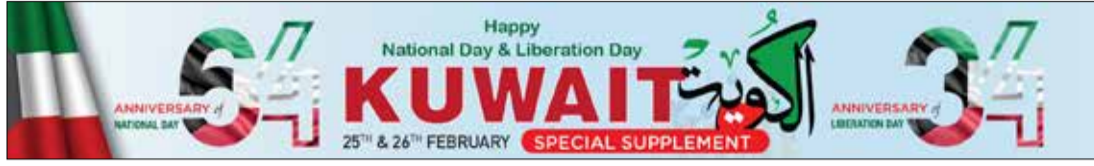




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Kuwait at 64, a proud past, a potential present, a promising future

By Tareq Yousef AlShumaimry
Editor-In-Chief

On the joyous occasion of the 64th anniversary of National Day and the 34th anniversary of Liberation Day, The Times Kuwait conveys its sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, and to the esteemed people of Kuwait, and seek God's blessings on the nation and its people.

At the start of their regular meeting last week, the Council of Ministers headed by His Highness the Prime Minister extended heartiest felicitations to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, and to the honorable people of Kuwait, on the anniversaries of the National and Liberation



Days. The Council prayed to God Almighty to protect Kuwait, its leadership, and its people,

and to bless the nation with security, prosperity, and progress. The Council beseeched God's

mercy upon the nation's martyrs, and implored Him to grant them eternal peace in His heavens.

Ambassadors, heads of missions and international organizations in Kuwait conveyed similar noble sentiments to the Kuwaiti leadership and people on the happy occasions. The stream of congratulatory messages and the outpour of affinity for Kuwait on the anniversaries of National and Liberation Days, reflect the warmth and esteem accorded to the country, its leadership, and people by the international community. The sincere feelings expressed are also an attestation of the depth and breadth of support and respect for the noble values and principles embodied by Kuwait, including its efforts to promote peace and stability in the region, and its secular humanitarian initiatives that provide relief to people affected by crises worldwide. Humanitarianism, which has been a defining characteristic of Kuwaiti tradition, intensified following the discovery of oil and the country's independence.

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From Liberalisation to Progress

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By Sheikha Suhaila Al-Saba
Managing Editor

feelings of pride and honor are renewed, where Kuwaitis remember the sacrifices of the past, celebrate the achievements of the present, and set their visions for a bright future befitting their dear homeland.

Liberation Day represents a luminous milestone in the history of Kuwait, as everyone recalls the memory of the restoration of national sovereignty and the return to the land of freedom and dignity. It is a day that affirms that the strength of the peoples lies in their unity and their solid will. With steadfastness and unity, Kuwait regained its position, and its sun has re-shone again. It is not just a day in the calendar, but an immortal lesson for future generations, that their homeland was built by sacrifice and giving, and that the protection of this land is an uncompromising duty.



Under the wise leadership and guidance of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and an ambitious vision for the future, the country

continues to move forward towards greater progress and stability. The celebration of this occasion reflects the tireless efforts exerted by the leadership to promote the renaissance march and consolidate the values of unity and cooperation among the people of Kuwait.

By supporting development paths, enhancing security and stability, and enshrining the spirit of national responsibility, the leadership affirms its firm commitment to protecting the country's gains and realising the aspirations of its people towards a prosperous future.

Young people also live on this occasion filled with the national spirit that they are the pillar of the future and the guardians of the country's gains. Feelings of pride and joy are manifested in their eyes, as they realise that patriotism is not limited to celebration, but is an ongoing commitment to contribute to the renaissance of the country. They recall the memories of liberation that are entrenched in their conscience, although many of them did not live those moments, they still realise the value of liberation, and the gratitude they owe to those who scripted this epic.

The celebrations are not limited to official events and festivals, but extend deeper, as everyone realizes that the true renaissance of the country is embodied in the continuation of construction and progress. It is a moment to emphasise the importance of preserving the gains and working tirelessly to strengthen Kuwait's position among nations. Everyone believes that independence and liberation were not the end of the road, but the beginning of a new phase of giving and development.

In these glorious days, determination is renewed, and voices are elevated by praying for a dear homeland that enjoys security, stability and prosperity. It is a moment when everyone stands in honor of the history of their ancestors, and is a march completed by children with pride and determination. From liberation to progress, Kuwait continues its journey, deriving its strength from its people and its wise leadership, looking forward to a bright tomorrow, where the flag of the homeland remains high, fluttering in the sky of glory and pride, provoking a future worthy of its ancient history and the aspirations of its loyal people.

In the midst of these celebrations, it cannot be forgotten that challenges remain, and that the responsibility for building the future lies with every individual in the country. The true renaissance can only be

achieved through the contribution of everyone, and their efforts in various fields, whether in education, the economy or other areas, to consolidate Kuwait's position as a modern and advanced country.

The celebration of the National Day and the anniversary of liberation is not just a reminder of the past, but a station to inspire lessons and lessons, and to renew the pledge to continue to build and give. Kuwait, which has overcome adversities and achieved accomplishments, deserves all the dedication and sincerity of its people, so that this homeland remains lofty, prosperous, and dear among nations.

With Kuwait moving to the future with an ambitious vision, it is hoped that the march of progress will continue and that this good land will remain a symbol of peace and prosperity. With determination and work, and in the spirit of unity and fulfilment, Kuwait will remain a homeland that embraces the dreams of its children, and creates for them a future befitting its glorious history.

On this dear occasion, feelings of gratitude are renewed for everyone who contributed to the rise of Kuwait, from leaders who carried the banner of the homeland wisely, to men and women who worked sincerely in various fields, to young people who aspired for a brighter future. The love of Kuwait is not just a feeling, but a firm commitment to work and development, and the keenness to ensure that the flag of the homeland remains high and flying in the sky of pride and glory.

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From this point of view, preserving the national gains and promoting the development process is a common responsibility, which requires the efforts of all to achieve Kuwait's future vision. Challenges may change, but the national spirit remains constant, pushing the people of Kuwait towards more creativity and achievement, so that the country remains a model of progress and stability.

At the end of these glorious celebrations, the covenant and loyalty to this country remain present in the hearts, and the ambition remains bright for a future made by the efforts of its children with sincerity and determination. Kuwait was never just a land on which its people live, but rather an identity and belonging, a history and a future, and a story of endless love between the homeland and its loyal people.



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**as well as to all citizens and residents on the occasion of
Kuwait's 64th National Day and 34th Liberation Day.
May Allah protect Kuwait,
its Amir and its people from all harm.**



What it means to be Kuwaiti

I find my answer in the simplest of truths, being Kuwaiti means carrying the glory of our past, the pride of our present, and the responsibility for our future. It is not just where I am from, it is what I stand for.

By Nourah AlOseimi
Special to The Times Kuwait

It is that time of year again. Depending on how things are going for you at this moment, you may read that opening statement with a renewed sense of optimism or perhaps with a snort of derision. Personally, I hope it is the former. More specifically, this piece of work and everything I have ever written has only ever had one clear message, a message of hope.

Every year during Kuwait's National and Liberation Day celebrations, I observe as our beloved country lights up as a jewel with pearlescent shades of green, red, black and white. Watching as these colors reflect on different surfaces: skyscrapers, windshields, or the lens of a child's glasses, reminds me how easy it is to find beauty in the simplest of places.

