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Altaf Suleiman

Kuwait's Altaf Suleiman participates in Boston Marathon

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Altaf Suleiman participated in the Boston Marathon yesterday, which is an achievement for Kuwait and the Gulf. Altaf has earlier participated in five marathons. Altaf first participated in the New York Marathon in Nov 2014, then in London in April 2016, Tokyo in Feb 2017, Berlin in 2018 and Chicago in Oct 2019. The Boston Marathon is an opportunity to make this achievement at the Kuwait and Gulf level, which is something she has sought for years.

Many marathons are held in several cities around the world, annual events in which professional and amateur athletes participate. Among these marathons, six are most famous and enjoy extensive coverage around the world - New York, Chicago, Boston, London, Berlin and Tokyo - referred to as majors. Completing these six marathons is considered a great achievement for all participants. Athletes get a medal with six stars to indicate their participation and are inducted in the Hall of Fame. In addition to Suleiman, Malik Marafie also participated in the Boston Marathon, representing Kuwait.

Photo of the Day



KUWAIT: A picture taken yesterday from Kuwait City's Al-Hamra highrise shows the landmark Kuwait Towers as cargo ships, in the background, cross the Arabian Gulf waters off the shore of oil-rich Gulf emirate. — Photo by Yasser Al-Zayyat
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Sheikh Mubarak hosts dinner in honor of London's Lord Mayor

KUWAIT: Sheikh Mubarak Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah hosted a dinner party yesterday evening at the White Palace in honor of the current Lord Mayor of the City of London, William Russell, and the elected Lord Mayor of the City of London, Vincent Keaveny and the accompanying delegation, during his official visit to the State of Kuwait. The dinner party was also attended by the British Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Belinda Lewis, along with accredited embassy personnel.

Sheikh Mubarak Al-Abdullah welcomed the Lord Mayor of the City of London and his accompanying delegation to their visit to the State of Kuwait, which comes after the COVID-19 pandemic, saying: "The visit indicates the strong relations between the two friendly countries in various fields, which extend for more than a hundred years, and that there are many opportunities for how to strengthen and develop economic and financial relations, and that Kuwait, in its public and private sectors, is ready

to work to support the development of relations in the financial services sector in London."

On the occasion of his visit to Kuwait, the Lord Mayor of the Financial District, William Russell, said: "I am always pleased to visit Kuwait, especially since this visit comes after the pandemic, which led to the extension of my term of service for an additional year." He added, "This is a critical moment for all of us to boost global trade and advance economic growth while we rebuild better after the pandemic. Kuwait is an important and historical partner for the City of London and the UK in general. We have long-standing partnerships with Kuwait's financial institutions."

Many other common cultural, social and educational issues between the two countries were also discussed, as the Sheikh Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah Foundation sponsors a postgraduate scholarship program for Kuwaiti and Arab students in cooperation with the Mansion House



KUWAIT: (From left, front row) Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Lord Mayor Elect of the City of London, William Russell, Lord Mayor of the City of London with his wife Hilary Russell, Lady Mayoress, (second row) Belinda Lewis, the British Ambassador to Kuwait, and Sheikh Mubarak Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah.

Scholarship Program, which is supervised by the office of Lord Mayor of the City of London, where a Kuwaiti

student won the scholarship in the last academic year. At the end of the ceremony, souvenirs were exchanged.



ACK resumes in-person classes for Fall 2021-2022

KUWAIT: The Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) has welcomed its students back on campus on October 3, 2021 after a long distance learning period because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In preparation for the return of the students, the college took all necessary measures to ensure the safety of its students, staff and faculty while making sure to provide students with the best possible learning experience despite all the precautions and regulations.

Students in both Engineering and Business schools will take part in the hybrid learning program, meaning students will be divided into two groups; half will be attending on campus and the other half will be attending online. The groups will alternate on a weekly basis. As for the School of Aviation, students will learn the theoretical

aspects of their major online while attending classes on campus for practical sessions. Lastly, when it comes to the English language program, students will attend campus daily for their classes.

The Health and Safety Department at ACK is continuing its efforts to ensure adherence to the mandatory protocols in place to protect students, staff and faculty, and has introduced various new measures to increase safety. Among these measures are the issuing of student e-ID with a QR code verification system to allow students to enter campus each time. Furthermore, students and visitors entering any of the college's buildings must also pass through a thermal camera that will raise an alarm if the guest has a high body temperature or is not wearing a mask.

On campus, the college has posted awareness signage with the social distancing protocols, increased supply of sanitizers, instituted social distancing in classroom seating, and added a faculty safety checklist sign. Indoor seating areas have been closed, while outdoor seating areas remain open with social distancing guidelines.

Burgan Bank trains Ministry of Justice accounting experts

KUWAIT: Burgan Bank has organized a special training course for the newly hired accounting experts of the Ministry of Justice. This initiative highlights the bank's strategic commitment under its social responsibility programs to promoting a stronger community engagement and maximizing the value of its expertise through knowledge sharing and transfer.

The special course was organized by Burgan Bank's Learning and Talents Development Department in collaboration with the Retail, Corporate and Legal Departments. Designed to share the bank's knowledge and experience for the purpose of enhancing the public's understanding of the banking sector's dynamics and functions, it offered the 25 participating accounting experts the chance to engage in a unique learning experience.

The training program focused on the objectives of growing the participants' awareness, technical skills and knowledge of the banking sector and helping them develop their potential and improve their abilities. These objectives would ultimately help the participants elevate their performance to contribute to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Ministry of Justice. By identifying the links between the acquired knowledge of the banking concepts and functions and their roles at the Ministry of Justice, the trainees would be

able to advance the management of the legal and social matters relevant to their roles.

Bashar Khalid Al-Qattan, Manager at the Learning and Talent Development Department, commented this training saying "At Burgan, we value knowledge and we believe that it is a unique resource which is worth through use and sharing. Therefore, we engage in dynamic projects and partnerships focused on leveraging and sharing knowledge in order to foster a community-wide collective creativity and push for an innovative lifelong learning mindset. Organizing this training for the accounting experts of the Ministry of Justice is another confirmation of the bank's firm support to empowering Kuwaiti human capital and promoting their skills to contribute to positive change and progress in our community."

Burgan Bank keeps developing its social responsibility programs to reflect the core values of its corporate culture, which revolve around encouraging continuous learning and fostering creativity and innovation as pillars of sustainability and development. It also maintains impactful collaborations with organizations acting for the same goals of promoting impactful learning opportunities as well as awareness and capacity building among the Kuwaiti human capital in particular to contribute to preparing the future leaders of change and the driving force of progress and growth.



Bashar Al-Qattan

