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FM MEETS USTRANSCOM COMMANDER

KUWAIT: Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Salem Abdullah Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received on Thursday Gen Jacqueline Van Ovost, commander of US Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), who is leading a delegation on an official visit to Kuwait. The meeting reviewed the deep-rooted ties between Kuwait and the United States and the prospects of cooperation in all areas, notably the defense field. — KUNA



NANCY AJRAM DONATES CONCERT PROCEEDS TO SYRIA

KUWAIT: Lebanese singer Nancy Ajram said she would donate proceeds from her highly-anticipated concert in Kuwait to people affected by the earthquake in Syria. The sold-out concert, where she will perform alongside Majed Al-Mohandes, will be held Friday as part of the "Kuwait's February" festival. Ajram retweeted a tweet from "ET Arabic" that claimed she would be making the donation. Ajram will also donate a large portion of the profits from her upcoming American-Canadian tour. Producer Yousef Harb reportedly said. A public auction will be held at every concert in the tour, of which all proceeds will go to humanitarian aid.

SRI LANKAN EMBASSY CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE HAILS OVER 5 DECADES OF KUWAIT-SRI LANKA RELATIONS



KUWAIT: Amani Sulaiman Bugamaz and Ambassador-designate Kaandeeban Balasubramaniam cut the ceremonial cake to officially inaugurate the anniversary celebration.



Amani Sulaiman Bugamaz and Ambassador-designate Kaandeeban Balasubramaniam light the traditional lamp.

By Sajeev K Peter

KUWAIT: The Sri Lankan Embassy in Kuwait celebrated the 75th anniversary of the country's independence on Wednesday with great enthusiasm and fervor at an impressive event at the Regency Hotel in Kuwait. Amani Sulaiman Bugamaz, Minister of Public Works and Electricity and Water, attended the event as the chief guest. The minister joined Sri Lankan Ambassador-designate Kaandeeban Balasubramaniam to cut the ceremonial cake and officially kicked off the celebration. The event also witnessed a dazzling cultural show, demonstrating the rich heritage and legacy of Sri Lanka. The show was presented by renowned Rasika and Nisha Cultural troupe, Colombo, reflecting the country's multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multilingual society. Several ambassadors, Kuwaiti dignitaries, Sri Lankan nationals and special invitees were among those who attended the celebration.

In his welcome address, Ambassador Balasubramaniam, expressed his government's sincere appreciation to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, His Highness the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister for their continued support to strengthen Kuwait-Sri Lanka bilateral relations, which were first established more than 50 years ago in 1971. "Kuwait is home for over 100,000 Sri Lankan expatriates and the presence and contribution of our people over the past years has become a driving force of our multifaceted ties with the State of Kuwait," he said. He added that the country has been successful in diversifying deployment of migrant workers from the traditional sectors to many fields of professional and skilled employments in Kuwait.

Talking about the Joint Ministerial Committee, he said it is one of the key bilateral engagements where Kuwaiti and Sri Lankan authorities meet and deliberate on matters of mutual interest. "Bilateral



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trade and tourism have registered respectable figures in the recent years, showing clear signs of recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Air connectivity has improved with both Sri Lankan Airlines and Jazeera Airways operating increased number of frequencies on a daily basis. Kuwait Fund has been one of the important sources that supports a number of important infrastructure projects in Sri Lanka, contributing to the socio-economic development of our society," he said.

Earlier, the ambassador also congratulated fellow Sri Lankans in Kuwait and wished them a happy cel-

ebratory season. "I also recognize that this season is very special for our friends in Kuwait as the month of February marks the national celebrations in the country. I take this opportunity to extend warm congratulations to all our friends in Kuwait," he said.

"Today's event marks the 75th anniversary of the Independence of Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka emerged as a sovereign nation in 1948, having experienced around five centuries of colonial rule. The Sri Lankan community today is endowed with very high literacy levels, healthcare and reasonable living standards in the region," he said.



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KUWAIT: IWG members tour the KCST campus during their first visit to a university in Kuwait since the organization's foundation.

IWG EXAMINE TECH DEVELOPMENTS IN KCST TOUR

KUWAIT: A delegation from the International Women's Group (IWG) visited the Kuwait College of Science and Technology (KCST), in the first visit to a Kuwaiti university made by the group since its foundation in 1989. The IWG delegation included wives of ambassadors and prominent Kuwaiti and expatriate personalities. It was headed by Ghada Shawky, president of the group and received by Professor Khalid Al-Begain, KCST president, and a number of the college's employees.

"We thank Professor Khalid Al-Begain and all those in charge of the university for the cordial reception. It was enlightening to hear about all the various developments in the scientific laboratories at KCST and we wish it more progress and know it will surely prosper academically and educationally," said Shawky, who is also wife of the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The group were given an overview of the university and its most important scientific, research, academic and student achievements. The tour included visiting the auditorium, which has a capacity of more than 520 people, the student learning center and library, the Center for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, the MIT-Accredited FabLab and the Cybersecurity Center, which is the first specialized center of its kind in the Middle East, offering courses and workshops in cybersecurity for university students.

Finally, the visitors viewed numerous innovative final year project demos and talked to the students about their work, expressing their admiration for their scientific perspectives. Professor Al-Begain expressed his happiness at hosting the IWG members, especially since it was the first time that they visited a university in Kuwait. He said this visit opened



KUWAIT: Ghada Shawky poses with Khalid Al-Begain, president of KCST, during a visit from the IWG delegation.



KUWAIT: KCST Students pictured with their invention, "The Solar Scooter".

up other horizons for learning about education in the country and the extent of the technological advancement and development among new generations.

Rima Al-Khalidi, IWG presidential advisor and wife of the Ambassador of the State of Palestine, said that the development witnessed by the university is a source of pride for Kuwait and the Middle East. The achievements made by the university in such a short period, in general, and student graduation projects, in particular, are a testament to the extent of Kuwait's care for education, which gives hope for the youth of Kuwait today and prepares them to be the leaders of the future.