Kuwait, and by extension, the people within it are remarkably recognized for their sense of humility, hospitality and openness towards individuals from all walks of life. Our nation is a melting pot of cultures, communities and perspectives all intertwined under one home. A home that is not perfect but is built on the strongest of foundations. A foundation of unity, fairness and equality.

Kuwait, long recognized for its humanitarian efforts, charitable giving, and unwavering commitment to fighting injustices worldwide, has been especially steadfast in its governmental and grassroots-driven support for Palestine. Kuwait, a nation blessed with abundance, refuses to accept anything less for others. To be Kuwaiti is to stand by those in need, embrace the power of dialogue and stand firmly against injustice in all its forms.



Over the past few years, Kuwait has expanded its horizons, drawing in investments and opportunities from global powerhouses that recognize its economic potential. But at its core, the real strength of this country has always been its people. The warm-spirited men and women who work tirelessly in pursuit of their dreams, goals, and ambitions. The innovators, disruptors, and trailblazers—those who do not just ask 'what', but challenge the 'why,' leading them down untapped paths brimming with unrealized potential.

In a world that is constantly changing, and with the endless noise of comparison, it is easy

to lose sight of what truly matters. But at the heart of everything, what defines us is not what we own or how we are perceived, but the way we show up for one another. It is in the kindness extended to a stranger; in the small acts of generosity that require no recognition; in the courage to stand up for what is right even when it is not the easy choice. That is the true Kuwaiti spirit that I see day in and day out. A resounding strength to stand tall and endure.

I often find myself wondering...what does the Kuwait of tomorrow look like?

It is a Kuwait that embraces innovation. It is a Kuwait that continues to invest in

knowledge, in science, in the minds that will lead us forward, not just within our borders, but on a global stage. And at the heart of all of this, it is a Kuwait that never forgets its core values: kindness, generosity, resilience, and empathy. The same values that have carried us through history, that have defined who we are, and that will continue to shape the nation we strive to be.

Every conversation, every action, every decision we make has the power to shape the Kuwait of tomorrow. I urge you to reflect on these ideas, to ask yourself: How can I contribute to shaping the Kuwait of tomorrow? And more importantly, how can I ensure my purpose translates into meaningful action towards the betterment of Kuwait?

As I unwind after a long night of writing and reflection, I would like to close this article by answering the core question offered in its title, what does being Kuwaiti mean to me?

I find my answer in the simplest of truths, being Kuwaiti means carrying the glory of our past, the pride of our present, and the responsibility for our future. It is not just where I am from, it is what I stand for.



About the author: Nourah AlOseimi is a 32-year-old freelance contributing columnist to The Times Kuwait. Her work explores themes of national identity, creativity and entrepreneurship.

Message from the author: As we bask in the lovely celebrations and festivities during this time of year, let us not forget those who need us most. Please consider donating to our brothers and sisters in Gaza.

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World Congratulates Kuwait on the occasion of National & Liberation Days



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As we celebrate the twin occasions of our country's National and Liberation Days, we also reflect on the wisdom of our founding fathers and the great sacrifices they made to ensure Kuwait remains safe, peaceful and prosperous for future generations.

This year's celebrations bring renewed hope and confidence that, under the wise leadership and guidance of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the government headed by His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, will lead Kuwait towards greater progress and prosperity. We are also grateful and thankful for the support from the international community who have always stood by Kuwait's independence and sovereignty. On this occasion I wish to thank all heads of mission in Kuwait for their continued support and cooperation and wish them success in all their endeavors.

Tareq Yousef Al Shumaimry
Editor-in-Chief



Tajikistan

On behalf of the people, the Government, the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Deanery of the Diplomatic Corps in the State of Kuwait, I would like to extend my sincere

felicitations to the Amir of the State of Kuwait His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, to the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Prime Minister His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, and the brotherly people of Kuwait on the occasions of Kuwait's 64th anniversary of Independence and 34th anniversary of Liberation Day.

Tajikistan and Kuwait share nearly three decades of strong diplomatic relations based on mutual

respect, common understanding of international values and principles. Ever since its independence and liberation, Kuwait has been a cornerstone for peace in the region, thanks to its wise leadership and their remarkably balanced foreign policy. Kuwait is a model for stability and welfare in the region, it has gained wide international recognition for its balanced foreign policy and its successful mediation diplomacy, and for the support Kuwait has been providing humanitarian initiatives and development worldwide.

I once again extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the people and the State of Kuwait and express our keenness to further enhance mutually beneficial cooperation.

H.E. Zubaydullo Zubaydzoda
Dean of Diplomatic Corps,
Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan



Armenia



On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Armenia I extend to the leadership and the people of Kuwait my cordial and most sincere wishes of joy and happiness alongside assurances to work hand in hand with its government to strengthen our bilateral ties and to do my utmost for encouraging multisectoral and multilateral cooperation.



It has been more than three decades since Armenia and Kuwait established diplomatic relations, and during this time of turbulence and challenges, our countries proved that mutual respect and confidence can serve as a solid base for friendship and exchange, sustainable development and stability. I strongly believe that Kuwait and its proud inhabitants will always serve as a model of

stability, sustainability and strong values, and that Armenia and Kuwait will build robust ties in order to contribute to each other's progress.

I once again congratulate the friendly State of Kuwait on these remarkable occasions and wish all Kuwaitis a nice festive mood during upcoming celebrations.

H.E. Dr. Arsen A. Arakelyan
Ambassador of Armenia



Azerbaijan



I sincerely congratulate the friendly people of Kuwait on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of National Day and the 34th anniversary of Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.



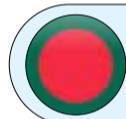
In addition to effective bilateral cooperation, Azerbaijan and Kuwait cooperate closely within the framework of international organizations such as the UN, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Non-Aligned Movement, and OPEC+.

I wish that Kuwait achieves its goals and that the relations between the two friendly countries improve further for the

benefit of our peoples. As extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador of my country in Kuwait, I will work in this direction and I believe that the successes we have achieved

will be sustainable with our joint efforts..

H.E. Emil Karimov
Ambassador of Azerbaijan



Bangladesh



On my own behalf, I would like to extend our heartiest congratulations and warm greetings to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the



Government and the brotherly people of the State of Kuwait on the auspicious occasion of the 64th National Day and 34th Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait. Kuwait's journey since independence has been remarkable.

From its strategic role as a trading hub in the Arabian Gulf to becoming a global leader in oil production and financial services, Kuwait has consistently demonstrated resilience, innovation, and a commitment to progress. The nation's ability to rebuild and thrive after the challenges of the 1990 invasion is a testament to the strength and unity of its people. As we celebrate this joyous occasion, we also recognize Kuwait's contributions to regional and global peace. Kuwait has emerged as a beacon of diplomacy, fostering cooperation and dialogue in the Gulf region and beyond. Its efforts in humanitarian aid, mediation, and sustainable development have earned it respect on the international stage.

The strong bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Kuwait are a source of pride. Over the years, our relations and partnership have grown stronger, encompassing many fields with particular focuses on human resources, trade, investment, development, and defence sectors.

We believe that both our countries have the potential to further consolidate these relations through more interactions for mutual benefit of our two countries. We look forward to deepening this collaboration in the years to come, working together to address global challenges and promote shared prosperity. On this special day, we join the people of Kuwait in celebrating their rich cultural heritage, vibrant traditions, and the spirit of unity that defines their nation. We also wish continued peace, progress and prosperity to the brotherly people of Kuwait.

