

Local

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: Kuwait Towers partially covered by dense fog. —KUNA photo

Arab Open University notable sponsor of 'Kuwait Learning Forum'

Under the auspices of the Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Studies

KUWAIT: Dr Nayef B Al-Mutairi, Director of the Arab Open University, Kuwait Branch (AOU), announced in a press release yesterday that AOU will be participating in Kuwait Education Forum (Q8EDU). NoufEXPO will organize the forum in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Higher Studies, Kuwait University, and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training. Dr Al-Mutairi said, "Dr Mohammad Al-Zakri, President of the Arab Open University, will spearhead AOU's presence during Q8EDU by participating in its opening panel discussion on Day1. We are looking forward to spread the word about AOU that is considered an educational institution of a special nature. Not only AOU have presence in many Arab countries, we also avail academic studies to all categories of the society. We believe that university education must be in access to everybody who wants to improve his/her educational or professional status while preserving the quality of education." Headquartered in Kuwait, the AOU has branches in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Bahrain, Oman, Sudan, and Palestine. Dr Mutairi continued, "We are pleased by the patronage of the Minister of Education

and Minister of Higher Studies, Dr Hamed Mohammed Al-Aazmi, of the event. This reflects a high level of official support for improving Kuwait's educational institutions at all levels. As well, Q8EDU's motto of - Education is a Life Long Journey - perfectly coincides with our vision of the role of education and educational institutions being a continuous enabler for the development of individuals and societies."

Highlighting the AOU's vision and mission, Dr Mutairi said, "The idea of establishing a non-profit Open University in the Arab world was initiated by Prince Talal Bin Abdulaziz President of the Arab Gulf Development Program (AGFUND). In 1996 Prince Talal officially announced the concept of establishing the Arab Open University as a non-conventional academic institution and as a foundation which contributes to steering development in scientific, social and cultural spheres. This initiative developed to a full pledged Arab Open University in 2002 in a strategic partnership with the Open University in the United Kingdom. AOU, then, started its expansion plans into the various Arab countries that share many of growth plan requirements. From day one, we made sure



Dr Nayef Al-Mutairi

that everybody has access to a university study, regardless of being full-time or part-time students. We believe that university education should not be limited to full-time students, and regardless of age, time, and place. AOU will

always carry out its role as non-profit institutions. Currently, AOU has more than 28,460 students spread in eight countries. More than 20,690 students have graduated, more than 50% of which are females.

Commenting on AOU's participation in the Forum, Dr Mutairi said, "Q8EDU will discuss many of the challenges and issues that face education in Kuwait and many other Arab countries. We do believe that education, in the Arab world, requires a genuine leapfrog jump to be able to drive growth plans amidst the so many challenges that face our countries, region, and the whole world. Education should revert to new methodologies and curricula across all disciplines of education in order for it to be effective. We have to depend more on technology based education as an enabling driver to develop the much needed information based societies."

Dr Mutairi concluded his statement by extending his thanks to NoufEXPO for organizing this event that will contribute to the educational process in Kuwait. He invited Kuwait's high school graduates and all those who opt to improving their academic and professional qualifications to visit the AOU's booth at Q8EDU.

ABK participates in American University of Kuwait's job fair

KUWAIT: In its effort to attract top talent for the sustained growth of the banking industry, Al-Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) supported the professional development of students by participating in the 14th Annual Career Fair hosted by the American University of Kuwait (AUK). Notable for its active corporate citizenship, ABK contributes significant time and attention towards education and professional development of Kuwaiti youth.

Based on the American model of higher education, the American University of Kuwait has a rapidly increasing student population from around the world. The current student body population is 2,461, of which 64 percent is Kuwaiti. At the career fair which took place yesterday, ABK presented opportunities available within the organization. The students were provided with information about ABK and its approach towards business.

Speaking on the Bank's involvement, Hamza Enki, General Manager - Human Resources at ABK said, "Investing in national talent is an integral component of ABK's strategy. We are continuously working towards recruiting the best talent in the country. Through training at 'ABK Academy', we strive to consistently educate the youth on the banking industry and develop their skills, which will support them if they wish to pursue a career in banking." ABK's participation reinforces its commitment to playing an active role in supporting Kuwait's youth during the early stages of their work life.



School Oral Health Program obtains Canadian Accreditation

KUWAIT: Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah announced that six centers of School Oral Health Program (SOHP) has obtained the highest level of the Canadian accreditation (Diamond) for the superior health services from the Accreditation Canada (AC) which is responsible for improving the quality of health services.

SOHP is a unique program offering oral health education, prevention and treatment to more than 300,000 government school children aged 6-14 years, the minister said. SOHP has almost 235 dental clinics distributed in service centers, school based clinics and mobile clinics.

SOHP is the second dental organization to obtain accreditation in this region after the dental centers in Dubai, he said. It becomes the first in Kuwait and first in the world as a community-based dental program. SOHP is a joint venture between the Ministry of Health (MOH), Kuwait, and Forsyth Institute, Cambridge, the US. It was started during 1982-83 in Capital governorate and today has its presence in all the governorates. It has developed as a model dental program for school children.

SOHP started working on



KUWAIT: Minister of Health Sheikh Dr Basel Al-Sabah (center left) receives the certificate of accreditation.

Accreditation since May 2017 and has transformed its services especially in quality and patient safety. The Accreditation Canadian (AC) is an independent, non-governmental

organization, affiliated to the Health Standards Organization (HSO). It works with patients, decision-makers and society to improve the quality of health and social services for all.