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KFH presents innovative project at KFAS Innovation Challenge Program

Three employees introduce world-acclaimed smart application for youth

KUWAIT: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) presented a distinctive innovative project at the end of the 'Innovation Challenge' season organized by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS). This came during a meeting at which Haneen Al-Ansari, Nada Al-Khateeb and Muthawi Al-Zemami at KFAS presented a detailed and methodical exposition of their highly-acclaimed innovative project. Earlier, this project was received a great interest when submitting it before teachers and students of the UCLA Anderson School of Management. This emphasizes the pivotal role of the policy of creativity and innovation prioritized by KFAS as well as the distinguished potential of Kuwaiti youth which make many admirably positive contributions to work development and the raising of the level of performance and customer service.

In cooperation with distinguished international academic institutions, the annual KFAS 'Innovation Challenge' program aims to develop the innovative potentials, the culture of creativity and knowledge economy of private sector employees through acquainting them with the most advanced professional and academic expertise in the world.

In the presence of KFAS Director General Dr Adnan Shehab Eddin, Deputy Director General for scientific affairs Dr Salem Al-Hajraf, the Director of the Executive Development Program at KFAS Innovation and Enterprises Directorate Dr Bassam Al-Faili and a number of officers from KFAS and KFAS, the bank presented its smart application that offers comprehensive services in a modern style for the youth segment.

As a partner, the UCLA hosted the three KFAS employees within the third training model based on innovative and modern methods of executive teaching including interactive guidance, and remote simulation and teaching. In addition to the project's merits and practical and economic feasibility, KFAS pointed out the innovation and creativity model employed in KFAS, its role in the work system, the attention and support of the executive management and the several annual events especially the best inno-



KFH employees present their innovative idea in Kuwait and the US.

novative ideas in the group competition.

Approved by KFAS innovation council, the project has been recommended as it includes competitive elements and the possibility of its application, making it closer to KFAS's goals of increasing its market share and expanding the scope of service for its various customers in a modern manner. KFAS gives priority to innovation and creativity in its work ethos. While it appreciates highly its employees with innovative ideas, several of its successful services and products were the result of their creative ideas, positive proposals and views of its employees. KFAS is the first bank to have an innovation center and innovation council to monitor, follow up, encourage and spread the culture of innovation among the employees. The KFAS Group organizes an annual competition with valuable awards in line with its belief that innovation saves time and effort. Also, it increases profitability and opens up new horizons in new areas that befit the spirit of the age and customers' expectations and enhance competitiveness.

It is worth pointing out that the group's service excellence and innovation Department has lately

its kind in the Arab region to have been recognized globally for applying the standards for reference laboratories, blood transfusions, blood donations and genetic laboratories.

Meanwhile, the ministry's official tasked with blood transfusions Reem Al-Radwan said donation awareness should be encouraged on the individual as well as public levels. On the individual level, she urged the public to commit to the regular donation process set up by the ministry and encourage family and friends to step forward and follow suit. For its part, she said that the ministry should back the development of transfusion services and acknowledge the role of donors, by organizing activities that encourage the deed, through campaigns or the creation of services that cater to their needs. The World Blood Donor Day is celebrated annually on June 14 to "thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood," according to the official website of the World Health Organization. — KUNA

Kuwait blood bank received 79,000 bags in 2019

KUWAIT: Blood donations worth 79,000 bags and 8,000 platelets have been generously contributed to the Kuwait Central Blood Bank by Kuwaitis and the nationals of 75 countries, a Health Ministry official said yesterday. In an address a day after World Blood Donor Day, Assistant Undersecretary for Medical Support Services Fawaz Al-Rifai thanked donors for their efforts, which have helped in saving the lives of others. Speaking of Kuwait Central Blood Bank's recent accomplishments, he said it is the only body of



KUWAIT: People donate blood at the Kuwait Central Blood Bank in this file photo.

Kuwait Consul applauds 'Heart of Culture' gala

VENICE, Italy: Kuwait's Consul General in Milan and Northern Italy Abdulnaser Bokhadhor said success of 'Heart of Culture' exhibition and art gallery, held in Venice by Kuwait's Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Center, would enhance cultural ties between both countries. "The two successful events drew high turnout, which heralds an impressive Venice Biennale this year," he said on Saturday after the inauguration of the events, which took place Friday night. "The historical city of Venice is vibrant, particularly in this

time of the year, with dozens of cultural activities and art galleries," Bokhadhor pointed out.

The Kuwaiti art gallery, themed "I have a dream that I'm in Kuwait," will span across the time of Venice Biennale until November to allow the largest possible number of visitors, including academics, critics, media people and intellectuals from different parts of the world, Bokhadhor went on. He took pride in the neat arrangement for the gala and the skills of the Kuwait youth who organized it. He noted that these successful events, being held in Venice by Kuwait for the first time, show the civilized nature of Kuwait and pave the way for more exchanges between Kuwait's talented youth and their global peers. Kuwait has always been a beacon of cultural enlightenment under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and with the support of the Amiri Diwan, he added. — KUNA

Minister attends Arab petroleum transport meetings



Kuwait's Oil Minister and Minister of Electricity and Water Khaled Al-Fadhel

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Oil Minister and Minister of Electricity and Water Khaled Al-Fadhel said he attended Arab Maritime Petroleum Transport Company general meetings in Cairo. The talks, held on Friday, discussed market developments, the operational state of the company's fleet and its ongoing commercial oil and liquefied gas transport joint ventures, the minister said in a statement. The Kuwait-based company, which is unevenly funded by nine Arab countries, including Kuwait, discussed plans to modernize and its 14-vessel fleet of varied sizes and functions, he added. The meeting also discussed internal matters pertaining to last year's budget and activities. Founded in 1972 as a company operating under the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), it is financed by Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Egypt, Libya, Iraq and Algeria. — KUNA

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