May the Kuwaiti flag continue to fly high, symbolizing freedom, pride, and hope for future generations.

H.E. Major General Syed Tareq Hussain, OSP, awc, psc
Ambassador of Bangladesh



Belgium



On behalf of His Majesty King Philip and the people of Belgium, I wish to extend my deepest and warmest congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and to the Government and people of



Kuwait on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of Independence and the 34th commemoration of the Liberation of Kuwait. We stand ready to join hands with the brotherly people of Kuwait to consolidate our friendship, deepen our cooperation and participate in its journey as the "Capital of Arab Culture and Media 2025". I wish you all a joyful

and memorable celebration.

H.E. Christian Domes
Ambassador of Belgium



Bhutan



On behalf of the Kingdom of Bhutan, I would like to extend our respectful congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister and the friendly people of Kuwait on the occasion of the Liberation and National Days of the State of Kuwait. We express our great joy on this national occasion, which embodies Kuwait's history full of achievements in the past and great progress under the leadership of His Highness the Amir. I also take this opportunity to congratulate the Kuwaiti leadership and the noble people on the approach of the holy month of Ramadan, hoping that the holy month will come with goodness and blessings, and that the people of Kuwait will continue to be blessed in the bliss of security, stability and prosperity. I would like to affirm the friendly relations and constructive cooperation between the two countries, and the mutual support in various international forums, as well as express our aspiration to further strengthen and develop these relations in the future for the benefit of the two friendly countries.



H.E. Chitem Tenzin
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bhutan


Botswana


On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Botswana, and indeed on my own behalf, I wish to express my sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Sabah, the Government and people of the State of Kuwait on the occasion of the National and Liberation days.



Under the leadership of His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Government of Kuwait has made tremendous progress and achieved great prosperity and became a model of wellbeing and stability in the Gulf region. Kuwait has provided strong support of humanitarian efforts and

championed development programs worldwide. With a moderate foreign policy, Kuwait has steadfastly supported noble causes and pushed for peaceful resolution of conflicts in the Middle East and beyond.

The Republic of Botswana and the State of Kuwait have over the years, enjoyed friendly bilateral relations and cooperation in all fields, and as the Ambassador of Botswana to the State of Kuwait, I am confident that this strong bond of friendship and cooperation will endure for many years to come for the mutual benefit of our two countries.

May I take this opportunity to wish His Highness the Amir good health, well-being, happiness and prosperity of the State of Kuwait, as well as safe holidays for all.

H.E. Augustine Makgonatsotlhe
Ambassador of Botswana


Brazil


On behalf of Brazil, it is my pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the government and the people of Kuwait on the auspicious occasion of the 64th National Day of Kuwait and the 34th anniversary of Kuwait's Liberation.



I also have the honor of extending Brazil's best wishes for health, prosperity and happiness to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah.

Since the establishment of relations between Kuwait and Brazil in 1968, both nations have been working together under the same values of friendship and

cooperation to make the world a better place. The year 2025 is also special for marking the 50th anniversary of the opening of resident embassies of Brazil and Kuwait in their respective capitals. This connection is further strengthened by our joint commitment to the common goals of national development and a prosperous future.

H.E. Rodrigo de Araujo Jabesh
Ambassador of Brazil


Bulgaria


I would like to extend to His Highness the Amir, His Highness the Crown Prince, and to the government and people of the State of Kuwait our heartfelt congratulations on Kuwait's great and wonderful achievements at various levels, which made it a model of prosperity, stability and security at the level of the whole region.



We extend our best wishes for permanent peace, progress and continued prosperity for Kuwait and its friendly people." Given the depth of the historical friendly

relations between the two countries, I would like to express my keenness to continue working to enhance and develop them in various fields of common interest.

H.E. Dimitar Dimitrov,
Ambassador of Bulgaria


Croatia


On the occasion of National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I am pleased to extend, on behalf of the citizens of the Republic of Croatia and on my behalf, sincere congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah,



to state of Kuwait and to all Kuwaiti citizens. I trust that the friendship between our two countries will continue to foster the strengthening and expanding of bilateral cooperation. I also take this opportunity to express confidence that we will continue to develop and strengthen friendly ties and cooperation between our two States in all areas of joint interest for the well-being of our citizens.

H.E. Amir Muharemi
Ambassador of Croatia


Cuba


On the occasion of the 64th Kuwaiti National Day and 34th Kuwaiti Liberation Day, on behalf of the Cuban people and government, and myself, I would like to express my sincerest



congratulations. I wish progress, prosperity and peace to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait and to the Kuwaiti people. I take this opportunity to ratify Cuba's willingness to continue strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between our nations.

H.E. Alain Pérez Torres
Ambassador of Cuba


Cyprus


On the auspicious occasion of the celebration of the 64th Anniversary of the National Day and the 34th Anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, on behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Cyprus, as well as on my own behalf, I have the great honor and pleasure to convey to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Government and the friendly people of Kuwait, our warmest congratulations and best wishes.



Cyprus and Kuwait, two moderate and like-minded countries, that have both suffered from the painful and traumatic experience of invasion and occupation, and which strongly support the primacy of international law and the adherence to the UN Charter, share a long-standing tradition of friendship and close cooperation at both bilateral and international levels.

Our bilateral relations have been evolving in recent years, providing a solid foundation on which we can build upon, so as to further deepen our close cooperation not only on the political sphere, but also in an array of other areas such as economy and investment, tourism, trade, energy, education and technology. As Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the State of Kuwait, it is my strong belief that the excellent relations between Cyprus and Kuwait will be further

enhanced and developed in the years ahead, for the mutual benefit of our countries and peoples.

As I share the joy and happiness on this glorious occasion with the people of Kuwait, I would also like to take this opportunity and wish His Highness good health, long life and happiness, and to the friendly people of Kuwait continuous progress, peace and prosperity, under His wise and visionary leadership.

H.E. Andreas Panayiotou
Ambassador of Cyprus


Czech Republic


On behalf of the government and the people of the Czech Republic, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Sabah, as well as to the government and the people of Kuwait, on the occasion of Kuwait's Independence and Liberation Days.



This is a time to celebrate Kuwait's freedom, independence, sovereignty, and the strength and resilience of the Kuwaiti people. The Czech Republic and the State of Kuwait share a long history of friendship and strong diplomatic relations spanning more than 60 years. We believe that these ties will continue to flourish as we deepen our cooperation in all areas—

whether in diplomacy, economics, culture, or, most importantly, people-to-people connections. Our partnership enables collaboration across various fields, including trade, education, and security. Finally, we wish Kuwait and its people prosperity in all future endeavors and lasting peace.

H. E. Juraj Chmiel
Ambassador of the Czech Republic


Egypt


In the name of the Arab Republic of Egypt, I extend my warmest congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah the Amir of the State of Kuwait, the honorable government, and the brotherly Kuwaiti people on the joyous occasions of Kuwait's Independence Day and Liberation Day.

These national occasions stand as a testament to Kuwait's resilience, progress, and unity under wise leadership. Egypt takes great pride in the strong and historic bonds that unite our two nations, built on mutual respect, cooperation, and a shared vision for stability and prosperity in the region.



