

'Honored and proud'

Dartmouth College awards Sheikha Dana with honorary Doctorate

NEW HAMPSHIRE, US, June 12, (KUNA): US Ivy League member, Dartmouth College, awarded on Sunday Sheikha Dana Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah with a Doctorate of Humane Letters for founding Kuwait's first and only liberal arts university.

Dartmouth, that is consistently ranked among the world's greatest academic institutions, recognized nine accomplished men and women including Sheikha Dana, the first Arab woman, with honorary degrees at the College's 2017 Commencement.

During his speech, President Phil Hanlon, acknowledged Al-Sabah's guidance to the institution as Chair of the Board of Trustees with "creativity, integrity, and a deep commitment to pluralism and global learning." As a devoted partner to Dartmouth, Hanlon said Al-Sabah has enriched the experiences of students, faculty and staff at both institutions through "robust cross-cultural internships, fellowships, and research partnerships." Therefore, for her pioneering spirit, commitment to academic excellence in the liberal arts tradition, and dedication to providing students in Kuwait with the breadth and depth of knowledge required for leadership in the contemporary world, Dartmouth's president proudly awarded her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.



Sheikha Dana Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah during the ceremony to confer on her an honorary Doctorate.

After the ceremony, Al-Sabah, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the American University of Kuwait (AUK), told Kuwait News Agency

(KUNA) she is honored and proud for receiving such distinction from a prestigious institution as Dartmouth College, and being the only Arab to

day among notable scientists, athletes, philanthropists, artists, entrepreneurs, and journalists. "I dedicate this distinction to my

country, its leader His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, my family, AUK's co-founders and the beautiful dedicated AUK community without whom I would not be here," she said.

She emphasized on the role played by the Government of Kuwait for believing and supporting private universities.

In 2001, an Amiri Decree was issued to enable the private sector of investing in establishing institutions of higher education.

Al-Sabah who is also the chairwoman of United Education Co. (UEC), Kuwait's leading company in the educational sector, said she was first exposed to Liberal Arts Education at Indiana University, Bloomington in 1990, where she took courses in philosophy, literature, art history, and critical thinking.

In 2003, a University based on the American model of Liberal Arts education was established.

According to Al-Sabah, their aim was to build a model that inspires intellectual curiosity and critical thinking and that encourages both students and faculty to think across disciplines, ask better questions, and prepare for a world in which change is inevitable, sometimes disruptive and often

unpredictable, especially in the Middle East region.

Thirteen years later, with over 3,500 graduates, many of whom have and are pursuing their higher education in the US, some in Ivy League's institution, Al-Sabah said "we find ourselves as the leading institution in the Liberal Arts realm in Kuwait." Such accomplishment, she added, would not have been possible without Dartmouth's continuous guidance and support throughout their journey from inception to present. "Our partnership is instrumental as we continue to advocate the liberal arts over more conventional forms of education," she said.

Dartmouth College, founded in 1769, in Hanover, New Hampshire, is the international partner institution to the AUK.

Both institutions have worked closely together since 2003, when they signed a Memorandum of Understanding that facilitated a series of advisory, consultative, and cooperative projects. The initial agreement was recently renewed for a third time in April 2013 to extend through 2018.

Dartmouth and AUK share a commitment to excellence in higher learning, and the agreement between them reflects AUK's growing stature as a premier academic institution in the Gulf region and beyond.

Panel completes study, review of laws to comply with Sharia

HH Sheikh Nasser visits advisory committee

KUWAIT CITY, June 12, (KUNA): His Highness Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense Sheikh Mohammed Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah visited Sunday evening headquarters of Supreme Consultative Committee on the Implementation of the Muslim Sharia Law, on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan.

In a statement to KUNA, the Chairman of Committee, Dr Mohammad Al-Tabtabaei, said the committee has completed, on the fifth day of Ramadan this year, its review and study of laws and proposed what it deems fit to comply with the provisions of the Islamic Sharia laws.

Al-Tabtabaei pointed out that the committee has setup a soothing plan prepared for the completion of Islamic Sharia laws in various aspects of life, educational, social, advocacy, cultural, and ready for all segments of society. The committee completed the plan in a record period, less than a year since the new committee members assumed responsibilities, through adopting an innovative and a prac-

New maternity hospital will be ready by 2021

'Infertility' added to list of diseases treated abroad

KUWAIT CITY, June 12: Health Minister Dr Jamal Al-Harbi confirmed that infertility was once again added to the list of diseases treated abroad after several years of exclusion, reports Al-Anba daily.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the inauguration of the Fertility Unit and Microbiology Laboratory in the Maternity Hospital at Sabah Health District, Al-Harbi confirmed a study in this regard is being conducted and a



Al-Harbi

report will be submitted to the Cabinet soon.

He pointed out the number of infertility cases is increasing, indicating a center in the private sector has been tasked to follow up cases for treatment abroad.

He went on to say the new maternity hospital will be completed in 2021 with a capacity of more than 700 beds.

