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KUWAIT: Kuwait Times received more flowers from well-wishers yesterday as it marked the 58th anniversary of its establishment in 1961. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Zain offers free Internet coverage at Special Education schools' dormitories

As part of its special needs support strategy

KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, announced its collaboration with the Ministry of Education to offer free Internet coverage at the Special Education schools' dormitories in Hawally, which are used by over 100 students with special needs throughout the year.

The company received the representatives of the Ministry of Education at the Zain Innovation Center (ZINC) in the company's main headquarters in Shuwaikh, with the attendance of Zain Kuwait's Government and Large Segment Director Basima Al-Enezi, Zain Kuwait's Government and Large Segment Senior Manager Abdullatif Al-Kandari, and MoE's Deputy Department Manager of Special Education Schools Dr Salman Abdullah Al-Lafi.

Zain offered full coverage of all dormitories of the Special Education Schools in Hawally, which are used by over 100 students with special needs from various GCC countries. The company offered free Internet to give students the opportunity to easily stay in touch with their families overseas while completing their education in Kuwait. Students can also benefit from the enormous amount of academic information

available on the Internet to support their studies. In addition, school officials, teachers, and social workers who operate in the dormitories can also benefit from the free coverage Zain provides.

Zain is keen on reinforcing its partnerships with the many public entities - including the Ministry of Education - that cater to people with special needs and their families within the community all year round. The company is proud to have adopted this initiative that caters to the education of this valued segment of the society.

Zain constantly shoulders initiatives that work towards enhancing the society's welfare. The company's long-term cooperation with the various private and public entities that cater to people with special needs springs from its belief in the importance of having a positive print by supporting and launching initiatives that cater to various interests of the community.

Zain dedicates a great part of its Corporate Sustainability and Social Responsibility strategy towards people with special needs. The company recently concluded its Strategic Partnership of the Ideal Mother Award, organized by Al-

Kharafi Activity Kids Center, to recognize distinguished mothers of children with special needs. The company also participated in a special event organized by the Public Authority of the Disabled on the occasion of the International and Arab Day of People with Special Needs. In addition, Zain sponsored the annual charity marathon organized by Fawzia Sultan Healthcare Network (FSHN) and aimed at supporting children with special needs in Kuwait. Zain also regularly conducts visits to social care centers during multiple seasons all-year round in partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor.

Al-Noor Institute's dormitories welcome GCC students with all auditory, visual, mental, and mobile needs, as part of the State of Kuwait's belief in the importance of strengthening relationships with Arabian Gulf countries. Students with special needs are welcomed every year to complete their education at the MoE's Special Education Schools. The students are well-cared for and receive a wide range of services, including social, mental, medical, and entertainment services, through a detailed plan put by the Student Care management.



Al-Enezi, Al-Kandari, and Al-Lafi at the Zain Innovation Center (ZINC)

Dasman Institute initiates zebrafish research platform

KUWAIT: Dasman Diabetes Institute (DDI), which was founded by Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), with the support of the Kuwait Ministry of Health and in partnership with Montreal Medical International and the University of Montreal, have successfully initiated a first-of-its-kind zebrafish research platform in the Gulf region. Under the vision of Professor Fahd Al-Mulla [Chief Scientific Officer], the DDI's Animal and Imaging Core Facility led by Dr Ashraf Al Madhoun [Senior Scientist and Head], Dr Sardar Sindhu [Scientist II and Manager] and their team are working closely with Professor Pierre Drapeau [Neuroscientist and Zebrafish model expert] to develop the DDI zebrafish research platform using cutting-edge molecular biology techniques and protocols.

Zebrafish are a small and robust fish who share nearly 70 percent of their genetic code with humans which makes them an ideal research model for genetic and disease studies. The fish have many special traits and with the right settings can produce hundreds of fast-growing offspring every week, which allows scientists many ways to study embryonic development, organ regeneration, and genetic-based diseases. Zebrafish have already been used to unlock some of the mysteries behind mus-



sular dystrophy, cardiomyopathy, embryonic developmental, and are in use to study the development of many diseases including diabetes and cancer.

As DDI seeks to establish itself as a leading research facility in Kuwait and the GCC region, the zebrafish laboratory will be pursuing research on genes and genetic

variation which will help answer some of the core questions behind some of the most pressing issues in diabetes, obesity and cancer. With this platform now established, DDI will soon invite the leading researchers from across the GCC region to pursue their own research with the support of DDI zebrafish laboratory and team.

Kuwait confirms necessity of unifying Arab action

CAIRO: Chairman of the General Secretaries of Arab Parliaments, Secretary General of Kuwait National Assembly Allam Al-Kandari affirmed yesterday the necessity of unifying working procedures of Arab parliaments' administrations. Standardization of procedures "helps create a working environment that leads to a distinguished parliamentary performance and support parliament members to play their role to the fullest," said Kandari in a speech he delivered before the Seventh Annual Conference of the General Secretariat of Arab Parliaments. He noted to a new unified practical guide for legislative drafting in Arab parliaments that was formed by a specialized committee after a year of discussions. In his speech, he called for providing modern and accurate information that can be relied upon in making good administrative decisions at the level of Arab parliaments. Kandari expressed hope that the conference's discussions would open new horizons for research and study and come up with important recommenda-

tions and suggestions that can be adopted in practice. He also hoped that "constructive" cooperation with the Arab Parliamentary Training Center will play an active role on this issue.

Meanwhile, Secretary General for Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union Fayeze Al-Shawabkeh stressed in a similar speech on urgent need to develop parliamentary institutional performance through development of performance of the general secretariats of Arab parliaments. Shawabkeh pointed out importance of continuing to enhance political, economic and cultural cooperation between Arab countries in order to contribute to building a joint Arab work system. He stressed on the need to keep up with requirements of the current modern stage and meet aspirations of the Arab peoples and their national parliaments in the face of challenges and difficulties.

The General Secretaries of Arab Parliaments is expected to hold a workshop today to discuss a working paper on the executive rules for administrative affairs in Arab parliaments. — KUNA