On this special occasion, I am delighted to highlight the enthusiastic celebrations by the Egyptian community in Kuwait, reflecting the deep-rooted fraternity between our peoples. Egyptians in Kuwait proudly join their Kuwaiti brothers and sisters in marking these milestones, reaffirming our unwavering commitment to strengthening the ties between our two nations. May Kuwait continue

to flourish under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir, with prosperity, security, and success for its people.

H.E. Osama Shaltout
Ambassador of Egypt


Eswatini


On behalf of the His Majesty King Mswati III, Her Majesty the Queen Mother, the Government and people of the Kingdom of Eswatini, and on my own behalf, I have the honour to convey my warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh





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Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the Government and the people of the State of Kuwait on the auspicious occasion of Kuwait's 64th National Day and 34th Liberation Day, and wish them joyous celebrations. The Kingdom of Eswatini holds its relationship with the State of Kuwait in the highest regard and the year 2025 is an important milestone in our relationship, as it marks the 29th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our two nations. We look forward to deepening ties on all fronts in the coming years. I wish His Highness the Amir good health and success, and the friendly people of Kuwait continued progress and prosperity.

H.E. Sotja M. Dlamini
Ambassador of Eswatini



On behalf of the Delegation of the European Union to the State of Kuwait, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and greetings to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Government and the Kuwaiti people on the 64th National Day of Kuwait and the 34th Anniversary of Kuwait's Liberation.



The European Union and the State of Kuwait enjoy a longstanding friendship, which is based on mutual respect and constructive collaboration. I would like to offer my best wishes to Kuwait on assuming the rotating presidency of the GCC, and becoming the Arab Capital of Culture and Media.

The year 2025 is also a historic one in our relations, as Kuwait will host the next 29th Joint Council and

Ministerial Meeting between the 27 European Union Member States and the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries. I look forward to continue working with the Kuwaiti government and people, and I wish Kuwait many more years of achievements and success.

H.E. Anne Koistinen
Ambassador of the European Union



On behalf of France and in my personal capacity, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, to His Highness the Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, to His Highness the Prime Minister, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, as well as to the government and the people of Kuwait, on the occasion of the National and Liberation Days, celebrated on February 25 and 26.



France was one of the very first countries to recognize the State of Kuwait, just two months after its declaration of independence in 1961. Since then, the friendship between our two countries has never weakened. It has been demonstrated in the most decisive moments, during the war to defend Kuwait's sovereignty, as well as in times of peace, through the development of our ties and our cooperation, in a spirit of respect, esteem, and mutual interest.

We are proud to join our Kuwaiti friends in celebrating the National Day and, on this occasion, to highlight the depth of the relations between France and Kuwait. This friendship is based on shared values, a commitment to peace, and the promotion of regional and international stability and security. On this special day, I extend my best wishes to the people of Kuwait. May Kuwait continue to prosper in peace and stability, and may the Kuwaiti people enjoy happiness, success, and achievement in all their future endeavors.

H.E. Olivier GAUVIN
Ambassador of France



I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah, His



Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah and the Foreign Minister, H.E. Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, as well as to the people of Kuwait and to all our dear Kuwaiti friends on the celebration of their beloved motherlands' liberty and freedom, marking 64th anniversary of independence and 34th anniversary of liberation. On behalf of the

Government of Georgia, I would like once again to commemorate this festive occasion to the Government and the people of Kuwait and highlight that Georgia-Kuwait friendship and partnership is truly flourishing under the wise leadership of His Highness, Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. While bilateral relations are enhanced in political, economic, touristic and cultural dimensions, we are also looking forward to building on this successful foundation. Allow me to express my sincere praise to the Kuwait Government and people of Kuwait for astounding achievements and accomplishments thus far, and wholeheartedly wish the beautiful country, Kuwait continued peace and prosperity.

H.E. Noshervan Lomtadze
Ambassador of Georgia



On the occasion of the 64th anniversary of the National Day and the 34th anniversary of Liberation Day of Kuwait, I extend my warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, on behalf of the Government and the people of Greece.



These anniversaries have a significant importance, pointing out the resilience and the determination of the Kuwait people, as well as their unwavering commitment to freedom and sovereignty. This particular day serves as a strong reminder of the solid spirit and the principle of unity. It is a privilege as Ambassador of Greece to acknowledge the longstanding diplomatic relations between Greece and Kuwait, which have flourished and reinvigorated since their establishment in 1964. Our two nations have shared and continue to share mutual respect and close cooperation. We, the Greek nation, are particularly proud because we contributed substantially to the coalition of nations which culminated in the liberation of Kuwait in 1991.

Additionally, since Greece has embarked on its new journey as a non permanent member of the UN Security Council, it should be given the opportunity to further defend and promote those sacred values that characterized the strong bonds between our two nations, that is, abiding by international law and preserving the principles of sovereignty and friendship.

Within the context of current global challenges, we commit ourselves anew to work together for peace and stability in the region and across the globe.

H.E. Ioannis Plautas
Ambassador of Greece



On behalf of the Government of Hungary, it is our pleasure to extend to Kuwait and the Kuwaiti nation our greetings on the occasion of National and Liberation days on 25 and 26 February. Hungary holds our relationship with Kuwait in the highest regard and we are pleased that we have strengthened our ties even more over the past year.

The diplomatic relations that were built 60 years ago are getting extended with the social-touristic relation and in people to people contact as well. Therefore this year we are thrilled to announce with great honor the launch of direct flights by Jazeera Airways between Kuwait and Budapest, which is an important milestone in the relations between both countries and we are looking forward to our continued cooperation.

H.E. András Szabó
Ambassador of Hungary



On the joyous occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, I extend my warm wishes to the leadership, the Government and the people of the friendly State of Kuwait.



I express my gratitude to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah for their patronage towards building a strong India-Kuwait partnership and ensuring the well-being of the large and vibrant Indian community in Kuwait.

India and Kuwait share centuries-old historical, trade and people-to-people linkages that has been further upgraded to a Strategic Partnership during the recent visit of Prime Minister of India to Kuwait. The conferment of the highest national award of Kuwait 'The Order of Mubarak Al-Kabeer' on Prime Minister of India H.E. Shri Narendra Modi is symbolic of the importance attached by the leadership of Kuwait to its relations with India. India remains fully committed to working closely with Kuwait in making our bilateral relations truly multi-faceted for the mutual benefit of our peoples.

I am confident that under the visionary leadership of Kuwait, the people of Kuwait will see greater progress and prosperity in times to come. I also take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt greetings to all on the advent of the holy month of Ramadan.

H.E. Dr. Adarsh Swaika
Ambassador of India



It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, to convey to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, Crown Prince His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al Hamad Al Sabah, Prime Minister His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Foreign Minister His Excellency Abdullah Ali Abdullah Al-Yahya, as well as to the Government and people of the State of Kuwait, my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes on the auspicious occasion of the 64th anniversary of National Day and the 34th anniversary of Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.

I am pleased to note that under the leadership of Amir Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, development in Kuwait, particularly in infrastructure, over the past year has been very rapid. This achievement is also accompanied by various economic, political and social reforms implemented to create a more advanced Kuwait within the framework of New Kuwait 2035.



Kuwait has also continued to play a significant role both in the region and on the international stage, including in humanitarian assistance to countries affected by disasters and wars. The assistance provided through the air bridge has been greatly felt by the people in crisis-affected countries. Kuwait has successfully hosted the 45th GCC Summit and held The Dushanbe Process High-Level Conference on

"Strengthening International Counter-Terrorism and Building Agile Border Security Mechanisms – The Kuwait Process."