Talking about the increase in fees for various health services for expatriates, Al-Harbi clarified this is applicable only to visitors, not the residents. However, this step will be assessed in the near future to pave way for increasing the fees for residents, he said.

Meanwhile, Minister of Health Dr Jamal Al-Harbi re-

cently inaugurated the Fertility and Test-tube Baby Unit at the Maternity Hospital in Sabah Health Zone.

Dr Al-Harbi disclosed the ministry has been considering the need to stop treatment of infertility inside Kuwait and include it in the cases to be referred for treatment overseas.

He said the plan has been perfected and a report in this regard will be referred to the Council of Ministers.

The minister clarified that the move was considered necessary due to the high rate of infertility in Kuwait, even though a specialized center has been dedicated to follow up the cases that should be referred overseas for treatment.

tical approach.

Al-Tabtabaei added that it has started a new phase based on tolerance and ease of Islamic teaching, which was awaited by many Kuwaitis for a long time, and only by the grace of Allah and the wise leadership of Kuwait. This was also achieved via fruitful cooperation and high enthusiasm by the members of the committee, their expertise and strict

specialization in Sharia law and law in general.

In a record period, the committee has established a modern digital legal library for Sharia and for supporting sciences, a digital library that includes all what the committee needs to study ranging from contemporary legal issues and legal aspects, Al-Tabtabaei said.

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ter this blessed and historical achievement, the committee is ready to harness all its expertise and potentials for the next phase, which is helping the executive authority implement the its plans and goals with the help of the committee.

Al-Tabtabaei also praised His Highness Sheikh Nasser for his support to the committee, since its inception.



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HH the Sheikh Nasser poses with Supreme Consultative Committee members.

KPC office in China gets new head

Decree issued on appointments of Amiri Diwan undersecretaries

KUWAIT CITY, June 12: A decree was issued recently on the appointment of Jamal Al-AbdulGhafour, Bader Al-Zua'abi, Majid Al-Mated, Khalid Behbehani, Abdurazzak Al-Khamees, Fatma Al-Amir and Sheikh Sabah Al-Nasser as undersecretaries in the Amiri Diwan, reports Al-Shahid daily quoting sources.

Sources said another decree was issued appointing Saoud Al-Hajarf, Sami Al-Modaf, Fawaz Al-Fahad, Sheikh Al-Zuabi, Monia Al-Asousi, Hamed Al-Jassar, Sameera Al-Shayji, Abdulatif Al-Manaifi, Nasser Al-Abaidali, Abdullah Al-Shaheen, Bashar Al-Khuraibet and Mansour Al-Manei as assistant undersecretaries in the same institution.

Also, a decree was issued on the appointment of Khalid Al-Salem with excellent degree in the Diwan of HH the Crown Prince, Abdullah Al-Otaibi and Nayer Al-Tamimi as assistant undersecretaries the diwan in addition to a decree appointing

Ahmad Al-Essa as Secretary in the Higher Committee for Citizenship Investigation with the rank of assistant undersecretary.

Meanwhile, Managing Director for International Marketing at Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) Nabeel Bourisli recently issued a circular on the transfer of Mohammad Bofitin as head of the KPC Office in China, reports Al-Rai daily.

This step is within the framework of structuring, maximum utilization of KPC's human resources and pumping new blood to accelerate world developments in oil marketing operations.

The daily obtained a copy of the circular in which Bourisli said the decision will be implemented on Aug 13, while calling on all employees to support Bofitin and assist him in performing his duties well.

Consequently, incumbent head of the office in Beijing, China Ahmad Al-Salal will return to the International Marketing Sector at KPC.

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News in Brief

Amir congratulates Philippines on nat'l day: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Monday a cable to President of the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte, congratulating him on his country's national day.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables. (KUNA)

HH the Amir congratulates Russia: His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent Monday a cable to the Russian President Vladimir Putin, congratulating him on his country's national day.

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Municipality awards bonuses: Kuwait Municipality will disburse excellent job performance bonuses to deserving employees by the middle of June - before the Eid Al-Fitr holiday, reports Al-Rai daily quoting a reliable source.

According to the source, Municipality Director General Eng Ahmad Al-Manfouhi has endorsed the list of employees who will receive the bonus which will be deposited to their bank accounts by mid-June, indicating the total amount of excellent job performance this year reached KD 875,000.

The source added the maximum bonus for assistant undersecretaries is KD 1,500 and the minimum is KD 200.

Interior plans new appointments: Deputy Premier and Interior Minister Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah has appointed Lieutenant Colonel Abdulrahman Al-Othman as Director of the Office of the Assistant Undersecretary for Education and Training Affairs, reports Al-Shahid daily quoting sources.

Sources added Lieutenant Colonel Yousif Al-Waqyan was appointed as Assistant Director of the Central Market Department.

Sources also unveiled the ministry's plan to issue a number of appointment and transfer decisions concerning hundreds of officers.