

Violations cited by school that requested for building 3rd storey

150 students not secured scholarships to study abroad: Al- Ma'touq



Top: The first Airbus A330 aircraft received by KAC. (Above left): KAC officials inside the aircraft, and (right) some of the crew members.

KAC receives first out of 5 Airbus A330 aircraft

Board Chairperson of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Rasha Al-Roumi recently announced the arrival of the first out of the five ordered Airbus A330 aircraft, which is the eighth newly-acquired airplane of KAC, reports Al-Seyassah daily.

She disclosed that the company has not yet reached the stage of competing with other airlines companies because the current stage is dedicated for building and upgrading through removal and replacement of airplanes after four years of bad performance.

Al-Roumi declared that Kuwait Airways will acquire 10 new Boeing 777 airplanes by the end of 2016, adding that it would receive 22 new airplanes by the second half of 2017.

Meanwhile, the capital of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) will be KD 1.2 billion, reports Al-Anba daily quoting reliable sources.

They explained that the plan for renewal of the fleet has two phases. In the first phase, five new airplanes will be launched this year along with some 300ER-B777 aircraft which will start

operating from September 2016. Seven A320 planes were launched during the first half of this year. The second phase will witness receipt of 15 NEO A320 planes from 2019 to 2022, and 10 A350 planes from 2020 to 2022.

The sources affirmed that KAC will stop using 17 old planes from mid of 2017 after the new planes are launched, revealing that there are four projects for maintenance of aircraft, improvement of ground services, and establishment of a cargo center and a training center.

KUWAIT CITY, June 25: The phenomenon of running private schools illegally in residential buildings and apartments, which puts the lives of the students in danger, is aggravating, reports Al-Rai daily.

Assistant Undersecretary for the State Properties at Ministry of Finance Adel Al-Mana'a explained that a team of engineers from Ministry of Finance and Kuwait Municipality was formed. This team discovered some violations committed by a school that had submitted a request to Ministry of Education for building third storey to the school building. These violations included some unauthorized architectural modifications.

He stressed that Kuwait Municipality was asked to prepare and submit an all-inclusive report on the constructional safety of the building to Ministry of Finance due to the presence of large number of students in the school and for the protection of their lives.

Al-Mana'a said Ministry of Education has requested the school for a technical report on the capacity of the building to handle another floor, adding that the report should be obtained from either a governmental center or any specialized consultancy office.

Scholarships

Meanwhile, director of Scholarship Department at the Ministry of Higher Education Mohammad Al-Ma'touq said more than 150 students have not secured scholarships to study abroad because they chose the rejected options and they did not fill the eight options made available for them, reports Al-Jaridah daily.

Al-Ma'touq explained that changing the field of specialization after obtaining scholarships to study abroad should be done in accordance with the regulations and the applicants should meet certain conditions.

He said the admission applications of some students were scrapped for now due to the incomplete forms and documents they submitted. He added the ministry will send letters to students whose applications were accepted for scholarships abroad. He revealed the letters will include timings for signing related documents in the morning and evening shifts, affirming the evening shift will be open for all students starting from next week.

In the meantime, a committee from social development sector will shift the nurseries affiliated to Ministry of Social Affairs to the Ministry of Education, reports Al-Anba daily quoting sources.

The same sources added 339 nurseries have been registered since the law of nurseries was passed, with its executive bylaws, and 50 nurseries are still on waiting list.



Mohammad Al-Ma'touq



Al-Khubaizi (left) presenting the Certificate of Appreciation to Butler.

Al-Khubaizi discusses future opportunities with Butler

CCE and British Council mark 10-yrs of partnership

KUWAIT CITY, June 25: The Center for Continuing Education (CCE) at the American University of Kuwait (AUK) began working with the British Council in 2005 to deliver English language courses to individuals who were considering attending English language universities in Kuwait or abroad. This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the establishment of this partnership, and to commemorate the occasion, the Director of CCE, Mrs Buthaina Al-Khubaizi, visited the British Council to meet with Grant Butler, Country Director, to celebrate the milestone and discuss future opportunities for collaboration. During the visit, Al-Khubaizi presented the British Council with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of CCE.

Since its establishment in 2004, CCE has been committed to offering courses and training programs that help students and professionals improve skills that assist them in achieving their goals; a service the British Council has been committed to for years. This shared interest in reaching out to students who are in need of English language improvement and offering them top-quality courses led to a partnership forming between CCE and the British Council.

The scope of the partnership between the British Council and CCE covers the

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exams. The CCE and the British Council have developed a "One-Stop IELTS" system, whereby candidates are able to register for intensive preparation courses at CCE and schedule to take the IELTS exam in the CCE facilities. The CCE administers the IELTS exam 3 times a month to approximately 300 candidates each day.

