

Young writers

State of kindness

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Kindness is the act of giving without waiting for anything in return. To be kind with a word, a gift, a smile, a compliment, a hug, or even just opening the door for the person coming right behind you. Be kindhearted to everyone in a calculated measurement.

Most importantly is to be kind to yourself, listen to your brain and heart's needs. Give yourself time, spoil yourself and always put yourself first with the rule of being kind to others.

Some may see kindness as a weakness but in the matter of fact being kind is one of the powerful strengths a person could ever have. Being kind to others may inspire others to be kind too!

News in brief

Kuwait braces for rains

KUWAIT: The Civil Defense Committee held a meeting on Wednesday in implementation of instructions by the commission chairman Sheikh Talal Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to prepare for forthcoming rainy season. Sheikh Talal Khaled is also the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior. Officials and personnel who took part in the meeting, headed by Director General of the Civil Defense, examined preparations to cope with prospected rainfalls and possible flash floods. They also examined readiness of State departments and mechanisms of response to help calls. —KUNA

Kuwait oil price drops 77 cents

KUWAIT: Kuwait crude oil lost 77 cents during Tuesday's trading to reach \$92.66 per barrel compared with \$93.43pb the day before, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) said Wednesday. Brent futures also dropped by \$1.59 to \$90.03pb and West Texas Intermediate declined \$2.64 to \$82.82pb. —KUNA

Zain Great Idea 7 first bootcamp kicks off

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Great turnout from new entrepreneurs at the first bootcamp.



KUWAIT: Zain, the leading digital service provider in Kuwait, kicked off the orientation meeting and first bootcamp session of its Zain Great Idea 7 tech startup accelerator program. The bootcamp witnessed great turnout from idea owners and new entrepreneurs to learn the most essential business and startup management skills from global experts and mentors.

Zain recently inaugurated the all-new season of its renowned tech startup accelerator program in collaboration with Brilliant Lab. The program continues its mission to enrich the tech startup ecosystem in Kuwait and further push it forward towards expansion into the MENA region.

Zain's main headquarters in Shuwaikh hosted the program's orientation meeting and first bootcamp session, attended by many eager and enthusiastic new entrepreneurs who are starting their startup careers. The first bootcamp continues for four days and covers some of the most essential topics that are crucial for every new startup owner, including establishing startups, building teams, creating a brand, attracting investors, developing products and services, and much more.

The first session was mentored by Alharith Alatawi, the cofounder and Chief Executive Officer of onegcc, an employment platform focused on matching job seekers with job opportunities based on their skills and personalities. onegcc recently raised \$2.5 million in its last fundraising round.

Along with onegcc, Alharith is also a cofounder in Level Z, the first tech startup factory in the MENA region with its first startup Skiplino, an intelligent cloud-based queue management system with 1,500 clients globally. Both onegcc and Skiplino have been named as one of the top 15 innovative startups in the Middle East by Forbes in their latest Forbes Innovators edition.

ZGI aims at taking entrepreneurs towards the best experiences that bring them sustainable growth, not only to help grow their businesses,

but grow themselves as well. Zain always strives to leverage on its partners ecosystem to connect its entrepreneurs with venture capital firms and business partners to help them put a steady first step in the business world.

Last year, Zain celebrated 10 years of Zain Great Idea as one of the most successful projects under the umbrella of its Innovation and Entrepreneurship strategy. Investments in ZGI startups are well over KD 6 million (\$20 million) to this date. 30 percent of ZGI alumni now own thriving and active businesses to this day across local and regional markets, and 40 percent of these businesses have raised capital.

Throughout a decade, ZGI has empowered, trained, and invested in over 1,500 passionate Kuwaiti and Arab young people. Zain learned a



save their time for other more advanced sessions that are more suitable to their needs and level.