On 28 February 2025, diplomatic relations between Indonesia and Kuwait will reach their 57th year of establishment. This long-standing relationship between the two countries has been marked by strong cooperation in all sectors, both bilaterally and internationally, for the benefit of the governments and people of both countries, as well as for the global community.

While there is still a need to continue improving by exploring all available resources and opportunities in both countries, I am confident that in the coming years, Indonesia and Kuwait will continue to explore new areas of cooperation for mutual benefit. This will further reinforce the strong ties of friendship that Indonesia and Kuwait already enjoy. On this special occasion, I would also like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to the Amir His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, and to all my Kuwaiti friends who will observe the Ramadan fast in 1446 H. May God Almighty grant us all health and peace. Ramadan Kareem.

H.E. Mrs. Lena Maryana
Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia

 **Kenya** 

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Republic of Kenya, it is my great privilege to extend warm congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Government of the State of Kuwait and the friendly people of Kuwait on the joyous occasion of the 64th anniversary of National Day and the 34th anniversary of the Liberation Day.



This momentous occasion marks not only a celebration of Kuwait's rich heritage and remarkable achievements, but also a tribute to the enduring spirit and unity of the Kuwaiti people. As we join you in commemorating this significant milestone, we reaffirm the enduring friendship and the growing partnership between our two countries in various fields. Indeed, the people-to-people connection between our two countries continues to grow, and we remain committed to expanding our partnership and building closer and mutually beneficial cooperation between our two countries.

On this auspicious occasion, we share in the pride and joy of Kuwait, and may these days bring happiness, unity, and continued progress to the State of Kuwait and its people.

H.E. Halima Mohamud
 Ambassador of Kenya

 **Kyrgyz Republic** 

On behalf of the people, the government, and the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as on my own behalf, I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, and the brotherly people of Kuwait on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of the Independence Day and the 34th anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait. These significant milestones not only mark historical events but stand as enduring symbols of the strength, resilience, and vision that have shaped Kuwait into a beacon of prosperity and stability. They reflect the indomitable spirit of the Kuwaiti people and their unwavering commitment to independence and national pride. On this momentous occasion, I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the warm and enduring relations between our two countries. I am confident that the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the State of Kuwait will continue to flourish, paving the way for even greater achievements and shared efforts in advancing peace and prosperity.



It is with great respect and gratitude that I wish continued success and progress to the State of Kuwait and its people. May Kuwait's wise leadership guide the country to even greater heights, and may the Kuwaiti people continue to enjoy the fruits of peace, stability, and development.

H.E. Nurlan Tokobaev
 Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic

 **Laos** 

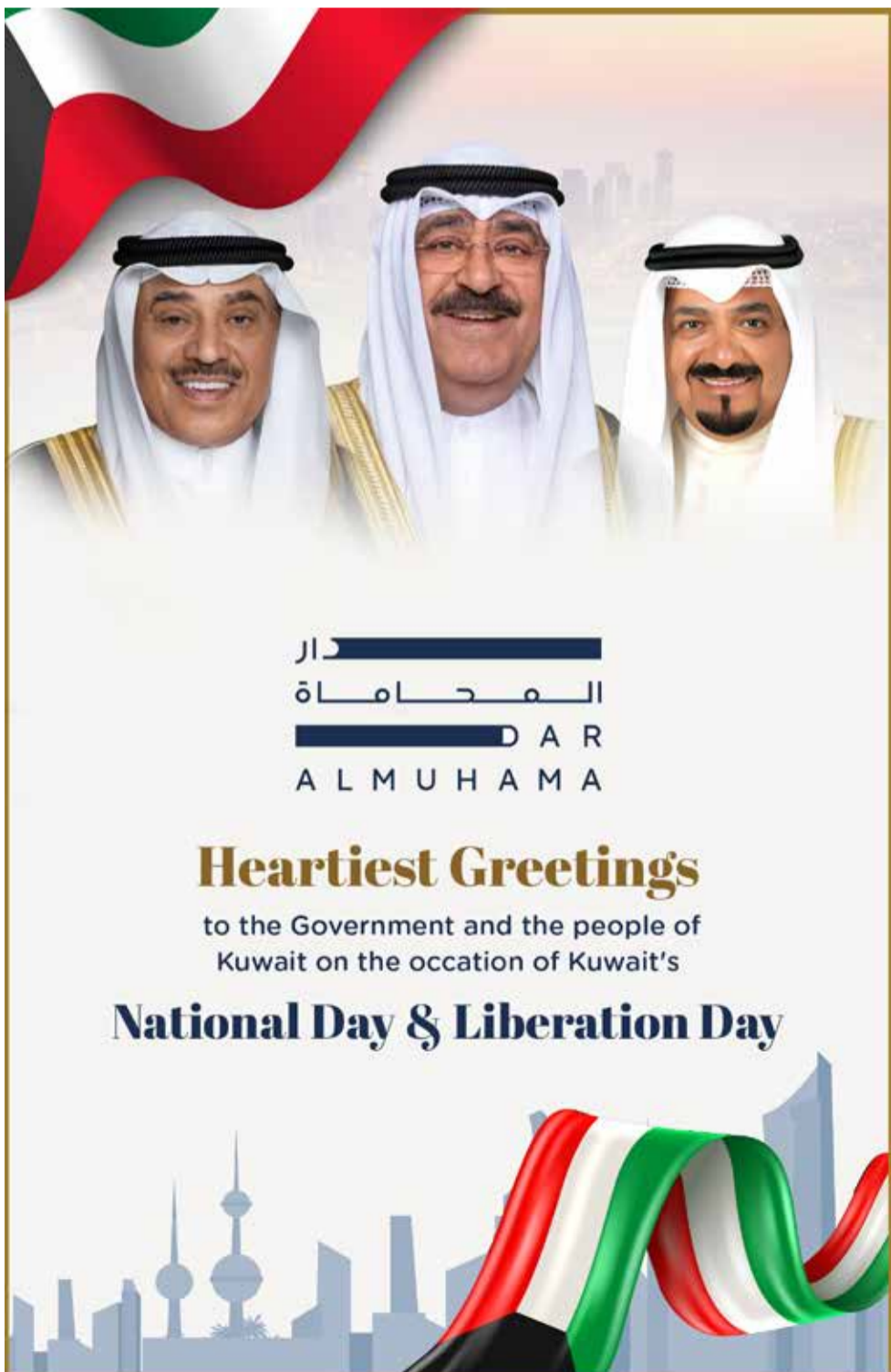
On behalf of the People, the Government and the Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) to the State of Kuwait. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al Sabah; His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister, on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of Kuwait's National Day and the 34th anniversary of its Independence Day.



On this joyous occasion, I also would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the Government and the wonderful people of Kuwait. This significant milestone highlights Kuwait's strength and continuous progress. We celebrate alongside you, honoring your nation's remarkable achievements and contributions to peace, stability, and development.

