

Local

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A man casts his fishing net at a beach in Kuwait City. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Symposium helps discover disabled people's skills, promote integration

'Move to Improve' symposium concludes fourth edition



Chairman of the 'Move to Improve' symposium's organizing committee Dr Faisal Al-Mousawi honors members of Kuwait's wheelchair basketball team.



Participants pose for a group picture.

KUWAIT: Chairman of the 'Move to Improve' symposium's organizing committee Dr Faisal Al-Mousawi lauded the success of the fourth edition of the event which was held this past Saturday at Jumeirah hotel. The event took place under the patronage of Information Minister, State Minister for Youth Affairs Mohammad Al-Jabri, who was represented by Mishal Al-Subaie, while Sheikha Sheikhah Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah also attended.

"This gathering is considered one of the largest events held to discover skills of people with disabilities in the Arab world in all fields, including sports, theater, literature, and formative arts, and showcase the skills of

the disabled, particularly those who are socially isolated, so that they can be integrated in the society," Dr Mousawi said.

He added that the event included practical competitions on stage between healthy and disabled individuals, while members of Kuwait's wheelchair basketball team were honored for winning the bronze medal in the special Olympics that took place in Abu Dhabi last month.

Dr Mousawi also sent a message to every family of a disabled person, saying that they should be proud and integrate their son into the society. "This this is our goal," he proclaimed, adding that he is considering forming a union for the disabled under the government's

care that aims to "bring the abilities of this group together to bring out their skills in all fields."

Meanwhile, Information Minister Mohammad Al-Jabri said in a speech read by Subaie on his behalf that the ministry is keen on implementing the instructions of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to provide all support to people with disabilities in all fields. "These efforts have resulted in them winning several medals in the special Olympics," he said, adding that the ministry participated for the fourth year in the symposium in order to gather all efforts to serve this segment of the society.



KUWAIT: Chairman of the 'Move to Improve' symposium's organizing committee Dr Faisal Al-Mousawi (right) honors Sheikha Sheikhah Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah.

Academy, MGRP hosts gathering with private hospitals

KUWAIT: Life Science Academy, in cooperation with the Manpower and Government Restructuring Program (MGRP) held its first open guidance gathering with private hospitals in Kuwait, and people who applied to the Kuwaitization Advancement in Private Healthcare (KAPH).

Director of training at the Life Science Academy Mohammad Al-Khalafi said that the idea of meeting directors and representatives of human resources in private hospitals and clinics came after two orientation meetings for those who were selected to be part of the program after they passed all stages of evaluation tests and personal interviews. The meeting took place in the presence of MGRP representatives so that all those present would know their commitments and requirements, he added.



KUWAIT: Director of training at the Life Science Academy Mohammad Al-Khalafi (right) speaks during the gathering.

The gathering was organized after candidates who passed all stages showed hesitance when they met with MGRP representatives, and were unsure of the information they received about available jobs, advantages, and average salaries of the fresh graduates, Khalafi added. "The idea of the program came about as we felt that a large number of applicants had various specialties such as law, engineering, information, nursing, pharmacy, etc. and not only customer service and relations with the patients," he added.

Kuwait beacon of culture, free thought: Novelist

TUNIS: The State of Kuwait has been a beacon of culture, intellectual freedom, and a destination of Arab intellectuals, mainly female novelists, said a Kuwaiti female novelist on Saturday. Fatma Al-Ali made the statement at the conclusion of the 22nd session of Arab female intellectuals association held in the Tunisian city of Sousse.

She added that she presented a paper during the event, noting that she reviewed cultural scene in Kuwait, which includes theaters, clubs, opera house and cultural centers. She pointed out that such institutions represent a major support for Arab intellectuals, mainly the female writers.

Ali explained in the paper that Arab female novelist is

currently facing two main challenges: the male view of cultural movement in Arab societies and "efforts of extremist thought to penetrate the cultural arena and work to exclude women." She stressed that Arab female writer made several successes and gains, and presented varied work arts. The Arab female writer has contributed mainly to combating different social phenomena and developing societies, Ali noted.

The Kuwaiti novelist indicated that "Arab female novelist has developed her level and managed to write fictions, and scientific novels as well as others. Ali warned that "extremists and success enemies have succeeded, over the last year, to affect badly our Arab societies, their individual and public freedoms, and teaching curricula.

However, she stressed that "extremists' attempts to dominate the Kuwaiti cultural scene have failed because Kuwait has been a beacon of culture and free thought." The 22nd session came to a close today, with the participation of a number of Arab female writers, poetesses, novelists, critics and others. They were from Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Tunisia. —KUNA