mohammad Al-Jarallah said Kuwait is among nations with highest number of obesity surgeries. He made the statement on the sidelines of the first international bariatric metabolic surgery standardization meeting

that was held recently in Indian capital New Delhi. "Kuwait has one of the highest rate of performance of obesity operations because of the high incidence of obesity among Kuwaitis and the availability of advanced equipment, operating theaters with active pioneers surgeons in the Middle East," he said.

Dr Jarallah, who represented the Obesity Surgical Society in Kuwait in the first consensus conference on bariatric metabolic surgery standardization, added that Kuwaiti surgeons are major participants in global conferences on health and well-being.

The ex-health minister also commented on



Minister of Health Sheikh Basel Al-Sabah tours a gallery held as part of the forum.

the meeting saying that it came as a response to the long-standing appeals from around the world to build consensus on bariatric metabolic surgery standardization. In eight consecutive sessions, extensive discussions are taking place with the active participation of specialists and experts from across the world in order to reach at a possible declaration at the end.

Dr Jarallah, the President of Kuwait Obesity Surgery Society and Gulf Obesity Surgery Society, was invited to participate in the event and to moderate a session today and share Kuwait's experience in this regard.

Proponents and originators of various bariatric metabolic surgeries presented their views on the procedures and standards and placed their evidences. If a consensus is reached for each procedures by a simple majority vote, this will be the reference for all variations of the given procedures globally.

India's Mohak Bariatrics which organized the event in cooperation with Robotics, said earlier that more than 100 participants and practitioners from various countries including the US, the UK, Germany, France and Arab Gulf are participating in the meeting to standardize bariatric metabolic surgery. —KUNA

Future Generations Festival culminates in '12 O'clock' play

KUWAIT: The family comedy play '12 O'clock' brought down the curtains on the 29th Future Generations Festival on Friday evening. The child oriented music play, directed by Mishari Al-Mujaibel, was staged on Al-Tahrir Theater in Kaifan Area.

It tells the story of a five-member family of robbers who steal sorrow from people; they decide to break into the home of their boss who is sad because his wife died recently. Al-Mujaibel said in a statement. The thieves get into the man's home at 12 o'clock midnight, on his birthday eve; they are able to restore hope and joy to his life.

The audience found a lot of amusement in the interesting play which showed the care of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) for the culture of children, the director added. Supervisor of NCCAL's child culture department Maryam Salmin opened the festival on Saturday, March 10. The event, held under the patronage of Minister of Information Mohammad Al-Jabri, featured a range of theatrical and singing performances, symposiums and workshops. —KUNA