This year, ZGI will also focus on regional expansion through unique programs held throughout MENA like Riyadh, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Cairo. These programs are set to cover crucial topics like establishing and accelerating startups, communicating with investors and funds, building teams and brands, one-on-one consultancy sessions, enriching innovation, challenges facing entrepreneurs in today's markets, local and regional success stories, and much more.

ZGI 7 is also set to offer a new win-win concept that serves both entrepreneurs and fresh graduates. Zain will host a special career fair-like event that links ZGI participants with students and graduates of various studies. The entrepreneurs will have an invaluable opportunity to introduce their businesses, attract local talents, and build their future teams, while graduates get a chance to be a part of the next big success story.

Zain strongly believes in the crucial role played by private sector organizations in supporting social and economic sustainability projects. The company is committed to printing a positive impact through all its activities, and this has led it to embrace the most influential topics in the community, perhaps most importantly the support of youth, entrepreneurship, and innovation, not only in Kuwait, but across the entire region.



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lot from previous seasons and heard what ZGI alumni had to say about how to further refine the program year after year. And so, this year the company is offering greater flexibility and more freedom for every participant to take part in the sessions and programs that best suit their schedule and unique business needs.

For example, some relatively advanced entrepreneurs have already finished preparing the most essential parts of their businesses and have no need to take part in the bootcamp that covers the essentials and basics of building startups. So, this year, they have the chance to skip this session and

National Guard undersecretary receives officials

KUWAIT: Acting National Guard Undersecretary Major General Faleh Shujaa on Wednesday received Lt General Olivier Rittmann (NATO Defense College) and head of the military cooperation in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Major General Majid Jahangeer.

Maj Gen Shujaa has conveyed greetings from head of the National Guard Salem Al-Ali to the NATO official. While discussing important military issues with the visiting official, he also discussed with him ways to increase cooperation and need to exchange expertise in security and military services.



Mohamed Haris with Dr Matar Hamed Al-Niadi

Director of Lulu Hypermarket visits UAE Embassy

KUWAIT: The Director of Lulu Hypermarket, Kuwait, Mohamed Haris called on the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Kuwait, Dr Matar Hamed Al-Niadi at the UAE embassy in Kuwait on October 17.

The meeting touched on various topics of mutual interest in addition to identifying opportunities beneficial to both sides especially in the area of promoting business ties.

Dollar stabilizes at KD 0.309

KUWAIT: The US dollar stabilized on Wednesday at KD 0.309, while the euro went up by 1.16 percent to reach KD 0.304 compared with Tuesday's rates. The Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) said in its daily bulletin the British pound went down by 0.62 percent to reach KD 0.350, as well as the Swiss franc by 0.231 percent to reach KD 0.311, while the Japanese yen stood at KD 0.002. The CBK publishes daily average exchange rates that do not necessarily reflect actual prices of the currencies' trade for the day. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Major General Faleh Shujaa (right) with Lt General Olivier Rittmann



KUWAIT: General Faleh Shujaa with Major General Majid Jahangeer and other officials.

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Student Art Competition 2022

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We are excited to welcome each and every youngster to our Student Art Competition 2022. We hope everyone is ready to showcase and create beautiful artworks of Kuwait in the future. We're searching for great art – so get your paintbrushes, color pencils and markers ready. Let your talent flow and start painting. Good luck to our young artists!

- The competition is open to students aged 6-18 years under the categories of 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years, 15-18 years and special abilities students.
- The competition is open to all schools in Kuwait (government and private).
- 5 winners from each category will receive valuable prizes.
- All participants will receive a certificate of appreciation.
- All schools and individuals interested in participating in this competition are welcome.
- You can use any drawing sheet, but of A3 size.
- All artworks must be hand drawn and not computer generated.
- All paintings should be submitted by email at art@kuwaittimes.com in PDF format only.
- Kuwait Times reserves the right to retain the drawings for future use.
- Participants should include on the bottom of the artworks the following: Name, age, email address, phone number and school in legible font.



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