



KUWAIT: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah met yesterday with Tunisian Minister of Foreign Affairs Khamis Al-Jehinawi. — Amiri Diwan photo



KUWAIT: His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah received yesterday Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Yaqoub Al-Sane, who presented to him the next five-year strategic plan of the Ministry of Justice. — KUNA

FIVE BUSINESSES QUALIFY FOR FINAL JUDGING ROUND IN 2ND KIPCO TMKEEN AWARD FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

KUWAIT: Five young entrepreneurs running retail and service businesses in Kuwait have qualified for the final judging round of the 2nd KIPCO Tmkeen Award for Young Entrepreneurs. The award is a collaboration between the Youth Empowerment Organization and KIPCO - Kuwait Projects Company (Holding).

Eligible applicants gave a 5-7 minute presentation about their businesses in the preliminary judging round. Business professionals from the KIPCO Group - including Burgan Bank, OSN, Gulf Insurance Group, KAMCO Investment Company, United Real Estate, Qurain Petrochemical Industries, AUK, AUS, United Networks and Marina FM - sat on the judging panels.

Eman Al Awadhi, KIPCO's Group Communications Director, said: "This preliminary round of judging is not just for the purpose of elimination; it is a learning experience for the entrepreneurs on how to successfully pitch their businesses to potential investors. Given their diverse business backgrounds, our KIPCO Group professionals had the opportunity to interact with the young entrepreneurs and gave them feedback and comments to help strengthen their case. We hope that, like last year, the entrepreneurs will continue to seek the guidance of our team as they expand their businesses. We wish the top five finalists all the best in the final judging round, and we hope that all the other entrepreneurs will continue to engage in a dialogue with us."

Ali Al Ibrahim, CEO of the Youth



Empowerment Organization, said: "When we launched the KIPCO Tmkeen Award for Young Entrepreneurs last year, it took our efforts to empower youth to a whole new level. Through sharing their life-changing stories, the renowned international and local speakers we host have been an inspiration for young people to establish their own businesses. This year, we celebrate five years of educating, informing and inspiring the youth. Our partnership with KIPCO and its group companies means that we can further support these people in realizing their aspirations."

The five finalists are Easy Shippings, Moqawalat.com, Label KW, Fix It Home Services and Seyaaha Travel Guide. The final

judging round will take place on October 26, during the Youth Empowerment Symposium. The panel includes the Head of Global Recruitment at Booking.com, Jennifer Boulanger; CEO of KAMCO, Faisal Sarkhou; General Manager of Ghaliyah online communications agency, Abdulrazag Al Mutawa; and Founder and CEO of Saveco, Nour Al Qatami.

KIPCO Group is offering the winner a bundle of services valued at US\$100,000. The services include a wide range of financial, strategic and operational consultation sessions, market studies, insurance coverage and advertising services. The winner of the grand prize will be announced at the closing of the Youth Empowerment Symposium on October 26.



Entrepreneurs make their presentations to judges.

DEFENSE MINISTER RECEIVES GERMAN, BOSNIAN ENVOYS

KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah received yesterday the newly appointed German Ambassador to Kuwait Karlfried Bergner. During the meeting, Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah discussed with the German Ambassador a number of issues of mutual interests, wishing him best of luck in his new post, the Defense

Ministry's moral guidance and public relations directorate said in a statement.

Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah also met with Bosnian Ambassador to Kuwait Mohammad Halilovic on several issues of mutual interest. The Deputy Prime Minister hailed the bilateral relation, noting that both sides are willing to strengthen and enhance this relation. — KUNA



KUWAIT: Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Khaled Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah meets with German Ambassador to Kuwait Karlfried Bergner. — KUNA



KIPCO judges with Tmkeen representatives.

MINISTER STRESSES GOVT KEENNESS ON CARING FOR YOUTH

KUWAIT: The government is keen to take care of Kuwaiti youth and their capabilities, as they are the best investment and real wealth of the country, stressed Minister of Electricity and Water Ahmad Al-Jassar.

Speaking at a festival on activities of the youth groups at the ministry, Jassar said the formation of such groups contributes to developing youth energy mixed with hard work that aims to achieve innovation and creativity.

The minister referred to the ministry's

support for this energy and how to invest it. He stressed that this support is in line with the directives of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, calling for supporting youth.

Jassar extolled pioneering youth efforts which go in line with a voluntary mechanism and a common national thought so as to achieve sustainable development. Meanwhile, Undersecretary Mohammad Bushehri commended efforts of workers at the ministry aimed to help the groups suc-

ceed, indicating that this activity is the first of its kind on both ministerial and governmental levels.

He said such groups affirmed that Kuwaiti youth are able to take part in all fields, adding that the youth formed their voluntary team works around the clock in different areas across the country in the fields of electronics and programming. During the festival, Zainab Qurashi, groups' coordinator, made a presentation on teams and their efforts exerted to produce projects. — KUNA



KUWAIT: A view of the audience at a Ministry of Electricity and Water's festival to celebrate activities of youth groups. — KUNA



Minister of Electricity and Water Ahmad Al-Jassar speaks at the festival.



Undersecretary at the Minister of Electricity and Water Mohammad Bushehri



The groups' coordinator Zainab Qurashi