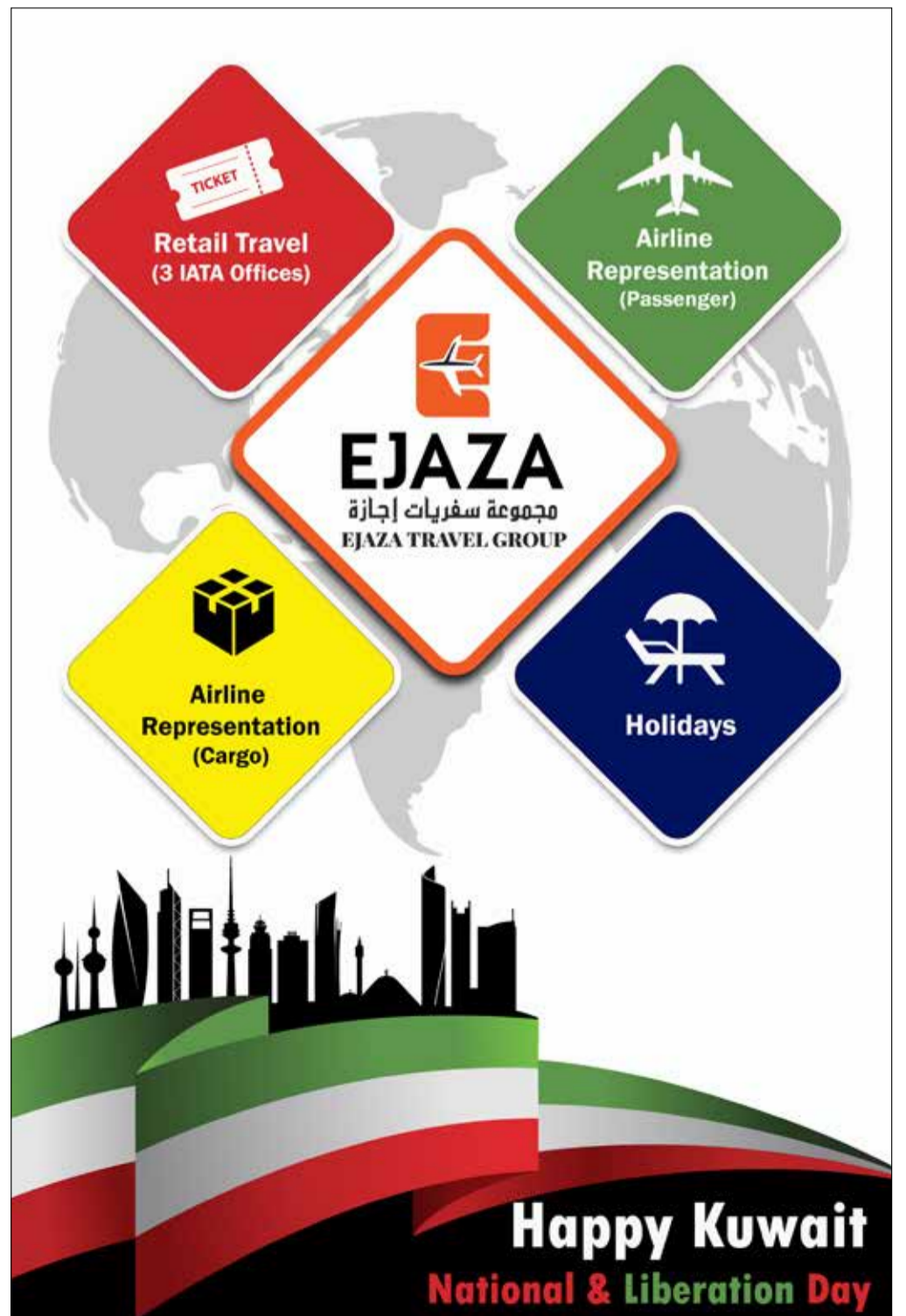
May the friendship and cooperation between Laos and Kuwait continue to grow, benefiting both our nations and contributing to a brighter future for all. Wishing the State of Kuwait continued prosperity, peace, and success in the years ahead.

H.E. Boun INTHABANDITH
 Ambassador of Lao People's Democratic Republic



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Mexico


On behalf of the Government and people of Mexico, I extend my warmest congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince, His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister, the Government and



people of the State of Kuwait on the joyous occasion of the 64th Anniversary of Kuwait Independence and 34th Anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.

This day marks a celebration of Kuwait's rich heritage, remarkable achievements, and the unity of its people. Mexico values its strong and growing friendship with Kuwait, built on mutual respect, cooperation, and shared aspirations for peace and prosperity. As we commemorate this special occasion, I reaffirm Mexico's commitment to further strengthening the bonds between our two nations across various fields of collaboration. May Kuwait continue to prosper and thrive in the years ahead.

Once again, my heartfelt congratulations to the people of Kuwait. Wishing all of you a joyous National Day filled with pride and happiness.

H.E. Eduardo Patricio Pena Haller
Ambassador of Mexico


Mongolia


On behalf of the people and the Government of Mongolia, as well as in my personal capacity, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait; His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of Kuwait, His Highness Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, the Prime Minister, and His Excellency Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the occasion of the 64th National Day and the 34th anniversary of the Liberation of the State Kuwait.



Mongolia takes great pleasure in witnessing Kuwait's continued growth and rising prominence on both regional and international stages over the years. I am honored to highlight that Mongolia was among the first countries to condemn the Iraqi invasion in 1990 and to express unwavering solidarity with the people of Kuwait. This milestone is not only a celebration of Kuwait's rich history and remarkable

progress but also a testament to the resilience, unity, and determination of the Kuwaiti people.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Mongolia and the State of Kuwait. Over the past five decades, our trade and economic cooperation have steadily grown, particularly in key sectors such as trade, economy, tourism, infrastructure, health, education, and agriculture. Notably, the export of Mongolian meat to Kuwait and the establishment of an Air service agreement to open direct flight, and our increasing cooperation in the tourism sector has played a pivotal role in enhancing our bilateral ties. I remain confident that our cooperation will continue to strengthen and evolve in the years to come. Once again, I extend my sincerest wishes for good health and well-being to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, His Highness Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, and His Excellency Abdullah Ali Al-Yahya, and wish progress and prosperity to the people of Kuwait.

H.E. Sergelen Purev
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia


Nepal


On behalf of people and Government of Nepal, I would like to extend to the people and Government of the State of

Kuwait our heartiest congratulation and warm greetings on the occasion of 64th National Day and 34th Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait. Friendship and cooperation between



Nepal and Kuwait over the years have led to warm and cordial ties which will be further strengthened by increased closer engagements based on mutual respect and understanding.

On behalf of the Nepali community in Kuwait, I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for the continued good health and personal well-being of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. I wish continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the State of Kuwait.

H.E. Ghana Shyam Lamsal
Ambassador of Nepal


Philippines


On behalf of the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines and the Filipino community in Kuwait, I convey warmest greetings and congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and the Kuwaiti people as they celebrate the joyous occasion of the 64th anniversary of the National Day and the 34th anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.



I am confident that, under the leadership and guidance of His Highness the Amir, Kuwait will continue to bring happiness and prosperity to its people even as it continues to contribute to regional and global peace and security and to humanitarian action and relief.

The Philippines values its friendship and cordial relations with the State of Kuwait and looks forward to broader cooperation

and closer collaboration driven by mutual understanding and respect. May His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah be blessed always with happiness, good health, prosperity, and success.

H.E. Jose Cabrera
Ambassador of the Philippines


Poland


On the joyous occasion of your National Day and Liberation Day, on behalf of the Embassy of Poland, I would like to extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt congratulations to H.H Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to the Government and people of Kuwait.



