

Kuwait's Prime Minister honors diplomats to be



KUWAIT: Kuwait's Prime Minister His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah is seen in a group picture with the Saud Al-Nasser Al-Sabah Diplomatic Institute's seventh class of graduates. — KUNA photos

KUWAIT: Kuwait's Prime Minister His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sponsored yesterday a ceremony honoring Saud Al-Nasser Al-Sabah Diplomatic Institute's seventh class of graduates, telling them to serve the nation well as they foray into the world of diplomacy. Addressing the new diplomats, Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Nasser Al-Sabah congratulated them as they embark on their diplomatic careers, urging them to keep the Kuwaiti people's best interests at heart. He spoke of the local institute's efforts, some 15 years after its inception, to mold competent diplomats who would help further the nation's shrewd foreign policy, citing some of the profound contributions the institute has made over the years. The institute celebrates today a "promising" new class of diplomats, its chief Abdulaziz Al-Sharekh said in his speech, urging them to further "solidify Kuwaiti diplomacy." He went on to applaud the new diplomats for persevering in the face of the COVID pandemic, which makes their graduation all the more meaningful, added the diplomat. — KUNA



His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah (center) receives a memento during the ceremony.



Foreign Minister Sheikh Dr Ahmad Al-Nasser Al-Sabah speaks during the event.

Return ticket prices to Kuwait sky high

KUWAIT: Kuwait International Airport received yesterday the first direct flight from Egypt since the Cabinet's decision to allow direct flights between the two countries. But while commercial flights resumed between Kuwait and Egypt after agreements were reached on the number of passengers and flights, ticket prices hit record levels, particularly for those desiring to return to Kuwait. Return ticket prices from all destinations have risen six-fold compared to departing airfares.

Chairman of the Board of Kuwait Travel and Tourism Agencies Association Mohammad Al-Mutairi said the rise in ticket prices is normal under the current circumstances, adding that there are four aspects to this issue - the limit on the operational capacity for arrivals, allowing full capacity for departures, supply and demand, and return from holidays. The lat-



est indicators show airfares from Kuwait to Egypt start at KD 58, while the return ticket price has reached around KD 550, Al-Rai Arabic daily reported yesterday.

Meanwhile, Director of Air Transport at Kuwait's Directorate General of Civil Aviation Abdullah Al-Rajhi said nine Kuwaiti and Egyptian carriers will oper-

ate between the two countries according to the number of seats decided between them, which agrees with the Cabinet's latest decisions to raise the capacity of Kuwait airport. He said his department is waiting for Indian authorities to resume flights from India to Kuwait, expected during the week.



KUWAIT: Travelers are greeted warmly upon their arrival to Kuwait yesterday, coming from Egypt on direct flights for the first time since the Cabinet's decision to allow direct flights between the two countries. — Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat

Kuwait's Ashkanani joins fine arts greats during Hungary gala

VIENNA: Visitors to an international exhibition in Hungary were treated to seven works of art by Kuwaiti artist Mahmoud Ashkanani on Saturday, as international craftsmen put their works on display to the delight of fine arts aficionados in attendance. Such gatherings give artists the recognition they strive for as they get a chance to mingle with their peers from all around the world, the Kuwaiti artist said. The two-week event features the works of some 30 artists from all over the globe, giving their works the global exposure they seek. — KUNA



Kuwaiti artist Mahmoud Ashkanani is seen in his studio. — KUNA photos



One of Kuwaiti artist Mahmoud Ashkanani's works.