

What's On



# The Osaka Japanese Restaurant opens in the heart of Kuwait City



**L**eft Tony, the Executive Manager of Osaka Restaurants & Food Supply Co announced on September the 18th during an inauguration ceremony the official Opening of the new Osaka Restaurant, one of the renowned Japanese restaurants in town. Osaka's new branch is strategically located in the heart of Kuwait City, in Qibla.

Since the first opening of Osaka Restaurant in Al Shaab Al Bahri in 2010, and then the opening of its second branch in Salmiya near AUK in 2014, the restaurant succeeded in attracting university students and Kuwait youth to explore and enjoy a lavish experience of traditional Japanese Sushi.

Ever since, the Management of Osaka Co. started conducting intensive feasibility studies with a persuasion from its General Manager Mohsen Boshahrito locate Osaka new branch in downtown, Qibla, insisting on Salmiya area, Al Soor Street as it is considered one of the most vital, dynamic and strategic location at the City heart. The study also covered different ways to launch Osaka in an upscaled contemporary modern look that suits its Clientele with its new and wide-ranging menu dishes.

The new Osaka Japanese Restaurant in Qibla hosts an exceptional décor that merges between Japans Authentic traditions and it contemporary Modern design, providing to its guests an exceptional dining experience, where the menu includes a variety of traditional and delicious dishes from Soups, Salads, Appetizers, Huge selection from the sushi bar, Grill Teppanyaki, yakitori, Japanese noodles and rice, and not to forget Japan's famous raw and fresh dishes from salmon, tuna, yellowtail fish, scallops to oysters.

Osaka Restaurants & Food Supply Co. is also planning to open a new branch in Ahmadi Gov soon to meet most of the Japanese food lover's needs. Besides, Osaka Restaurant in Al Soor Tower offers a Privatized Valet parking Service, a VIP Room for special Event, an amazing outdoor seating area, and not to forget the Home Live sushi stations service.

The Company is so proud to add Osaka -Kuwait City to its unique collection to become the 7th branch such as ZumaQ8, Marina thai & Weekend. The Company is so confident that Osaka will offer to its guests a unique dining experience to enjoy the most scrumptious Japanese cuisine in a pleasant atmosphere.



## ABK's 28th group graduates from 'ABK Academy'

**A**l Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) congratulated 27 students from the 28th batch of intakes, who recently graduated from the 'ABK Academy' after successfully completing a four week intensive program. The training consisted of two main parts. The first was classroom facilitation and the second was 'on the job' training, whereby trainees had the opportunity to be fully engaged in the work environment of various

departments within the Bank and day-to-day operations, giving them a more hands-on experience.

ABK Academy has graduated a total of 627 candidates to date; preparing a substantial number of individuals to take on jobs within the Bank. This type of involvement and contribution is of tremendous value not only to national youth, who gain tremendous insight into banking as a profession, but also to the Bank who

has the chance to train and employ local talent.

The ABK Academy was launched as an educational platform that focuses on training students and individuals seeking a job opportunity in the banking sector. By engaging with these participants, the Bank is able to build on existing potential and talent, and better identify the areas in the bank, in which they could put this positive energy to work.



## KFAS, RIBA to hold happiness in the city symposium

**I**n efforts to further explore the emerging issue of how urban design and architecture can foster wellbeing in our cities, the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) have collaborated with The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), the Department for International Trade (DIT UK), Kuwait University College of Architecture and Pace to hold a one-day symposium in Kuwait on the 14th October 2019. Set under the theme "Happiness in the City - Redesigning Urban Living", the symposium will be held at the Regency Hotel, providing a unique platform for cultural, creative and technical minds to explore the concept of redesigning built-environments to better promote happiness and wellbeing.

Split into three work streams (Creative, Cultural, and Technical), the symposium will bring both local and inter-

national high-level speakers - with international and regional experts in fields such as place-making to physical redevelopment, talking in parallel, as a flagship event for the country with up to 250+ attendees.

In a word from KFAS Director-General Dr Adnan Shihab-Eldin, said: "We are so pleased to be working with RIBA, Pace, DIT and Kuwait University to hold this outstanding event next month. Our collaboration comes as part of our initiative to find new innovative solutions to address the challenges facing our county, made possible by developing the capacities of researchers, policy makers and business executives. Based on the findings of this symposium, we aim to study social sustainability of urban environments, and identify the specific ways urban structural characteristics contribute to the behavioral, experiential and well-being outcomes."

RIBA Gulf Chapter Representative for Kuwait, and Director of Architecture at Pace, Ian Purser, stated: "Using the fast-paced redevelopment of Kuwait as a reference, the 'Happiness in the City Symposium' will provide delegates with a platform to debate how architecture and urban design can best support the wellbeing of our cities and the happiness of the people who live and work in

them, as well as visit them. The symposium presents a unique opportunity for the attendees to discuss the relationship that 'shared happiness' has on the social and economic impact of our cities, with input from specialists in the field of architectural education, industry design and engineering, as well as sociology, environmental psychology and behavioral economics".

Commenting further, Pace CEO, Tarek Shuaib, said: "Our partnership with RIBA goes back years, just as well as KFAS, and it pleases us as one of the leading architectural firms in the region with 50 years of excellence to once more be a part of a major architectural event set up by RIBA and taking place in Kuwait. As pioneers in design and urban development, we find it necessary to participate in the discussion on how to give designers, architects and planners a more concrete understanding of wellbeing in order to build a happy environment that is sustainable - with a special focus on re-designing for equity, social inclusion and sociability that can help us all reconnect". The agenda includes a series of round table discussions, workshops, seminars and an exhibition, which will offer opportunities for delegates to collaborate and engage with fellow delegates and wider design community as well.

## No more passport extensions for Filipinos

**T**he Philippine Embassy in Kuwait has sent a circular informing all its citizens here that it will no longer extend the validity of the Philippine passport effective immediately. Passport validity extension may be permitted in special cases including death, medical emergency, or urgent work-related travels. The public is advised to apply for passport renewal at the Embassy at least 7 months to 1 year prior to the passport's date of expiry.

## Linden University Fair back in Kuwait with top US Universities

**I**n cooperation with the US Embassy in Kuwait and AMIDEAST, the Linden University Fair will take place at the Marina Hotel from 5:00-8:30 pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. The fair is free and open to the public. Some of America's top universities as ranked by the US News and World Report, including Duke University (#10) and the University of California, San Diego (#37), will take part in the fair. The US Embassy's Education Adviser will also be present, along with officers from the Embassy's Consular and Foreign Commercial Services sections.

### Agenda

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM - Three of the participating U.S. universities will give an information session about their schools and answer questions from students and parents about educational opportunities in the United States. 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM - Educational fair

### Participating universities

Duke University  
University of California, San Diego  
University of Utah  
Iowa State University of Science and Technology  
University of Illinois - Chicago  
Manhattan College