



CAPITALS: Kuwaiti embassies in Philippines and Azerbaijan celebrate the national day yesterday.

KES ORGANIZES PUBLIC SEMINAR ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

KUWAIT: Extending the efforts of Kuwait Economic Society on the topic of administrative reform in the public sector in the State of Kuwait, Manaf Al-Hajeri, Head of Policy Committee in Kuwait Economic Society, announced holding a public lecture on Monday in the society premises in Shuwaikh which will be presented by Prof Giacomo Luciani.

The topic of the lecture will be on issues in the governance in the state administrative sector. Specific focus will be on the situation in Kuwait through drawing parallels in order to understand what lessons may be derived for Kuwait from the discussion of other cases such as Russia, Mexico, Venezuela, Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia and Algeria. The lecture will highlight the necessity for a resource-rich country to have a long-term vision of its own future, and engage in strategic economic planning. A strategic economic plan based on a well-defined vision is a tool to create consensus and converge efforts in society. Among topics to be presented: Separation of strategic policy making from the day-to-day exercise of power in government. Establishment of autonomous agencies - or granting of greater autonomy to existing agencies - which would be separate from the bureaucracy, yet maintain a public character.



Manaf Al-Hajeri



Prof Giacomo Luciani

Prof Giacomo Luciani is a renowned political economic scholar with extensive work on developing countries, with an emphasis on the Middle East. Since 2012, Adjunct Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva; Director of the Executive Master in International Oil and Gas Leadership. Since 2010, Scientific Director of the Master in International Energy, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, Paris; he is also a Princeton University Global Scholar.

The lecture will be in English with the availability of instant translation to Arabic.

KUWAITI EMBASSIES CONTINUE NATIONAL DAYS CELEBRATIONS PRAISE FOR GOOD RELATIONS

CAPITALS: The Kuwaiti diplomatic missions around the world continued celebration of Kuwait's 53rd National Day and 23rd Liberation Day yesterday. In Manila, Kuwait's Ambassador to Philippines Waleed Al-Kanderi hosted a reception to mark the national days, which gathered a number of senior official and political attendants in the country.

During the reception, Ambassador Al-Kanderi congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and the Kuwaiti government and people on this occasion, lauding at the same time close Kuwaiti-Filipino ties in various levels of bilateral cooperation.

In Ho Chi Minh City, Consulate-General of Kuwait in Vietnam hosted a reception to mark the national days and was attended by a number of significant figures and senior officials in the country. For his part, Kuwait's Consul General Omar Suleiman Al-Qenai congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, as well as the Kuwaiti people and all residents in Kuwait on this occasion.

Kuwait's Ambassador in Moscow Abdulaziz Al-Adwani held a reception attended by head of the Middle East and North Africa Department at the Foreign Ministry, Director of International Relations Department at the Federal Council and Chairman of the Media Committee at the Duma, the lower house of parliament.

The reception was also attended by Arab and Western diplomats, journalists, religious figures and businessmen.

Al-Adwani congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the Kuwaiti people on the occasion of these national days.

Al-Adwani, at a news conference on this occasion, said Kuwait and Russia enjoyed good relations at the political, economic, trade and investment levels. He said the two countries, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations last year, have cultural and academic potentials in common.

He said the recent strategic dialogue session between Russia and the GCC was important and constructive.

Al-Adwani underlined the role of Russia in international affairs, and also said Kuwait was playing a key role in spreading the culture of peace and narrowing gaps between the conflicting parties in many areas. He congratulated Russia for organizing the winter olympic games in Sochi. Meanwhile, Kuwait's embassy in Baghdad congratulated His Highness the Amir on the occasion of the national days.

In a statement, the embassy also congratulated the Kuwaiti people, wishing lasting stability and security in Kuwait.

Kuwait's embassy in Brazil also held a reception to mark the national days. The reception, held last night, was attended by government officials, lawmakers, diplomats and public figures.

Ambassador Ayada Al-Saeedi congratulated His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince and the Kuwaiti people on these occasions. Al-Saeedi commended the bilateral relations with Brazil, saying the two countries were keen on developing these ties in all domains particularly in economy and trade. — KUNA

NBK SONG ATTRACTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait's (NBK) National Song initiative entitled "Watani Al-Kuwait" attracted hundreds of thousands of followers on social media.

"Watani Al-Kuwait" was aired via all audio, visual and social media channels and cinemas in Kuwait. NBK has launched this song in celebration of Kuwait's 53rd anniversary of independence and the 23rd anniversary of liberation.

This unprecedented musical work featuring numerous cultural, community and social activities and charities carried by Kuwaiti youth volunteers to be presented as a commemorative gift for Kuwait and to raise awareness towards social responsibility and to encourage youth to volunteer.

"Watani Al-Kuwait" is a piece of art that is rich in connotations and invokes remarkably vivid community-related associations. It is a part of NBK's social program on the occasion of national Day that includes a host of activities and functions that highlight the spirit of

the celebration. NBK reinforced its position as a lead contributor to the development of the Kuwaiti society through its commitment to corporate social responsibility. This commitment became evident in the numerous

social and philanthropic initiatives and national responsibilities including the special musical operetta "Habibityi ya Kuwait" that was launched on the occasion of Kuwait's independence Golden Jubilee.



'Watani Al-Kuwait' initiative