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Science Club boasts of backing inventors as 'national duty'

Kuwaitis awarded at international invention exhibition

KUWAIT: Kuwait Science Club (KSC) throws its weight behind Kuwaiti inventors and creators for nothing but just as a 'national duty', its chairman Talal Al-Kharafi said yesterday. Voicing pride at the recent win by Kuwaiti inventors of awards at an international invention exhibition in Geneva, Kharafi said in a press statement his club is absolutely eager to support Kuwaiti inventors and showcase their inventions both at home and abroad.

Kuwaiti inventors Dr Meshari Al-Mutairi and Hussein Bumejdad were awarded key prizes during the International Exhibition of Inventions in Geneva Saturday. The trophy has unequivocally reflected the highly elevated level of Kuwaiti inventors, and has capped the efforts of the State of Kuwait in general and the KSC in particular to provide care and backing to Kuwaiti inventors and creators, Kharafi remarked. Kuwait's participation in this year's event, which kick-started on April 11, was really eye-catching, the KSC chief boasted. The exhibition attracted 822 inventors from 40 countries, who fielded the competition with a total 1,000 inventions, he pointed out.

Management of the International Exhibition of Inventions had awarded Dr Mutairi its golden prize for making a device to treat oil-polluted soil. Mutairi dedicated



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti inventors Dr Meshari Al-Mutairi (left) and Hussein Bumejdad. — KUNA

the internationally renowned award to Their Highnesses the Amir, the Crown Prince, the Prime Minister and the Kuwaiti people. He also expressed gratitude to the State of Kuwait Permanent Representative at the UN and International Organizations in Geneva, Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim, for facilitating his participation in the exhibition competition.

Mutairi said it had dawned on him to create a method for cleansing oil soaked soil when the Iraqi occupiers torched and damaged Kuwaiti oil installations, forming pools of crude oil and polluting the country's soil. The problem preoccupied Mutairi during his studies in Britain in environmental engineering till he had read and fathomed inner meaning of the Quranic verse,



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Permanent Representative to the UN and Other International Organizations in Geneva Ambassador Jamal Al-Ghunaim (left) poses with Kuwaiti inventor Dr Meshari Al-Mutairi.

"we have made everything alive from water," thus he had started examining ways to clean the soil with water, rather than chemical substances.

Mutairi, whose invention was accredited by Kuwait Oil Company, said the technique is applicable in various kinds of soil of other countries. The inventor said he would travel to Oman to market his invention in the GCC

country. Mutairi had taken part in the exhibition along with another talented Kuwaiti, Hussein Bumejdad, a firefighter, who displayed a device for unlocking doors- a tool that can be quite useful especially in distressing conditions like putting out fires. Ghunaim meanwhile affirmed that the golden award depicted honoring for the State of Kuwait's care for creative citizens. — KUNA

Amir's Envoy to attend Qatar Library's opening



KUWAIT: Envoy of His Highness the Amir, the Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah, is seen off upon his departure to Qatar yesterday. — KUNA

KUWAIT: The Envoy of His Highness the Amir, the Minister of Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Ali Jarrah Al-Sabah, departed to Qatar yesterday to represent His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah at official inauguration of Qatar National Library. — KUNA

Palestinian embassy warns of fraud calls

KUWAIT: The Palestinian Ambassador to Kuwait Rami Tahboob highly praised columnist Iqbal Al-Ahmad for an article she wrote and published in Al-Qabas yesterday, titled 'A Call and Fraud Letter.' Tahboob said in a statement that he had received a call from the writer's husband; Najeeb Al-Humaidhi, last week, telling him

that he had received a message allegedly from Palestine requesting financial aid for some so-called wounded Palestinians. "I immediately told him that those are frauds," he underlined, noting that such suspicious messages are sent by criminals who do not represent the Palestinian people. Tahboob also urged Kuwaitis to immediately contact the embassy in case they received any such messages.



Rami Tahboob

Kuwait holds youth forum on water conservation

KUWAIT: Kuwait Water Association (KWA) has announced that it will be holding its inaugural youth forum on April 24-26 to examine how youngsters in the wider Arab region have contributed to water conservation efforts. The interactive event is slated to take place at the headquarters of the Arab Planning Institute and will be sponsored by Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hind Al-Sabeeh, KWA's chairman Dr Saleh Al-Mezaini said yesterday. He pointed out that water conservation will be the focal point of discussion in an event that will delve into

some of the most perennial water issues facing the Arab region.

Another key objective, Mezaini explained, is to acquaint the general public with the significance of preserving water, given the fact that water is the world's most essential commodity and one of the most precious resources on earth. He spoke of how Arab youth have made significant contributions towards water conservation of their own volition, all of which will be highlighted at the meeting. Formed in 2012, KWA is a non-profit and non-governmental organization dedicated to protecting water resources in the country. — KUNA



Dr Saleh Al-Mezaini

Kuwait's Al-Usaimi voted in as OSCO's board member

KUWAIT: Mishal Al-Usaimi, Kuwait's Capital Markets Authority (CMA) Vice Chairman, has been appointed International Organization of Securities Commission (IOSCO) board member and deputy chief of the Africa Middle East Regional Committee (AMERC). Usaimi, who doubles as the CMA Acting Managing Director of the Commissioners Board, will assume both roles over a two-year term, the state financial markets regulatory body said in a statement.

He was chosen for the role in recognition of his "ongoing efforts to ensure the presence of a sound and stable financial system capable of carrying out regulatory reforms," CMA said. The Kuwaiti representative, who will join the IOSCO board of 34 members, clinched the position during a round of voting which saw him go up against competition from the likes of Morocco and Mauritius.

Kuwait will join some of the largest economies in the world in "revising organizational affairs that affect capital market authorities around the world, and setting practical responses to their concerns," the CMA added. It becomes the fourth Arab country to attain a seat at the board after Morocco, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. Formed in 2010, Kuwait's CMA has only been a member of IOSCO for 11 months, and the Kuwaiti body described the nominations as "unprecedented." — KUNA

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