This year's celebration is even more special as Kuwait has been named the Capital of Arab Culture and Media for 2025. Congratulations, and we wish you a year filled with inspiring events and celebrations that highlight the rich culture of Kuwait. In 2025, our countries are holding the presidencies, Poland in the EU and Kuwait in the GCC. This occasion is a chance to deepen and expand our bilateral cooperation. We look forward to further strengthening the bonds of friendship between Poland and Kuwait.

H.E Michał Cholewa
Head of Mission at the Polish Embassy


Romania


On behalf of the President, the Government, the People of Romania, and the Romanian Embassy in Kuwait, it is with great honor that I convey to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait, to the Kuwaiti Government and authorities, and to all the people of the great State of Kuwait our warmest and friendliest congratulations, together with our best wishes of health, peace, and prosperity on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of the National Day and the 34th anniversary of the Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait.



On this special occasion, I would like to reiterate Romania's strong dedication and commitment to further strengthen the bilateral dialogue and cooperation with the State of Kuwait, and our desire to continue to diversify and enhance dialogue in all areas of interest between our two countries. It is more than 60 years since the establishment of our diplomatic relations, and during this period,

the principles guiding our cooperation and dialogue have always been mutual respect, commitment and profound understanding of international rules and values, the preservation of international law principles, the promotion of global peace, stability, and solidarity. It is my honor to also express my full gratitude to all leadership of the State of Kuwait for their continuous and kind assistance offered to the Romanian Embassy and to the small Romanian community living here, ever since my arrival in the State of Kuwait.

On this glorious occasion, I would like to extend once more my warmest wishes to all Kuwaiti citizens for a wonderful and joyful celebration! Long live the State of Kuwait! Long live the Romanian and Kuwaiti friendship and understanding.

H.E. Mugurel Stanescu
Ambassador of Romania


Serbia


On the occasion of the National Day and Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait, we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the government and people of Kuwait.



On this joyous day, we remember the sacrifices made by the heroes who shaped Kuwait's modern history and send our heartfelt wishes for a prosperous and secure future for Kuwait, with continued progress and prosperity.

Wishing Kuwait and its people all the best, a Happy National Day and a Blessed Liberation Day.

H. E. Filip Katić,
Head of Mission, Embassy of Serbia


Sierra Leone


In observance of the celebrations marking the 64th National Day and 34th Liberation Day of the State of Kuwait on 25th and 26th February 2025, respectively, let me on behalf of His Excellency President Dr. Julius Maada Bio, the Government and people of the Republic of Sierra Leone and on my own personal behalf, convey to



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (may Allah to Protect him), the Government and people of the State of Kuwait, warmest felicitations, on the historic and momentous occasions in the calendar of the State of Kuwait.

On these remarkable occasions, I wish to also seize the opportunity to congratulate the State of Kuwait

on the sound macro-economic policies of the Government, which has resonated to economic growth and stability; amidst the continued global economic challenges, as well as security measures in response to the numerous security threats, particularly in the Middle East and in the wider world. Accordingly, the State of Kuwait has been an embodiment of peace, stability, and economic growth within the GCC countries and globally. It is my fervent hope that the friendly relations between our two sisterly countries will continue to further strengthen and deepen for the mutual benefit of our two peoples and countries. I pray that Allah continue to bestow peace and security, love and prosperity upon the State of Kuwait as well as the entire world.

H.E. Haja Ishata Thomas
 Ambassador of the Republic of Sierra Leone



On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of South Africa, I extend our warmest greetings and sincere congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, and His Highness Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait, as well as to the honorable government and people of Kuwait, on the occasion of the 64th National Day and 34th Liberation Day of Kuwait. I commend the strong bilateral



relations between the Republic of South Africa and the State of Kuwait, and reaffirm our desire to further enhance and consolidate these relations based on cooperation and mutual understanding. I also congratulate the Kuwaiti leadership and people on the approaching holy month of Ramadan, wishing them a blessed month full of goodness and blessings.

H.E. Busisiwe Mpungose,
 Charge' d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa



On the occasion of the National Day and the Liberation Day of Kuwait, I would like to express on behalf of the Swiss government our very best wishes to the Amir, His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, to the Crown Prince, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, to the Government and all the people of and in Kuwait. Our two countries will celebrate in 2026 the 60th anniversary of our diplomatic relations and we are proud of our long-standing friendship. Kuwait and its people are free and peaceful. They shine in this world also for their long and important tradition of promoting dialogue and building bridges with and among all members of the international community. This is an invaluable contribution in today's world by the Kuwaiti authorities and citizens, which takes different forms: diplomacy, trade and



investment, tourism and broader cultural relations. Also for this reason: happy celebrations, peace and prosperity for Kuwait, its friendly people and the entire region!

H.E. Tiziano Balmelli
 Ambassador of Switzerland



On the occasion of the National and Liberation Days of the State of Kuwait, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes for the prosperity and well-being of the State of Kuwait and Kuwaiti people. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1963, the Kingdom of Thailand has enjoyed a strong bond and partnership with the State of Kuwait in many areas. I am confident that our countries will continue to further advance our bilateral cooperation in trade, investment, tourism, food security, health care and sustainability. Furthermore, we will work together to strengthen the collaboration in the ASEAN-Kuwait Relations and the Asia Cooperation Dialogue - ACD for the mutual benefit of our regions.



H.E. Ekapol Poolpipat
 Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand



We celebrate alongside the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, as well as the Government and people of Kuwait, the founding of the modern Kuwaiti state. We also commemorate the 34th anniversary of Kuwait's liberation.

These two days symbolize pivotal moments in Kuwait's history, highlighting the sacrifices and resilience of the Kuwaiti people in defending their pride, freedom, and sovereignty.



As the Ambassador of Türkiye, I am deeply honored to witness and be part of this auspicious celebration and commemoration.

The saying, "A friend in need is a friend indeed" perfectly captures the long-standing fraternal ties between Türkiye and Kuwait. This bond has been proven time and again over more than six decades of diplomatic relations. The anniversary of Kuwait's liberation serves as a powerful reminder that the international community stands firmly by the rule of law. This was clearly demonstrated during the liberation of Kuwait, in which Türkiye played a pivotal role in supporting Kuwait's freedom from the Iraqi occupation in 1991.

Türkiye stood firmly on the side of international legitimacy, strongly endorsing United Nations resolutions that called for the withdrawal of Iraqi forces. From the very beginning of the crisis, Ankara took a decisive stance in support of Kuwait's sovereignty, actively participating in the imposition of international sanctions on the Iraqi regime of the time. In addition, Türkiye took a bold economic step by shutting down the Iraqi oil pipeline that passed through its territory, further pressuring the Iraqi government.

During Operation Desert Storm, Türkiye provided military facilitation to the allied forces through its bases and reinforced its troops along the Iraqi border, effectively diverting Iraqi military resources and preventing reinforcements from reaching Kuwait. Following Kuwait's liberation, Türkiye continued its unwavering support for Kuwait across various domains, strengthening the bonds of brotherhood between the two nations. This commitment has laid the foundation for ongoing cooperation in security, stability, and development.

I am also pleased to note that these fraternal ties were elevated to the level of strategic partnership during His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal's visit to Türkiye last year, coinciding with the 60th anniversary of our diplomatic relations. Türkiye and Kuwait serve as anchors of stability in the region, and the growing cooperation between our countries benefits not only our respective nations but also the broader region. As Kuwait continues its path toward prosperity and stability, Türkiye will remain a steadfast ally of Kuwait.

