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Ooredoo branches reopened with extra safety precautions, social distancing

Following decision to resume operation at telecom, internet companies



KUWAIT: Ooredoo Telecom, the first to introduce innovative digital services in Kuwait, reopened more than 30 branches to receive customers starting Sunday May 31st. This comes in response to the cabinet's latest decision concerning the "five-phases reopening plan": the first to include the resumption of telecom operators and internet providers operations

After being well disinfected and sanitized before reopening, more than 30 Ooredoo branches were all up and ready to receive customers from 9:00 am to 04:00 pm; while safety procedures were greatly considered and social distancing signs were demonstrated. Ooredoo employees were guarded with masks and face shields when interacting with customers. Customers' temperature were measured and they were asked to maintain social distancing and keep their masks on.

Ooredoo Kuwait Acting CEO and Chief of Operations Fadi Kawar and some management executives paid a visit to a number of branches across the country earlier this week to ensure operations are running smoothly and safety measures are implemented.

In an official statement, Ooredoo Kuwait ensured the fact that it is taking



a number of precautions to ensure customers and Ooredoo sales agents are safe. "We have provided masks and face shields for our employees while making hand sanitizers available and continuing increased cleaning and sanitization throughout all stores. We continuously advise our customers visiting the branches to interact at a safe distance

and we made sure signs and posters are up to indicate where customers should wait or stand before they are served by one of our sales agents".

Ooredoo Kuwait is committed in ensuring that all precautionary measures provided by the health authorities- are implemented thoroughly to ensure the well-being of its customers as well as its



employees.

The company stated that customers can also use one of the company's 63 self-service kiosks which are available in several locations for customers. Customers are able to manage their lines, replace their SIM cards, view their accounts, subscription data, pay bills, recharge and many other services

through the self-service kiosks.

Customers can also view Ooredoo's services as well as exclusive offers and their subscription data online through the MyOoredoo application and the Company website Ooredoo.com.kw in addition contacting our call center through 121 around the clock for all enquiries and services.



Divers brave coronavirus crisis to check on corals

KUWAIT: Kuwait Dive Team of the Environmental Voluntary Foundation is regularly examining

condition of coral reefs in territorial waters despite extraordinary conditions prevailing in the country due to the coronavirus crisis. Mahmoud Ashkanani, in charge of environmental ventures at the foundation, said in a statement yesterday that the divers monitored the coral reefs skirting Umm Al-Maradem Island. Color of some reefs turned relatively pale and some covered with tunicates. The divers recorded growth of seagrasses and plants, zooxanthellae, algae, leafy and flowering plants, Ashkanani said. Moreover, fish circle in

small numbers around the monitored 13 settlements of reefs where temperature peak these days to no more than 30.5 degrees under the surface.

While scouring the chain of reefs, the divers lifted stuck nets close to Umm Al-Maradem Island and freed stranded alive creatures and fish. Ashkanani renewed the call on fishermen to abstain from fishing near the reefs. He further noted theme of this year's World Environment Day, that was marked Friday, was "Celebrate Biodiversity." The logo is intended to address threats against

one million species of living creatures facing extinction. The fishermen had in the past lifted various objects harmful to the reefs, such as abandoned heavy anchors and dumped nets. The reefs off the Kuwaiti coast had also suffered from bleaching in the peak of past summers. The foundation along with state authorities have repeatedly urged sea goers and seamen to refrain from littering the sea surface and bottom and dumping objects that hurt the reefs and other marine creatures. — KUNA

OMEGA goes classic for Father's Day

KUWAIT: For dads who love fast cars, the OMEGA Speedmaster has always been a perfect front seat passenger. Born for racing in 1957, the original models were not only used to time laps on the track, but also to create a distinct sense of style on the wrist.

In tribute to that motoring heritage, OMEGA is putting its famous chronograph in reverse, with a vintage spin on its Father's Day choices. Most notably, each Speedmaster model is set on its own leather strap, adding a classic and sophisticated edge to the look. Crafted from the finest material in differing tones of brown, each strap delivers a smooth retro spirit, while working in perfect harmony alongside the Speedmaster's iconic stainless steel case.

The Speedmaster has travelled a long

way since those early days behind the steering wheel. In fact, it's even been to the moon six times. So, if your dad wants to play it cool with some nostalgic astronaut style, you can pick up the Speedmaster "First OMEGA in Space" which first orbited the Earth in 1962. If you want to keep your choice focused on four wheels, then take a close look at the Racing models within the Speedmaster collection. These pieces have borrowed classic features from the past, such as the distinctive racing minute track, which first appeared in 1968, and even carried through OMEGA's Formula One years in the 1990s.

Finally, if you want to get as vintage as possible, why not journey back to the start of the story, with the Speedmaster '57 on a golden brown Novonappa leather strap. The design take inspiration from the very first pioneering design, but has been updated with a precise new engine and a modern silvery dial.

When it comes to Father's Day, there are not many timepieces more appropriate than the Speedmaster. A good-looking watch, with timeless appeal and unrivalled heritage? Any dad will love it.