CCE also offers English language courses for academic, workplace, and everyday purposes; for all levels and from age groups of 14 years and above. Learners benefit from quality instruction and innovative programming, delivered in a supportive and collaborative learning environment. CCE is currently offering a 10 percent reduction for the IELTS preparation courses for candidates who register for the British Council IELTS exams via CCE.

CCE was established in 2004 and, in addition to offering language courses in Arabic, English, French and Spanish, offers an array of courses and workshops aimed to assist in the personal and professional development of individuals and groups within the public and private sectors. Course offerings are specifically tailored to meet the needs of their clients, whether they are independent groups or corporations.

Was faithful, sensitive to needs of others

Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) early job

The Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) was faithful, caring and sensitive to the needs of others. His uncle took care of him with all of his energy and soul, showing him the love and compassion of a father. How did the prophet Muhammad respond to that love? As soon as he felt himself able to earn money he went out to work and toil, so that he could contribute towards his uncle's household expenses.

Muhammad (PBUH) had no particular job at his early youth, but it was reported that he worked as shepherd for Banu Sa'd in Makkah for meager wages. (Al-Bukhari in Al-Fat'h 2,262) Muhammad (PBUH) was noted for his trustworthiness, honesty and piety; he was later nicknamed Al-Saadeq, Ameen (The Honesty and Trustworthy). It seems from many sources that he turned to trade when he was a youth. It was narrated that he used to trade with Al-Sa'ib bin Al-Sa'ib Al-Makhzoumi as a partner. He was the best partner to the latter, for he wouldn't wrangle or quibble or trick or deceive or favor anyone — whether in business transactions or in other aspects of life. During the liberation of Makkah, Al-Sa'ib went to meet the Prophet (PBUH) who welcomed him wholeheartedly saying, "Welcome to my brother and (business) partner." (Sunan Abi Dawud 2/611, Ibn Maajah 2/768 and Musnad Al-Imam Ahmad 3/425)

Why did the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) work as shepherd?

■ **Patience:** tending to sheep and goats from sunrise to sunset isn't easy. Sheep and goats are always slow in moving and eating. Humans also are slow in moving towards guidance. (As-Seera An-Nabawiyya by Abu Faaris, page 115 and 115)

■ **Humbleness:** A herder doesn't live in a palace; he rather lives under the sun exposed to heat, especially in the Arabian Peninsula. He needs water and food. In the desert, he experiences the hardships of life. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "He will never enter Paradise in whose heart is an atom's weight of arrogance." A man inquired, "Every person would like his clothes and shoes to look good — does this mean he is arrogant?" The Prophet (PBUH) replied, "Indeed Allah is beautiful and the source of beauty; arrogance is epitomized in denying the truth and despising people." (Muslims 147/91)

■ **Courage and bravery:** As a herdsman, one would always encounter wild animals that intend to feast on his sheep and goats. Thus, a shepherd should be brave enough to protect the animals he is entrusted with. (As-Seerah An-Nabawiyya by Abi Faaris, page 114)

■ **Mercy and kindness:** since some of the sheep and goats would fall sick once in a while, the shepherd should be able to provide some treatment. This would awaken his sympathy towards those animals. For whoever treats animals with kindness will be better positioned to treat human beings kindly.

■ **Licit earning from one's sweat:** God Almighty could have enriched the Prophet (PBUH) as a way of sparing him the troubles of working, especially as a shepherd. However, he wanted him to be a lesson to us that we should work hard to earn a living. Al-Miqdaam narrated that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said what can be translated as, "No one ever ate any good better than working for it by his hand. And indeed, the Prophet of Allah — Dawud — used to eat from what he earned by his hand." (Al-Bukhari 2,072)

■ **Turning toward trade:** At the age of 25, he went to Syria as merchant for Khadeejah bint Khuwailid, a businesswoman of great honor and fortune.

She used to employ men to do her business for a certain percentage of the profits. The Quraish were famous for their inclination towards trade, so when Khadeejah was informed of Muhammad's great honesty and kind manners, she sent for him. She offered him money to go to Syria and do business on her behalf. She promised to give him a percentage higher than the others. She would also send her servant, Maisarah, with him. He agreed and went with her servant to Syria for trade.

We gain from the prophet's early employment an idea of the life that Allah wants his obedient slaves to lead in this world. It was certainly easy for Allah to provide a comfortable and easy existence for the Prophet Muhammad, so that he would have no pressing reason to work all day in the heat of the desert, serving his flock. But Allah's wisdom dictated that the Prophet Muhammad — and all Muslims — instead learn an important lesson: the best wealth a person gains is the wealth he earns through hard work, through providing valuable services to society and mankind. And the worst wealth a man receives is the wealth he is given while he is lying on his back, the wealth he does not work to gain, the wealth that is given to him but not in return for valuable services provided to society and mankind.

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