

News in brief

Olympic committee attends assembly

DUBAI: The Kuwait Olympic committee attended yesterday the 40th Asian Olympic council general assembly meeting. Heading the Kuwaiti delegation is head of Kuwaiti Olympic committee, Shiekh Fahad Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, along with Deputy Secretary Ali Al-Marri. The general assembly highlighted the Olympic movement in Asia by displaying developments in the four upcoming Olympic games hosted in Asia: Hangzhou 2022, Aichi-Nagoya 2026, Doha 2030 and Riyadh 2034. The meeting handled various topics in relation to Olympic games amongst which were the sixth Asian indoor and martial arts games, as well as third Asian youth games. During the meeting, Sheikh Fahad Al-Nasser met with Emirati State minister for entrepreneurship and small and medium enterprises and head of general authority for sports, Dr Ahmad Al-Falasi, and exchanged perspectives in relation to sports developments in the Gulf. Participating in the meeting are 30 Olympic committees from Asia and 14 others attended the meeting virtually.

Kuwait in hockey championship

KUWAIT: The Head of Kuwait Winter Games Club Fahad Al-Ajmi announced that the International Ice Hockey Federation approved the participation of the Kuwaiti national team in the 2022 Ice Hockey World Championship Division 4, which will be held in Kyrgyzstan from March 3-9, 2022, with the participation of six Asian teams. Ajmi said the competition includes the teams from Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan and Iran, noting that the champion moves to the higher level in the next tournament, as it is held once every two years. The team will prepare well to compete in this vital tournament, as it will set up a training camp in Turkey next December, before participating in the third Gulf Sports Games hosted by the country in January 2022, he added. He commended the General Sports Authority's support for his team as well as overcoming obstacles to participate in the five winter games.

Shooting tourney starts Thursday

KUWAIT: The late Sheikh Abdallah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah shooting tournament will start on Thursday and conclude on Saturday, featuring competitions in the Olympic air pistol and rifle as well as Olympic archery. President of Kuwait and Arab Shooting Federations Duaij Khalaf Al-Otaibi said Kuwait Shooting Sport Club is proud to organize championships that carry the names of Kuwaiti personalities who had a major role in Kuwait's renaissance. Otaibi lauded the support the family of the late Sheikh Abdallah Al-Mubarak gives to further develop Kuwait shooting. He hoped that Kuwaiti shooters would exert their best efforts to have good results.

Kuwait lose at youth tourney

BAGHDAD: Kuwait's national team was defeated by Iraq 0-3 in their first match of the West Asian Youth Football Championship that was held in Basra. The goals were scored by Belnad Omar and Azhar Ali in the 59th, 64th and 83rd minutes. The Iraqis top their group with three points followed by Bahrain with goal difference after beating Palestine 2-1, while Yemen has not played so far. All matches of Group A are held in Basra; however, Group G games will be played in Irbil as of November 23. It includes Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the UAE.

'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' returns for seventh edition

Over 7,000 participants took part in a day of fun after a two-year wait



KUWAIT: The Gulf Bank 642 Marathon at the starting line.



Gulf Bank CEO, Tony Daher, with the marathon's organizers.



Gulf Bank staff in a group photo.

KUWAIT: The Gulf Bank 642 Marathon, one of the biggest social and sporting events in Kuwait, launched on Saturday with more than 7,000 participants at the starting line, from 93 nationalities, and with 350 organizing volunteers on the exciting sports and family day.

In celebration of the widespread success of this year's Gulf Bank 642 Marathon, Gulf Bank organized an awards ceremony honoring the top three winners from each race category. The ceremony took place at Al-Shaheed Park in the presence of Gulf Bank CEO, Tony Daher, and the Director General of the Public Authority for Sport, Dr Humoud Flaiteh Al-Shimmari, along with representatives of the Ministry of Interior and marathon sponsors.

This year, the participants kicked off in small groups in order to maintain social distancing and to ensure everyone's safety. The marathon started at 7:30 am at Souq Sharq Bridge with an atmosphere filled with positive energy, excitement and beautiful weather. It was the perfect time for our participants to run through the landmarks of Kuwait till they reached the finish line at Souq Sharq Mall on the Arabian Gulf, which is next to the Grand Mosque of Kuwait and Mubarakiya, depending on the distance category, runners continued on their respective running paths, jogging past a variety of Kuwait's beautiful landmarks, from the Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Center to the Kuwait Towers, before crossing the finish line.

