

# Amir receives senior state officials, visiting minister, outgoing ambassador

## Crown Prince, Prime Minister meet new human rights' diwan members



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. —KUNA photos



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Dominican Republic's Foreign Minister Miguel Vargas.

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at Bayan palace His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness the Amir also received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah accompanied by visiting Dominican Republic's Foreign Minister Miguel Vargas. His Highness then received the outgoing Ambassador of Myanmar to Kuwait U Aye Khaing, Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah attended both meetings.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Crown Prince received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Anas Al-Saleh and members of National Diwan for Human Rights on the occasion of the formation of its new board. His Highness the Crown Prince praised the new establishment which will add more Kuwaiti achievements in the humanitarian field and its contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights in accordance with international law and treaties. He also expressed pride in the Kuwaiti humanitarian mission and keenness on building a better future. The meeting was attended by Head of Protocols at the Diwan of His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al-Salem Al-Humoud Al-Sabah.

The new Diwan members also met with His Highness the Prime Minister, who stressed the important role of the National Diwan for Human Rights in promoting Kuwait's democracy and in displaying Kuwait's civilized image to the rest of the world.

Also yesterday, His Highness the Crown Prince received His Highness the Prime Minister, as well as

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled, and Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior and Acting Defense Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah.

In other news, His Highness the Prime Minister met Hamza Al-Khayat, director of the linguistic creativity center. During the reception, Khayat presented His Highness the Prime Minister with a copy of a linguistic encyclopedia for children, which was authored by His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak. His Highness the Prime Minister commended the encyclopedia, of which 100,000 copies have been published in a short period of time, for its modern and funny style that makes it easy for children to learn on the basis of sound foundations and principles. Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak stressed that it is important to teach children Arabic and its grammar.

Furthermore, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak and Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled received Dominican's Foreign Minister Vargas and his accompanying delegation. The meeting was attended by His Highness the Prime Minister's Diwan undersecretary Sheikhha Etemad Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Assistant Foreign Minister for Americas' Affairs Reem Al-Khaled.

Later yesterday, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah held a meeting with the visiting Dominican minister, during which they discussed ways to enhance relations on all possible spheres and also touched on means to coordinate efforts within the UNSC. The meeting was followed by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Kuwait and the Dominican Republic in the field of political consultations, diplomatic training, energy, trade and technical cooperation.



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The meeting was attended by Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah, Director General of Saud Al-Nasser Diplomatic Institute Ambassador Abdulaziz Al-Sharekh, Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocols Ambassador Dhari Ajran Al-Ajran, Assistant Foreign Minister for the Office of Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Foreign Minister Ambassador Saleh Al-Loughani, Assistant Undersecretary for Foreign Trade and International Organizations Affairs Sheikh Nimr Fahad Al-Malik and Assistant Foreign Minister for Americas Ambassador Reem Al-Khaled.

Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled also received Director-General of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) Abdulwahab Al-Bader. KFAED's Deputy Director for Investment Ghanem Al-Ghenaime introduced the new Deputy Director-General for Operations Marwan Al-Ghanem and the new Deputy Director-General for Administration and Finance Nedhal Al-Olayan. Sheikh Sabah Khaled congratulated the team of KFAED and wished them the best of luck during their duty under the leadership of His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince. — KUNA

## Chinese official looks forward for new cooperation prospects with Kuwait

BEIJING: Vice President and Director General of China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec) Li Dia Nu expressed his hope yesterday for a new phase towards closer relations and cooperation between his country and Kuwait in various fields especially in the fields of energy and petrochemicals in light of the agreements reached between the two countries during His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah's visit to China last July.

This came during a meeting with a Kuwaiti media delegation visiting the Republic of China at the invitation of the Chinese side to discuss ways of developing media cooperation between the two countries in light of His Highness the Amir's recent visit to Beijing. Li said that Sinopec has a close relationship with the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) and this relationship strengthens the cooperation frameworks between the two countries, expressing his country's readiness to contribute to supporting the development and reconstruction of Kuwait. He added that the company has more than 125 activities in many countries in the world, including Kuwait, and these activities represent the government of China at the highest level of business development in the world.

In 2008, Sinopec entered the Kuwait market and was the first contractor with Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) and was the best company to provide high quality standards. He added that in the commercial process of crude oil, Kuwait ranks first in terms of volume of cooperation, which has increased over time, noting that the volume of imports of (Sinopec) of Kuwaiti oil currently stands at 300,000 barrels of oil per day. He added that the Kuwait market has become a large and open market, pointing out that the latest meetings of the bilateral committees, agreements were signed to expand and deepen relations in oil services between the two countries to create new opportunities for cooperation, especially in the petrochemical sector.

