

ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES AND AMIDEAST LAUNCH ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND SKILLS FOR SUCCESS SUMMER PROGRAM AT LOCAL ORPHANAGE

KUWAIT: Alghanim Industries, one of the largest private companies in the region, announced the launch of the English Language and Skills for Success summer program in association with AMIDEAST for children at the Children's Home orphanage in Kuwait.

The program is being offered to children between the ages of 6 and 10, and is aimed at developing their language skills in four areas which include listening, speaking, reading and writing, as well as broadening other language abilities and grammar.

The Children's Home is an orphanage operated by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor's Social Welfare Sector. Over the course of the last three years, Alghanim Industries pledged to bear the full cost of restoring six houses, in addition to the outdoor playground and central kitchen.

Commenting on the summer program, Kutayba Yusuf Alghanim, Chairman of Alghanim Industries and Member of the Board at AMIDEAST, said: "In the current economic and technological climate, mastering the English language has become essential. In fact, it is a pre-requisite for any employment or educational opportunities. Although the English language is taught as part of the curriculum during the year, a summer program that is properly structured by experts, such as the ones at AMIDEAST, will greatly improve and hone the children's abilities. That is what



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makes me one of the biggest proponents of such educational initiatives in Kuwait, and even more so because they support our children at the orphanage. This will help them become engaging members of our society in the future

and provide them with a competitive advantage throughout their careers."

Speaking about the program, Samar Khleif, Director of AMIDEAST in Kuwait, said: "We are excited to once again partner with Alghanim Industries on educational initiatives that enable the future generation of Kuwait to succeed in a competitive economy. Kutayba has been a long-standing supporter of AMIDEAST since its establishment and continues to support our educational endeavors. Through our partnership with Alghanim Industries, we are able to reach and engage with an untapped youth demographic in Kuwait."

This initiative comes as part of Alghanim Industries' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, which is committed to empowering the underprivileged, supporting education and encouraging entrepreneurship. It is worth noting that the company was a major sponsor of the "Give Them a Chance" campaign that was launched by the Kuwait Red Crescent Society to provide quality education opportunities to all non-Kuwaiti children living within the country whose families are not able to afford paying school fees. The company also recently entered a partnership with the UNHCR, signing a MoU through which Alghanim Industries will support the education of Syrian refugee children in Lebanon.

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AMIR, BRITISH PM DISCUSS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah discussed with British Prime Minister Theresa May Monday the latest developments in the region, and issues of mutual interest. This came in a phone call that His Highness the Amir received from May, during which he congratulated her anew on formation of her government. His Highness the Amir expressed appreciation for May for initiating the phone call, which reflected "historic and solid" relations between Kuwait and Britain. May wished further development and prosperity for the Kuwaiti people under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir. — KUNA

Travel season

KUWAIT: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has introduced a raft of new measures to ensure smooth travel just in time for the start of summer travel season. Speaking yesterday, DGCA's Deputy General Manager of Airport Affairs Mohammad Al-Thuwaini said that the airport will beef up the presence of its staff members to cater to the legions of travelers. He underscored that DGCA is fully prepared to cooperate with travelers and control traffic at the airport during the summer, which could get unruly due to the propensity of citizens and expatriates alike to spend the summer months abroad. The DGCA official also thanked the Ministry of Interior (MoI) for its efforts to uphold security. — KUNA

Food supplies

IRBIL: Kuwait Red Crescent Society (KRCS) distributed yesterday 45 tons of food supplies to displaced Iraqis in Mosul, said an official. KRCS coordinator, Mohammad Al-Enizi said that delivering food supplies would continue in the region to enable displaced Iraqis to overcome their dire situation. He affirmed that the KRCS was keen on helping the displaced Iraqis who have fled military operations carried out by the Iraqi forces and allies against the so-called Islamic State (IS) in Mosul since late 2016. The KRCS began recently a weeklong aid campaign targeting around 40,000 displaced people in Mosul. — KUNA

2,000 parcels

RIYADH: The 'Kuwait Besides You' humanitarian aid campaign has doled out 2,015 food baskets in Yemen. In a press statement issued Monday, Member of the Kuwaiti-Yemeni Relief Agency Tawfiq Hussein said that the baskets were distributed to needy people in Sanaa and Amanat Al-Asimah governorates. He added that this is the second batch of the food aid to the two governorates, noting the first one included dispersing of over 5,500 food baskets. He pointed out that Kuwait has also executed a number of projects for providing drinking water to several areas in Yemen. Kuwait has also sent medical supplies and vaccines to the cities hit by the outbreak of cholera. Meanwhile, the public relations official at Yemeni Al-Aman society for caring for blind women Hanaa Al-Ghazali expressed gratitude to Kuwait for its support to Yemeni people. — KUNA

Relics' experts

KUWAIT: Director of Antiquities and Museums at the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Dr Sultan Al-Deweish, affirmed on Monday significance of the 12th meeting of the Arab experts committee for international heritage which kicked off earlier the same day. Dr Deweish said in a statement that participants in the meeting discussed the cultural heritage in the Arab states and plans to safeguard the treasures in addition to the ancient sector of the ancient city, Jerusalem. The conferees will discuss, during a second session scheduled tomorrow, Arab landmark ancient sites nominated to be enlisted in the international heritage-namely Al-Khalil (Hebron) town in Palestine, the Jordanian town of Al-Salt and Dubai Bay. Kuwait is seeking to enlist epic sites, namely Kuwait Towers, Al-Ahmar Palace, the old Al-Jahraa Farms, Failaka Island and the historic Kadhma Al-Bohour region. — KUNA

Oil price down

KUWAIT: The price of Kuwaiti oil went down by 45 cents to \$43.28 per barrel Monday after being at \$43.73 pb last Friday, said Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) yesterday. At the global level, the price went down due to production increase in the US, Libya, and Nigeria. The price of the Brent crude was down by 46 cents to \$46.91 per barrel, the same case with the West Texas Intermediate, which went down by 54 cents to \$44.20 pb. — KUNA

In my view

CONVEYING A MESSAGE

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The 'Bike Tripoli 4' race was recently held under the theme of 'Empowering Women in Decision Making Positions,' and organized by the Social Way Association in cooperation with UNIC Beirut, Bike Lebanon, Beirut by Bike, and Tripoli and Al-Mina municipalities. The event gives a highly significant social message. The bike ride witnessed the participation of more than 1,500 cyclists hoisting various slogans like 'Tripoli, ideal city for bikes' and 'for a clean environment' and various others expressing concern for other unsolved problems.

'Bike Tripoli 4' was also escorted by artistic and folkloric activities with participation from Lebanese artists and amateurs performing on an amphitheater in the open. The bike ride attracted a large crowd of politicians, social and environmental activists, and media representatives. Lebanese explorer and Ambassador of 'Bike Tripoli' Maxime Chaya also took part in the event, in addition to representatives of UN agencies working in Lebanon, and other diplomatic missions.

The event also featured entertainment shows and musical performances throughout the day. It was a smart move to have Sunnis, Shiites and Christians take part in the activity because they all share the same miseries and poverty and hope to convey the same messages to heads of governments and parliaments demanding radical long-existing reforms.

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