



Indonesian President Joko Widodo (JOKOWI) inaugurates and tours the first Lulu Hypermarket in Cakung-Jakarta along with Thomas Trikasih Lembong, Indonesian Trade Minister, Yusuffali MA Chairman Lulu Group and other top officials and dignitaries.

LULU OPENS ITS FIRST HYPERMARKET IN INDONESIA

UAE based retail major, Lulu Group marked its first retail push in the Far East by opening its much awaited first Hypermarket in the capital city of Jakarta, Indonesia. The group has already announced its plans to invest \$ 500 as part of its expansion and intends set up 10 hypermarkets in the next three years in the country. The first hypermarket of the country was officially inaugurated by Joko Widodo, the President of Indonesia in the presence of Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, Governor of Jakarta, Thomas Trikasih Lembong, Indonesian Trade Minister, Ahmed Abdullah Al-Mussali Al-Awadi, UAE Ambassador to Indonesia, Husin Bagis, Indonesian Ambassador to UAE and other ministers, Government officials, members of Business Community and a large gathering of residents.

The hypermarket is expected to be one of

its kind in the region and will attract large segment of population in the capital city of Jakarta. Located in the Cakung sub district of East Jakarta with an area of over 200,000 sq. ft., the new hypermarket is designed with customer convenience and provides a one-stop shopping destination for the residents of the city.

"With an initial investment of \$300 million in the first phase, we plan to open 10 hypermarkets by end-2017 and a central logistics and warehousing facility in Jakarta. These projects are likely to generate more than 5,000 job opportunities for Indonesians," said Yusuf Ali MA, Chairman, Lulu Group while commenting about the first Lulu hypermarket in the country. "We also plan to set up contract farming to ensure continuous supply of high quality products and to support the Indonesian agriculture sector," he added.

During the official visit to UAE last year, President Jokowi had visited Lulu hypermarket in Abu Dhabi and expressed keen desire to have Lulu in Indonesia. He was especially impressed by the high standards of operations, quality of products & service and also the wide variety of products available in LULU. The Lulu Group currently operates 125 stores across the GCC, Egypt and India and employees more than 38,000 people from different nationalities and is also the one of the largest retail chain in the Middle East.

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INN & GO LAUNCH IN KUWAIT

INN & GO Hotels and Resorts, the most dynamic and unique hotel group in Kuwait, proudly announces its launch from the State of Kuwait. INN & GO Hotels will be introduced for the first time in the hospitality sector of Kuwait and the management is confident that this is going to set a milestone for many more successful ventures.

This contemporary hotel chain is all set to cater to Kuwait's fast growing business travel and family leisure market. INN & GO Hotels understands the modern day challenges of living in the 21st century, and strongly believes that every individual is unique and has different sets of requirements. Therefore this dynamic chain of hotels delivers services tailored exclusively for its guests; whether they are time bound business travellers, aspiring entrepreneurs, newlyweds or "one big family". The management is enthusiastic about the promising future of the expected hotels; established with a strong compliance of the highest quality standards for hotel and resort management and services, with talented qualified staff to deliver tailored services and a plethora of international and local cuisine and experience - INN & GO Hotels will enter the region and undoubtedly become one of the most distinguished hotel chain in Kuwait, the Arab region and worldwide.

Furthermore, the management of INN & GO Hotels and Resorts is envisioning a future for 2021 - with numerous hotel boutiques distributed throughout Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, the Philippines and the Maldives. The hotel facilities shall have a unique style in delivering tailored services to the guest whether it is to provide constant support to the business traveler, or providing a relaxing atmosphere to a leisure traveler, or offering an entertaining and unforgettable trip to families without "breaking their budget". The local markets welcome this initiative, which constitutes of a contemporary and elegant outlook for hospitality, in addition to delivering value, quality services and state-of-the-art facilities. The management of INN & GO Hotel and Resorts is looking forward to its management of the first hotel in Kuwait before the end of 2016.



KKMA CHOOSES SOCIAL PROJECTS FOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Kuwait Kerala Muslim Association (KKMA), the largest social welfare organization of Indians in Kuwait is celebrating the organization's 15-year anniversary by initiating several social change projects for the community. The launch event of celebrations was held at Community Hall in Abbasiya on Friday in attendance of a large number of members and invited guests. Shubashis Glodar, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India inaugurated the event. Patron of KKMA Sageer Trikarpu presided over the function. Mishari Al Ghazali an eminent lawyer and founder of Humanitarian Foundation for Legal Aid and Kholoud Al Feeli, corporate communication leader at EQUATE graced the occasion as guest of honors.

Social projects: The social initiatives of the organization to support deserving community members such as low cost housing, drinking water well construction, educational scholarship, self-employment assistance program and free kidney dialysis program were declared on the occasion.

KKMA also announced the opening of first of its kind early detection center for heart and lifestyle diseases in the city of Kannur during the 2nd half of July. Prominent members of the community Malayil Moosakoya, Rajan Rawther, Mohammad Hilal and BP Nasser inaugurated release of various charitable program initiatives. In commemoration of the occasion, a documentary briefing history and activities of KKMA was released by Akbar Siddique, chairman of KKMA.

New Initiatives

KKMA also utilized the occasion to launch two new initiatives - a public portal for Indian blood donors in Kuwait to help patients in hospitals who required blood. The portal named as Kuwait Indian Blood Donors will be accessed through www.kibdf.org. KKMA also announced the launch of KKMA Family Club for supporting and providing social assistance to the family of members back home.

KKMA utilized the occasion to felicitate Hamza Payyanur (working president) on

receiving Garshom Yuva Pravasi Award for his contribution and support to well-being of the Indian community in Kuwait. The organization also bid farewell to SM Basheer (vice president) as he was relocating to UAE for employment purposes.

Vice Chairman NA Muneer welcomed the packed audience. KKMA leaders Abdul Fatah Thayyil (vice chairman),

Mohammadali Matara (CFO), Sayed Rafeek (controller), Ibrahim Kunnil (president), K Basheer (general secretary), AP Abdul Salam, K.C. Rafeeqe and BM Iqbal (working presidents) gave brief account on each projects. SM Basheer ably compered the event and H Alikutty proposed vote of thanks.

