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Kuwait University to start Master's, DPT physiotherapy programs

KU inks accord with KOC on research cooperation

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KUWAIT: Chairperson of the Kuwait Physical Therapy Association Hana Al-Khamees announced that Kuwait University (KU) will soon start its Master's and DPT physiotherapy programs. Speaking on the sidelines of a meeting with the dean of KU's College of Allied Health Sciences Dr Suad Al-Fadhli, Khamees said that both sides agreed to coordinate with the Ministry of Health (MoH) to set special studies for the new degree programs.

In other news, KU inked yesterday a cooperation agreement in strategic research and development with Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) for collaboration in oil traps and heavy crude and natural gas. KU President Hussein Al-Ansari said in a statement that the five-year accord sets the bases for cooperation on technology acquisition, know-how and enhancing researchers' potentials. The university backs up research and scientific progress through establishing partnerships, he said, affirming the approach toward excellence and creativity in research of social, economic and humanitarian values. KOC Deputy CEO Nayef Al-Enezi affirmed significance of such coordination for serving research and all-out development, praising the KU researchers' expertise in applied researches that serve the oil sector.



Temporary licenses for NGO headquarters

NGO headquarters
Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Saad Al-Kharraz issued ministerial decision number 51A/2019 pertaining legalizing various NGO headquarters and granting them temporary three-year licenses. The decision explained that every NGO should submit a list of its unlicensed quarters and branches so that the concerned bodies could be contacted to legalize their statuses.

Shuaiba incinerator
Well-informed sources said the cost of a tender to operate and maintain Shuaiba incinerator estimated by the Ministry of Health (MoH) increased by 64 percent to become KD 800,000 instead of the cost in the current contract, estimated at KD 487,100. The sources added that MoH justified the increase by changing the emission detector and linking it to the Environment Public Authority (EPA) control room, installing a device to treat liquid medical waste, installing a sewage treatment unit, installing surveillance cameras, increasing the number of times dioxin and furan samples are tested from once to four times a year as recommended by EPA, diesel cost increases and manpower instructions to increase minimum wages.

Ooredoo awards Ramadan Caricature Contest winners

KUWAIT: In alignment with its commitment to supporting youth, Ooredoo Kuwait awarded the winners of the Ramadan Caricature Contest which included more than 70 talented participants. Five winners were selected by a judging panel composed of board members from the Kuwait Cartoon Society. Starting this month, the Kuwait Cartoon Society started training courses and workshops aimed at developing caricature and technical skills with

the help of professional instructors and caricaturists. The Kuwait Cartoon Society aims to promote the caricature culture in Kuwait by launching activities and events related to the field of caricature, portraiture and animation. It also aspires to create a name for the Kuwaiti caricaturists by enriching the caricature library with the best creations from creative enthusiasts.

Commenting on this, Ooredoo Kuwait's Corporate Communications Senior Director Mijbil Alayoub underscored the company's commitment to supporting youth, noting that this stems from the company's deep-rooted values of caring, connecting and challenging. Worth to mention that Ooredoo Kuwait operates in accordance with a year-long program aimed at empowering youth and supporting them at various levels in cooperation with a number of institutions in the governmental and private sectors.



KUWAIT: Ooredoo and Kuwait Cartoon Society staff with the winners.

Kuwait's Deputy FM coordinates talks with Britain

LONDON: Kuwait's Deputy Foreign Minister Khaled Al-Jarallah held a meeting yesterday with Kuwaiti groups partaking, along with British counterparts, in the 14th meeting of the Kuwaiti-British Guidance Committee. The two sides, during the session,

examined results of currently held meetings at this level, due to conclude by the weekend. Jarallah praised efforts that had been exerted by the various teams, forecast to contribute to putting the bilateral relations at higher levels. The joint commission was formed during the State visit to Britain by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in 2012. It is co-chaired by Jarallah and Andrew Morrison, the UK Secretary of State for the Middle East and North Africa. The common body, which meets twice per year, comprises a number of representatives of state departments from the two countries. Its tasks primarily focus on status of the bilateral relations between the UK and Kuwait. — KUNA



LONDON: Deputy Foreign Minister meets with Kuwaiti groups partaking in the 14th meeting of the Kuwaiti-British Guidance Committee. — KUNA

Kuwait Airways signs 'flying car' deal

KUWAIT: Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Dutch Personal Air Land Vehicle (PAL-V) flying cars manufacturing company, according to which KAC will provide maintenance services for the flying vehicle in the Gulf and the Middle East.

The memo was signed by KAC Deputy CEO Abdul Halim Zaidan and PAL-V CEO Robert Dingemans, in a ceremony that was also attended by KAC Board Chairman Yousif Abdul Hameed Al-Jassem, the Netherlands Ambassador to Kuwait Frans Potuyt, KAC CEO Kamel Al-Awadhi, manager of the regional business center in Dubai Abdullah Al-Enezi, PAL-V's Deputy CEO in the Middle East Khalil Malaeb,

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Potuyt expressed his hap-

piness and hopes that the agreement would successfully benefit both sides. Potuyt also stressed that the agreement would cement both countries' economic, political and other relations. Meanwhile, Awadhi said that the MoU aims at providing KAC clients with various services, and to highlight KAC's role in utilizing the high skills of its engineering and technical staff to provide aircraft maintenance operations for both local and international airlines.

Also speaking on the occasion, Dingemans stressed that the MoU is 'historic' in the field of aviation, and marks the start of long term cooperation between both companies. Notably, the flying car will be on sale by 2021. It can easily be turned into an aircraft when needed, and can be used by state bodies such as the military, the national guard, firemen, paramedics as well as in the private sector. PAL-V is a two-seater with a maximum speed of 170 k/h using the same jet fuel used in normal planes. It needs a 180-meter-long runway to take off and only a 30-meter-long runway to land. It can take off from roads and fly at a 10,000-foot altitude.



The PAL-V 'flying car.'

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