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Amir receives letter from Ethiopian Prime Minister on bilateral relations

Sheikh Sabah receives invitation to visit Ethiopia



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah meets with Ethiopian Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation Ahmed Shide. —Amiri Diwan and KUNA photos

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received yesterday at Bayan Palace Minister of Oil, Electricity and Water Dr Khaled Al-Fadhel and Ethiopian Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation Ahmed Shide. Shide presented a letter from Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to His Highness the

Amir. The letter focused on bilateral relations and ways to enhance them as well as an invitation for His Highness the Amir to visit Ethiopia. Deputy Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah attended the meeting. His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah



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also met the visiting Ethiopian Minister of Finance and Economic Cooperation, in the presence of Minister Fadhel, CEO of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) Hashem Hashem was present at the meeting.

In the meantime, His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent a cable of condolences

to President of Bangladesh Mohammad Abdul-Hamid over the passing of the late president of Bangladesh General Hussain Mohammad Ershad. 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 sent similar cables. —KUNA

KFB launches no food waste initiative

KUWAIT: Kuwait Food Bank (KFB) launched yesterday a no food waste initiative for life without hunger to help needy families and exploit surplus food for everyone's benefit in Kuwait. The bank is working to strengthen social solidarity through its activities and initiatives that urge us not waste food, as commanded by Islam to preserve food remains and provide it to poor people, KFB Director General Salem Al-Hamar said in a statement. The initiative aims to provide food and basic needs of beneficiaries through a professional work system in addition to raising the awareness in community to reduce the food waste, he added. The bank goal of this initiative is a world without hunger, especially Kuwait is always a pioneer of good work under the directives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Hamar said. —KUNA



Salem Al-Hamar

Audit Bureau prepares for ASOSAI meeting

By Faten Omar

KUWAIT: Kuwait's State Audit Bureau (SAB) held a press conference yesterday at its headquarters in Shuwaikh as part of its preparations to host the 54th meeting of the governing board of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) that will take place in Kuwait on July 23-24. During his speech, SAB's assistant undersecretary for financial, administrative affairs and information technology Issam Al-Mutairi stressed the Audit Bureau's keenness to review the latest trends in financial control and accounting and to activate joint cooperation and exchange experiences with participating countries to increase the efficiency of audit work.

Mutairi added 40 members of SAB will participate in the meeting to gain the necessary expertise for the future and benefit from the experience of experts who are participating in the meeting, noting that the meeting will take place before the meeting of the International Congress of the International Organization of the Supreme Audit Institutions (INCOSAI) to be held in September in Russia, which will witness the presence of 12 heads of the highest supervisory body, in addition to the current chairman of the Arab Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ARABOSAI).

Director of Training and International Relations at



KUWAIT: (From left) State Audit Bureau Assistant Undersecretary for Financial, Administrative Affairs and Information Technology Issam Al-Mutairi, Director of Training and International Relations at the State Audit Bureau Saud Al-Zamanan and Director of Training and International Relations Department Heba Al-Awadhi during the press conference. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

the Audit Bureau Saud Al-Zamanan reviewed the most important topics that will be addressed at the meeting, including topics on the 12th ASOSAI research project, cooperation of ASOSAI with other regional organizations such as the European Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (EUROSAI) and the African Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (AFROSAI), and a report on the preparations for the 23rd INCOSAI.

The meeting, which will be organized by SAB for the first time in its history, will include a discussion on

the activities of the ASOSAI board of directors and the report of the organization on its strategic plan 2016-2021, and discuss the strategic plan submitted by the Korean organization. Zamanan pointed out that on the sidelines of the meeting, the Audit Bureau will sign a cooperation agreement with the audit office of Thailand to enhance bilateral relations between the two bodies. "SAB also will sign a memorandum of understanding with the audit office of Vietnam and the National Accounts Bureau of China," he added.

EU urges int'l partners to deliver Iraq conference commitments

BRUSSELS: The European Union Foreign Affairs Council yesterday called on the EU's international partners to deliver on the pledges they made in Kuwait conference on Iraq "in a timely fashion." The Council in a statement on Iraq called for "improving the business environment, and creating the basis for a more sustainable, diversified, and green Iraqi economy in line with the commitments made at the Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq in February 2018." The EU reiterated its steadfast support for Iraq's unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and the importance of Iraqi ownership of the country's internal political and reform processes. The Council, which met in Brussels yesterday, discussed the situation in Iraq and noted that economic and financial reforms are necessary

to attract further investments and support. "The EU and its Member States will maintain their efforts, including in the framework of the Global Coalition against Da'esh, to support the Iraqi authorities in addressing the continued Da'esh terrorist threat, strengthening the justice sector and reforming the police," it said.

The EU expressed full support to the work being carried out by the United Nations Investigative Team to Promote Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL (UNITAD), and cooperation with the Iraqi authorities on the collection and analysis of evidence in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2379. The EU will also continue to provide support to Iraq on civilian security sector reform through the EU Advisory Mission (EUAM Iraq), it said. The EU welcomed the recent dialogue on migration based and stressed the importance of working with the Iraqi authorities on strengthening cooperation and putting into practice their obligation on the return and readmission of own nationals in full respect of the rights. In view of the current tensions in the region, the EU underlined the importance for all countries in the region, and all international actors engaged in the region, to fully respect Iraq's sovereignty and its policy of constructive engagement with its neighbors. —KUNA

Interior Ministry holds blood donation drive

By Hanan Al-Saadoun

KUWAIT: The Interior Ministry's relations and security information said it organized a blood donation campaign in cooperation with the Kuwait Blood Bank yesterday under the slogan 'with your donation, you rescue a life.' The campaign was held at Nawaf Al-Ahmad building in Subhan from 9 am until 1:00 pm.



BRUSSELS: The European Union Foreign Affairs Council's meeting in progress yesterday. —KUNA