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Kuwait's Deputy Amir receives state officials at Bayan Palace

Prime Minister receives invitation to attend Formula 1 race in Abu Dhabi

KUWAIT: His Highness the Deputy Amir and the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace yesterday the National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanem and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. His Highness Sheikh Nawaf also received Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah. Moreover, His Highness the Deputy Amir received Kuwait's Ambassador to China Sameeh Hayat.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Prime Minister received Director General of Kuwait's Environment Public Authority (EPA) Sheikh Abdullah Ahmad Al-Humoud Al-Sabah. The EPA head introduced the newly appointed Deputy Director for Administrative Affairs Jowhar Al-Saleh, and the Deputy Director for Environmental Control Affairs Engineer Sameera Al-Kandari.

His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak also received UAE Ambassador to Kuwait Sager Nasser Al-Raesi. The Ambassador handed His Highness a written message from Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, inviting Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak to attend the Abu Dhabi Formula 1 Grand Prix. — KUNA













Government eager to support **SME** owners: Deputy PM



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh meets with the group of entrepreneurs.— KUNA

and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Anas Al-Saleh reiterated yesterday the Central Agency for Public Tenders' (CAPT) eagerness in supporting small and mediumsized enterprises (SMEs), involving them in tenders submitted by the state through the agency. SMEs represent a major nerve of the national economy, in which the National Assembly approved it during the last session of CAPT, Saleh

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister said in a press statement after meeting with a group of entrepreneurs who submitted their proposals and vision to the executive regulation of amendments. Saleh welcomed the proposals made by the group of entrepreneurs, approving their involvement with the authority in preparing executive regulations for amendments to the law of CAPT. He further underlined needing to achieve the full benefit of recent amendments for owners of SMEs. — KUNA

Kuwait Airways promptness up to 96 percent

KUWAIT: Kuwait Airways' flight punctuality rose to 96 percent in September from 93 percent in August, the state carrier said on Tuesday. The airline came fourth amongst 169 competitors in the Middle East, Africa and Europe regions in the promptness of its services, according to OAG, the world's provider of air service information. This high

position amongst the world's largest aviation firms reflects how well schedule policies have been adopted, it said in a statement. Founded in 1953 as the privately-owned Kuwait National Airways, the Kuwaiti government took full ownership of the company in 1962. Today, it operates flights around the world to 49 destinations. — KUNA