Kuwait also wants to benefit from China's great experience in the economic development process within the framework of the new development plan (Kuwait Vision 2035). He expressed his happiness at the level of cooperation between the two countries and wished a bright and promising future especially that the two parties are committed to achieving this vision, and that cooperation is what will distinguish this vision.

Meanwhile, Director of Oil Services in the Company Zhou Ji pointed to the activities and areas of work of Sinopec in Kuwait, explaining that the company is one of



BEIJING: Vice President and Director General of China Petrochemical Corporation (Sinopec) Li Dia Nu meets with the Kuwaiti media delegation. — KUNA

the largest suppliers of oil and petrochemical services. He added that the company's plan includes exploration, oil construction and production along with design, adding that the company has more than 5,000 representatives and agents in more than 30 countries around the world, the most important of which is Kuwait. He said the company has significant activities in the Gulf region with 56 drilling platforms in Kuwait and began drilling in 2009 with 15 platforms. In 2015 and 2016, the number has risen to 27, and the implementation time schedule has gone smoothly in recent years. He then took the delegation in a tour to the control hall of Sinopec, through which it manages all its activities including oilfields, oil exploration stations, transport pipelines, ships, refineries, gas transmission lines and liquefaction.

In the meantime, head of the media delegation, Deputy Director-General for the Editorial Sector and Editor-in-Chief of Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) Saad Al-Ali, said that the visit of the media team representing media institutions in Kuwait came in light of His Highness the Amir's vision for the future development plan and projects following his recent visit to China last July. Ali said that Kuwait, when it began its 2035 vision plan, China was the main country and the main key to Kuwait's projects. Kuwait is also a key country in the Silk Road project. The project was an essential part of His Highness the Amir's visit to China. He pointed out that Kuwait has great relations with oil companies from China, which enhances the desire for cooperation between the two parties as oil is the main source of Kuwait's economy. He stressed the need to increase awareness of the project of China and the transfer of its activities to the Kuwaiti citizen and there is a desire and interest from both sides to move forward in signing more cooperation agreements on all levels. He pointed to the great harmony between Kuwait and the Republic of China in various fields, calling for the promotion and

activation of media and cultural conventions for further convergence and acquisition of expertise. Sinopec was founded in 2000 and is headquartered in the Chinese capital Beijing and is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and recently the London Stock Exchange. It is also the largest oil refining company in Asia in terms of processing. The delegation, which is headed by Al-Ali, also includes a group of journalists from various Kuwaiti media institutions and Information Ministry.

### Media's importance

Kuwaiti and Chinese journalists yesterday stressed the importance of the role of the media in promoting media and cultural cooperation between the two countries, especially following the agreements signed during the visit of His Highness the Amir to China last July. This came during a meeting between the Kuwaiti media delegation visiting China and Chinese media to enhance communication and dialogue among them and to become acquainted with the largest media institutions in China in light of the agreements reached between the two countries during the visit of His Highness the Amir.

"The visit of the Kuwaiti media delegation to China is important because of the role of the media as one of the channels that contribute to enhancing relations between the two countries," said Sun Changwa, deputy editor-in-chief of the 'China Daily' newspaper, in a statement to the press. He also stressed the importance of the role media can play in order to achieve cultural rapprochement between the two peoples, especially as each of them does not know the nature of the other. He added that the media men are capable of shedding more light on cultures between peoples as well as exchanging of information among peoples and this is the main goal of visits of media delegations, including the visit by the Kuwaiti media delegation. He expressed his happiness

with the visit of the Kuwaiti delegation to the headquarters of the China Daily and hoped that this exchange will continue in the future more than before.

Meanwhile, Ali stressed during the meeting with Chinese media the important role of the Kuwaiti media after the agreements signed during the visit of His Highness the Amir to China to promote media and cultural cooperation between the two countries. Ali stressed the need to close the gap between the two communities and learn more about the culture of the two countries to enhance cooperation between them. He said there are joint visits between the two countries to discuss the development plan and future projects. He stressed the need to activate the agreements between the Kuwaiti Journalists Association and the Association of Chinese Journalists and asserted keenness to strengthen communication between them. He praised China's strong ties with many countries, the Chinese President's economic expansion and the media role played by institutions in China.

In the meantime, an official of international relations in the Association of Chinese Journalists stressed the need to strengthen communication and dialogue between journalists and media and identify the media institutions in both countries because of their positive results in terms of relations between Kuwait and China. He added that the Association of Chinese Journalists represents 217 media organizations, and the number of members of the Association is about one million journalists, which reflects the interest of the Chinese people in the media. The 'China Daily', the largest English-language Chinese newspaper, was founded in 1981 and is headquartered in Beijing with offices in China's largest city and special publications in some capitals, such as New York and London. The media delegation, led by Ali, includes a group of journalists in Kuwaiti media institutions and the Ministry of Information. — KUNA