The marathon and routes were designed this way in order to motivate the participants to have a fun family day, even if they do not exercise regularly. The Gulf Bank 642 Marathon was launched for the seventh year in a row to promote societal sustainability in Kuwait.

For the seventh year in a row, the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon was held in partnership with Suffix Sports Management. The race consisted of four categories that were open to runners of all abilities, including: the 5K Family Fun Walk/Run, the 10K Souq Run, the 21K Half Marathon, and the 42K Full Marathon.

The Gulf Bank 642 Marathon is distinguished by its Bronze Label from World Athletics, which is given to only 128 marathons globally. The Gulf Bank 642 Marathon is the only marathon in Kuwait that has the



Gulf Bank management with Public Authority for Sport representatives and organizers.

Bronze accreditation. The marathon is also recognized by The AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Rankings, which is a global age group marathon ranking system.

Gulf Bank employees also participated in the day's fun, with Gulf Bank employees taking part in the marathon. Groups from other local companies also enjoyed their day outside of the office working on their health and fitness together.

Commentating on this year's Gulf Bank 642 Marathon, Ahmad Al Amir, Deputy General Manager for Corporate Communications at Gulf Bank, stated: "We are happy that life is going back to normal, and what makes us even happier is our ability to organize The Gulf Bank 642 Marathon and accept participants again. We want to keep our commitment of promoting social sustainability and motivating people to have a healthy and enjoyable family day out in Kuwait. On this occasion, we would like to thank all those who participated in making this year's Gulf Bank 642 Marathon an unforgettable experience. We would like to extend a special thanks to the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Kuwait Municipality,

Public Authority for Sport, and all our volunteers."

Gulf Bank's vision is to be the leading Kuwaiti Bank of the Future. The Bank is constantly engaging and empowering its employees as part of an inclusive and diversified workplace in recognition of every employee's role in delivering customer excellence and serving the community at large. With its extensive network of branches and innovative digital services, Gulf Bank is able to give its customers the choice of how and where to conduct their banking transactions, all while ensuring a simple and seamless banking experience.

Gulf Bank is committed to maintaining a robust sustainability program at the community, economic, and environmental levels through sustainability initiatives that are strategically selected to benefit both the country and the Bank. The Bank also supports Kuwait Vision 2035 "New Kuwait" and works with various relevant parties to achieve it.

For more information regarding the Gulf Bank 642 Marathon, and to view the marathon winners' names, please visit www.gulfbank642marathon.com or check out the Instagram account @GulfBank642.



The participants in the marathon.

Indian Community School celebrates Children's Day

KUWAIT: Children's Day is a commemorative day celebrated annually in honor of children. The date varies by country. World Children's Day is celebrated on November 20th every year to commemorate the Declaration of the 'Rights of the Child' by the UN General Assembly. In India, it is celebrated on November 14th on the birthday of the first prime minister of independent India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He was a passionate advocate of education for India's children and youth and affirmed that education was imperative for the country's growth. He was fondly addressed as 'Chacha Nehru' by children.

Indian Community School Kuwait, Amman Branch celebrated the children's day with great vigor and

happiness. Various assemblies by the students from Kindergarten to Secondary were held on November 14, 2021 to bring out the significance of the most important day in their lives.

All the assemblies followed the formal structure by commencing with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. This was followed by school prayer, National Anthem of Kuwait and pledge, invoking the blessings, owing allegiance to the country we live and our motherland. Inspiring thoughts were well delivered by the children. Instilling the importance of knowing about the happenings of the world, News headlines were well presented by the children.

Next to follow were the special programs by our precious children from Kindergarten to Secondary. Thought provoking speeches, skits, melodious and soulful songs, action songs, foot tapping and scintillating solo and group dance performances, brainstorming quizzes, enacting role models, sharing childhood memories and depicting generation gap using modern technology were presented which were a feast to eyes and ears.

The teachers of classes 3 and 4 presented a spe-



cial skit and song for the children. All the teachers wished their dear children on the occasion of children's day. The supervisors and the head of the departments delivered special wishes highlighting the importance of children's day.

Principal Rajesh Nair addressed the assembly and gave a motivating speech about the inherent value of



children's day and wished all the children a very happy children's day. Many congratulations to all the children who enthralled everyone with their awesome and amazing performances. Kudos to the Assembly in charge and all the teachers for their devoted and diligent contribution. Thanks to all the parents who helped and guided their children.