

# Zain celebrates Kuwait's next generation of aspiring coders



Zain's representative presents the Zain Award for the Most Innovative Project to the winner.



CODED CEO Ahmad Marafi recognizes Zain for its strategic partnership.

- Company proud to support CODED Academy's 'Kuwait Codes' program for second year
- Zain Award for 'Most Innovative Project' presented during graduation ceremony

**KUWAIT:** For the second year running, Zain joined the special graduation ceremony held to celebrate the students who successfully enrolled in the 'Kuwait Codes' program in strategic collaboration with CODED Academy. The initiative is considered the best of its kind in the nation and has contributed to upskilling over 2500 students in programming, coding, and digital competencies since its launch. The ceremony was held at Kuwait University's College of Engineering and Petroleum, attended by Dean of the College of Engineering and Petroleum Prof. Khalid Al Hazaa, CODED Academy co-founder and CEO Ahmad Marafi, CODED officials, students and their families, along with sponsors and supporters.

In the event, the company presented the 'Zain Award for the Most Innovative Project' to the aspiring student Bader Fadhel Qassim in recognition of his excellence and innovative approach. The ceremony also witnessed the recognition of all the students who successfully enrolled in the third season of the Kuwait

Codes program, which kicked-off earlier this year under support from Zain.

During the third season, the Zain Innovation Campus (ZINC) hosted a fun workshop entitled "So you think you can design?", which came under a special program for female coders as part of the bigger 'Kuwait Codes' initiative. The workshop empowered girls and young women to create their own digital designs within a specific set of rules, and the designs were then presented to a judges panel that reviewed the designs and selected the winners. This particular program upskilled over 100 female students this year.

'Kuwait Codes' is the first initiative of its kind in Kuwait, and it continues its mission to create a technically advanced generation by offering the opportunity for high school students from private and public schools to learn and develop programming skills in four main streams: website design, Python programming, video game development, and smartphone app development using Flutter. This year alone, the



A large crowd celebrated the new generation of Kuwaiti coders.

program trained over 1100 students.

Zain is proud to be one of the main strategic partners of CODED throughout the years, a partnership that has contributed to empowering thousands of young programmers and developers into the local market. The company is keen on playing its part in empowering and creating the next generation of Kuwaiti coders.

Many of Zain's corporate sustain-

ability strategy initiatives center around youth and education development, and as digital skills are gaining accelerating importance in the future of education and the economy, the company has put the development of programming and digital competencies of the youth at the forefront of its priorities. Zain is keen on contributing to preparing the next generation of local talents with the skills required by modern markets. Zain

is keen on playing a vital role as an integrated digital service provider in light of the rapid digital changes witnessed by the modern world. The company always seeks to reach new levels of excellence with its customers through offering the best innovative services, meeting their needs and aspirations, as well as supporting programs and initiatives that embrace tech innovation and aim at developing it.

## Gulf envoys meet at Oman Embassy

**KUWAIT:** Ambassadors from the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) bloc assembled at Oman's Embassy in Kuwait for talks aiming to step up coordination, the Gulf Arab Sultanate's envoy Saleh Al-Kharusi said on Monday. The talks mainly revolved around efforts to bolster cooperation between GCC foreign missions and Kuwait's foreign ministry, he said in a statement. Kuwait's Foreign Ministry on Sunday expressed sincere gratitude for the efforts of the Saudi and Omani governments in coordinating their efforts towards finding a solution for the Yemeni crisis. The ministry also applauded the dexterity of inviting the Yemeni delegation to complete the talks on the ceasefire agreement and reaching a solution that all sides agree on under the auspices of the UN. — KUNA



## Award aimed at encouraging Arab journalists

**CAIRO:** Chief of the Arab Media Excellence Award Committee, Hamad Al-Badri, on Monday affirmed Kuwait's keenness to search for distinguished work in the media that serves the Arab community. This came in Al-Badri's statement to KUNA after the launch of the works of the first Arab Media Excellence Award Committee meeting, in its eighth session chaired by Kuwait.



Hamad Al-Badri

Al-Badri said that one of the goals behind this award is to encourage and motivate the media and journalists for what they have achieved and will achieve in the future to serve the Arab community. Kuwait puts great interest in the Arab media as it largely impacts the Arab community, insuring the national cultural identity in the face of the current challenges regionally and internationally, noted Al-Badri.

He stated that the committee discussed several issues like regulations and ways to develop the award to further motivate journalists and revealed that once they attract participations, the committee will hold two more meetings, pointing that the selection of winning works will be according to precise standards determined by the committee. Al-Badri confirmed that the award is supported financially by Kuwait with the Arab League's support to highlight and honor works related to the award categories, which are divided into ten media categories: journalism, television, radio and other media sectors.

The General Secretariat of the Council of Arab Information Ministers launched the Arab Media Excellence Award in 2015 as one of the activities it organizes to celebrate Arab Media Day annually on April 21. The award is given to media organizations and Arab journalists who have presented distinguished media works that serve Arab world issues, and each year a specific topic is determined to receive this award. — KUNA



Al-Salam Humanitarian and Charity Society support relief efforts.



BENGHAZI: Kuwait provides Libyan people with relief, medical equipment, tents and rescue vessels. Kuwaiti concerned bodies and charitable organizations are coordinating efforts to send necessary aid to Libyans.

## Kuwait sends fifth planeload of relief aid to Libya

**KUWAIT:** The fifth planeload of relief aid for hurricane-struck Libya left Kuwait on Monday, carrying 10 tons of various medical supplies and other necessities. This fifth batch of supplies came through the support and organization of the Al-Salam Humanitarian and Charity Society and the cooperation of the International Islamic Charity Organization (IICO), in addition to the coordination between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as the Ministries of Social Affairs and Defense.

Deputy Managing Director of Al-Salam Humanitarian and Charity Society Hamad Al-Oun told KUNA that this was the second planeload organized by the society carrying medical and relief supplies to help with the people's physical and health safety there and help in rebuilding lives in stricken communities.



He indicated that a third plane would head for Libya on Thursday, organized by the society as part of the relief air bridge that was created as directed by the political leadership to provide urgent relief to the Libyan people amid the humanitarian catastrophe there. Storm Daniel is the most violent of its kind in over three decades, killing thousands of people and leaving thousands of others injured, missing and displaced. — KUNA

