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Kuwait University not fit for int'l quality rankings: Teaching society

KU working on improving image, global ranking, society's head says

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KUWAIT: Kuwait University is not fit for any ranking on international education quality indicators, a senior educator argued, adding that the institution's teaching society is cooperating with the administration to help improve its academic image.

Relying on international education quality indicators in measuring the education level at the university is not possible, Head of the teaching faculty members' society at Kuwait University Dr Shamlan Al-Qinae said. This is due to several core reasons, most notably laws and rules imposed on the university, which cannot be ignored in education quality evaluations, such as percentage of university admissions, number of foreign students and scientific research budgets, which the university has been largely suffering from during the past years, he added.

Qinae said the university continues its development of its all teaching and academic programs to improve its academic image. Qinae told journalists the society is seeking to extend cooperation with new KU Rector Dr Yousuf Al-Roumi to improve the university's status, adding the appointment of Roumi brought new hope to improve KU's position on the QS World University Rankings and work on improving its academic image.

Among the best

Qinae said the university is considered among

the best in the Gulf and Arab regions, as it has professors who are graduates from the top 100 universities worldwide, and others who have graduated from the top 20, in addition to having the most modern scholastic and academic program, similar to international universities and academies, which leaves no doubt that the university is one of the best in the region.

He said the university or its teaching level cannot be compared with any private university, as the university's history is much longer than "this unjust comparison", stressing KU is one of the largest as far as the number of students is concerned in its colleges, programs and specialties, despite shortages in the teaching faculty.

Qinae said the university will work on improving its academic image through publication of information and news that show the efforts of teachers to raise the level of education and take the university to the ranks of international universities, adding KU's new ranking in June 2022 will not drop again; rather the university will work on boosting its ranking to its previous level or even higher.

Summer term

Qinae asked the university administration to work on resolving the summer term problem and cancel the new rules because they underestimate teachers' efforts and rights, adding the university council will take the correct decision during its



KUWAIT: Head of the teaching faculty members' society at Kuwait University Dr Shamlan Al-Qinae poses in a group picture with journalists.

next meeting to safeguard the rights of teachers. Qinae asked the media and those interested in the university's affairs to support university teachers and the public in their scientific and academic achievements in all fields and sectors.

Qinae said university teachers are optimistic about the appointment of the new rector Dr Roumi for the improvement of the university's academic image and ranking, increasing research budgets and filling in vacancies as soon as possible.

Turkish president receives Kuwait's chief lawmaker in Makkah

JEDDAH: Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan received Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Marzuq Al-Ghanem at his temporary residence in Saudi Arabia's city of Makkah on Friday. Erdogan conveyed to the National Assembly chief his greetings to His Highness the

Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan Saturday reiterated his country's support for the security and stability of Saudi Arabia and the Gulf region. Erdogan was quoted by Anadolu news agency as telling journalists on the presidential plane returning from Saudi Arabia that Ankara attaches great importance to Saudi and Gulf security and stability. He added that Ankara and Riyadh had demonstrated a common will to develop bilateral relations at the highest level, and to continue

this effort for the common interests and stability of the region.

The Turkish president underlined the significance of promoting economic cooperation between Turkey and Saudi Arabia, noting that Ankara and Riyadh had agreed on the need to bring together the business people and investors of the two countries. Erdogan affirmed that his country would back Saudi Arabia's bid to host the 2030 World Expo in Riyadh. On his two-day visit to Saudi Arabia, Erdogan met Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman. —KUNA



MAKKAH: Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan meets Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Marzuq Al-Ghanem in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. —KUNA

No acute hepatitis cases in Kuwait: MoH

KUWAIT: The Kuwaiti Ministry of Health has affirmed that its tasked teams have continued monitoring the local and international health conditions, indicating that there should be no confusion of COVID cases with other illnesses, namely acute hepatitis that has not been recorded in Kuwait. The

MoH said in a press statement that the acute viral hepatitis that infects children, is diagnosed with abdomen pain, jaundice, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, pain in muscles and other organs. The first case was recorded in Scotland in the end of March 2022. Up to 170 of the cases had been reported in 12 states across the world, namely in the United Kingdom, North Ireland, Spain, Denmark, Romania, Holland, the US, Belgium, Italy and France. All these cases were of children aged between a month and 16 years, the MoH said, noting that tracing origins of this epidemic was still underway. There is some preliminary linkage between some hepatitis cases to COVID cases and the virus, Adenovirus. —KUNA

PRCS, KRCS give out food packages to families in Gaza



GAZA: Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) announced Saturday that with the support of Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) and as part of an Iftar (fast-breaking) meal distribution campaign, food packages have been given out to more than over a thousand families in Gaza. Society official Abdulaziz Abu Aesha stated that they have distributed food packages to around 1,127 families in need, with total members of around 6,000. He clarified

that the packages are given out to those in dire need of help due to economic situations and recurring crises in Gaza Strip, and they are chosen according to Ministry of Social Affairs criteria. The packages include primary foodstuffs like sugar, oil, rice, lentils, salt and other items necessary for Iftar meals. Abu Aesha expressed gratitude to KRCS and the Kuwaiti people for their continuous support to the Palestinian people. —KUNA

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