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Azeri ambassador congratulates Amir

KUWAIT: Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Kuwait Elkhan Gahraman congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on being awarded the US Legion of Merit, Degree Chief Commander by US President Donald Trump. "It is an honor for me to sincerely congratulate His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on being awarded the prestigious decoration 'Legion of Merit' of the United States for his leading regional and global diplomatic efforts," Ambassador Gahraman said in a statement. "Taking this noble opportunity, I wish him speedy recovery and return to his homeland."



Elkhan Gahraman

"His Highness the Amir has a great contribution to the development of relations between our countries, and therefore he was awarded in 2009 the highest state award of the Republic of Azerbaijan 'the Heydar Aliyev Order,'" the envoy added. "I wish that the threat of COVID-19 disappears soon from the whole world, borders are opened and the relations of friendship and cooperation between Azerbaijan and Kuwait are further advanced for the benefit of our peoples."

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A fisherman cleans the water from trash and dead fish at the Shamlan Harbor in Sharq yesterday. —Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Gulf Bank employees participate in Kuwait's largest cleanup campaign

KUWAIT: In celebration of World Cleanup Day yesterday, Gulf Bank employees participated in the largest campaign in Kuwait to clean public places, as part of the bank's various efforts throughout the year to preserve environmental sustainability. A group of Gulf Bank employees took part in the cleanup, as part of the collaborators group from multiple public and private sector institutions in the country.

The campaign was spearheaded by non-profit initiative Al-Nowair, whose Founder and CEO, Sheikha Intisar Al-Sabah, signed an international agreement officially registering and adding Kuwait to the global list of countries participating in the cleanup campaign. By participating in World Cleanup Day, participants have the chance to organize the largest daily gathering of waste in Kuwait's history through various community programs and campaigns.

Commenting on the initiative, Gulf Bank's

General Manager of Human Resources, Salma Al-Hajjaj, said: "This campaign was an excellent opportunity to collectively engage in positive social behavior towards the environment. It was a call to action and a much-needed clean up initiative which, we as a bank, were happy to take part in and make a difference."

Hajjaj added, "I would like to thank all the Gulf Bank employees who volunteered their time and efforts to take part in World Cleanup Day, and I encourage all our colleagues to maintain these efforts so we can continue to preserve Kuwait's environment."

Al-Nowair is a non-profit initiative founded in 2013 by Sheikha Intisar Al-Sabah, and is the first initiative of its kind in the region. Dedicated to promoting a positive attitude in Kuwait, Al-Nowair was



Salma Al-Hajjaj



born out of scientific research and the founder's personal experience that a positive attitude is the most important contributor to a community's overall wellbeing and happiness. Al-Nowair's work is rooted in research in positive psychology and aims to bring about positive social behavioral change in Kuwait, and has also been recognized by the United Nations Development Program.

Foreign Minister meets Ghana envoy

KUWAIT: Kuwaiti Foreign Minister and acting Defense Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah commended yesterday Ambassador of Ghana to Kuwait Alhaji Ahmad Rufai Yahaya Iddi for his contributions to promoting bilateral relations. Sheikh Dr Ahmad made the remarks during a meeting with Iddi to mark the end of his tenure in Kuwait, the foreign ministry said in a statement. The meeting was attended by Assistant Foreign Minister for the Minister's office Saleh Al-Loughani. —KUNA



KUWAIT: Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah meets with Ambassador of Ghana to Kuwait Alhaji Ahmad Rufai Yahaya Iddi. —KUNA

AOU partners with Huawei to provide ICT training courses

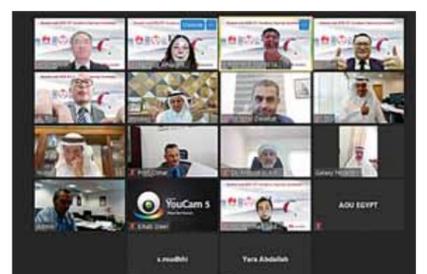
KUWAIT: Huawei, a leading global provider of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and smart devices, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Arab Open University to deliver training and certification programs to the university's students via Huawei Authorized Information and Network Academy program (HAINA).

Present at the signing of the MoU was Zhaoliang (Liam), President of Huawei Gulf North Region and Rico Lin, Huawei Kuwait CEO, and on behalf of Arab Open University, Prof Mohammad Al-Zakari, President of Arab Open University, and Dr Yousef Al-Ebraheem, advisor of Economic Affairs at the Amiri Diwan, AOU Board of Trustees Member.

Through this partnership, Arab Open University and Huawei will cooperatively work together to offer students Huawei ICT Academy training and certification programs through the HAINA initiative that meet the local students' requirements and further help to build the ICT capacity and talent in Kuwait by upskilling local talent. Additionally, Huawei will provide Huawei Certification Academy Instructor (HCAI) training for the university's professional instructors for each course direction.

The University will provide classroom and other teaching facilities to accommodate Huawei ICT equipment for the program, and will also embed the HAINA certification courses in its curriculum, liaise with local networking industry to deliver the training programs across a wider outreach of population in the ICT industry within Kuwait. Both parties will monitor the HAINA program and offer suggestions for continuous improvement, explore opportunities for alliances, and seek to address the ICT skills requirements within the Qatar ICT landscape.

Zhaoliang (Liam), President of Huawei Gulf North Region, said: "Huawei is committed to building local talents, the future leaders of Kuwait, which will help to



strengthen the country's ICT ecosystem, in turn contributing towards the country's ambitions to build its digital economy and drive national digitization. The Huawei ICT Academy is a successful format that is deployed around the world, providing world-class education in the most relevant ICT fields. We are very pleased to work with Arab Open University to offer our training programs in Kuwait."

Prof Mohammad Al-Zakari, President of Arab Open University, said: "The Arab Open University was founded on the idea that every talent being in the Arab world has the right and capability to contribute to the national development in their country. The ICT sector is now more important than ever before to develop the smart evolution of countries and contribute to the growth of their economies. Working with Huawei to provide essential training in this field will enable our students to learn critical skills that will enable them to contribute towards digitization initiatives throughout the region."

Arab Open University and Huawei will work cooperatively to monitor the HAINA program and offer suggestions for continuous improvement. They will also continue to explore other opportunities for alliances between the two organizations in order to address the ICT skills requirements within Kuwait and further have positive impact in shaping the future of Kuwait Leaders. Both parties will monitor the HAINA program and offer suggestions for continuous improvement, explore opportunities for alliances, and seek to address the ICT skills requirements within the Qatar ICT landscape.

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