Long live the State of Kuwait, and may the fraternal ties between Türkiye and Kuwait continue to flourish!

H.E. Tuba Nur Sönmez,
Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye



On the occasion of the sixty-fourth National Day of the State of Kuwait and the thirty-fourth Liberation Day, I extend my highest congratulations and congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of the brotherly State of Kuwait, and to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khalid Al-Sabah, Crown Prince Al-Amin, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed Al-Abdallah, Prime Minister, and to the Government and people of the State of Kuwait, wishing the homeland of the day continued pride, prosperity and prosperity under its wise leadership.

The UAE, the government and people of the State of Kuwait joins the joy of this precious occasion in our hearts in the two brotherly countries. Relations between the UAE and the State of Kuwait are historical and rooted based on the foundations of brotherhood, cooperation and common destiny. It also continues to grow and flourish thanks to the patronage it receives from the wise leadership of the two countries, in order to achieve the aspirations of the two governments to strengthen cooperation and coordination in various sectors. The volume of non-oil trade between the two countries witnessed remarkable growth in 2024, reaching about 49 billion dirhams (\$13 billion) approximately,

a growth of 8% compared to 2023, reflecting the strength of economic relations and promising opportunities in the markets of the two brotherly countries.

Mutual investments also approached 20 billion dirhams (\$5 billion) according to 2022 figures, which emphasises the pivotal role of the private sector in strengthening economic and investment partnership. I ask God to perpetuate the blessing of security and safety on Kuwait and its people, and to achieve more prosperity and prosperity under the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, may God protect him, and his crown prince. And to continue its blessed march towards construction and development for the good and the revelation of its people.

H.E. Dr. Matar Al-Nayadi,
Ambassador of United Arab Emirates



On behalf of the United Nations office and agencies in the State of Kuwait, I extend my sincere congratulations to His Highness the Amir of the State of Kuwait, Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince, Sheikh Sabah Khaled



Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister, Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, as well as our esteemed partners and the people of Kuwait, as we proudly celebrate Kuwait's National and Liberation Days. This occasion highlights Kuwait's rich history, unity, and determination. The United Nations remains committed to reinforcing collaborative efforts and partnership, fostering continued cooperation with Kuwait towards sustainable development, lasting peace, and continued prosperity. May these precious days be a reflection of Kuwait's resilience, remarkable achievements, and the strong unity of its people, shaping a future filled with greater success.

H.E. Ghada Eltahir,
Representative of United Nations Secretary-General and Resident Coordinator in the State of Kuwait



The celebration of National Day and Liberation Day in the State of Kuwait is an occasion that embodies the established values of Kuwaiti society, which are based on the principles of justice and freedom, adherence to international legitimacy, promotion of the spirit of human solidarity and sustainable urban development. These values have formed a fundamental pillar of Kuwait's developmental march and its pioneering humanitarian approach.

We take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, May Allah protect them, and the Kuwaiti people. On this precious national occasion, I am pleased, on behalf of myself and UN-Habitat Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf, to express our pride in the close partnership with the State of Kuwait, which reflects our shared commitment

to support sustainability, realize Kuwait's development vision, and promote international cooperation for a more prosperous future for generations to come. UN-Habitat in Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf is proud to be a strategic partner in the development and humanitarian march pursued by the State of Kuwait, a country that was and still is, as we have always known, a house of security and safety and an authentic oasis under which all good and honorable people work together for good, humanity, construction and development.

Dr. Amira Alhassan
Head of UN-Habitat in Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf



I would like to extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Government and people of Kuwait on the occasion of the 64th anniversary of independence and 34th anniversary of liberation.



We at UNHCR appreciate the long-lasting partnership we have with the State of Kuwait, where we have been present in Kuwait for more than 30 years and witnessed its humanitarian leadership and diplomacy. The positive impact of the assistance provided by the State of Kuwait through UNHCR has helped tens of millions of refugees around the world during times of worst humanitarian crises, like in Syria, Bangladesh, Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, Ukraine and Afghanistan. We at UNHCR rely on partners like the government of Kuwait to continue its support to humanitarian emergencies like Syria and Sudan. I wish the State of Kuwait and its people security, prosperity, and success.

H.E. Nisreen Rubaian,
UNHCR Representative in Kuwait



On behalf of the Holy See, I have the honor to congratulate His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Crown Prince, the government and all the people of Kuwait on the celebration of the 64th anniversary of the National Day and the 34th anniversary of the Liberation Day.



The example that the Kuwaiti people, throughout its history, has offered to the world through its development, traditions, values and the human warmth of each of its citizens and authorities, is a cause for admiration. Family values and religious tolerance are respected. Furthermore, I am delighted to learn that Kuwait has been designated the Arab Capital of Culture and Media for 2025.

It is a joy to see these days how the whole country is filled with pride and a spirit of celebration through the numerous cultural events being held throughout the country and which manifest the prosperity of its people who cheer for freedom. As the holy month of Ramadan approaches, I look forward to continuing the strengthening of cultural and religious relations with Kuwait in a way that enhances interreligious dialogue and fraternity. May the close and friendly ties between the Holy See and Kuwait, of which we have been proud for the past 56 years, continue to strengthen in the future and may Almighty God continue to bestow divine blessings of peace and joy upon Kuwait and all its citizens.

H.E. Archbishop Eugene Martin Nugent,
*Apostolic Nuncio in Kuwait**



On the occasion of Kuwait's 64th anniversary of Independence Day and 34th anniversary of Liberation Day, on behalf of Viet Nam government, I would like to express my warmest congratulations to the Amir of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah; the Crown Prince, His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah; the Prime Minister, His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, together with the Royal Family, the Government and the People of Kuwait. Kuwait has been a great partner of Viet Nam since the two nations established diplomatic relations on 10 January 1976. As we look forward to the 50th anniversary of bilateral ties, we appreciate much the friendship and help that the government and people of Kuwait gave us throughout the years,

particularly during our difficult period in the past, and the effective cooperation today in various areas, especially trade, investment, education exchanges... and mutual support at international arenas. I strongly believe Kuwait will be a nation of lasting prosperity and stability, and will achieve regional and global influence, making contributions to world peace and development. I wish the Kuwaiti people a wonderful holiday, and a brighter future ahead for all.

H.E. Dr. Duc Thang Nguyen
Ambassador of Viet Nam

Kuwait, India Pioneering Academic Collaboration

By Professor Khalid Al-Begain
Special to The Times Kuwait

The 1st India-Arab Universities' Presidents' Conference, held on 5-6 February at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi, marked a significant milestone in fostering academic collaboration between India and the Arab world. Organized by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs in association with the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the League of Arab States (LAS), the conference brought together over 100 Indian and more than 45 Arab university presidents to explore new avenues for cooperation in higher education.

The conference was inaugurated with a keynote address by Indian Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh and insightful contributions by the Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities. Dr. Amr Ezzat Salama, which set the tone for the event. For his part, Minister of Education from Libya, Imran Muhamed Al-Qeeb, delivered a special address emphasizing the importance of educational collaboration. The opening session also featured welcome remarks from Chairman of UGC, Prof. Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, and the Director of Education and Scientific Research of LAS, Farraj Aljmi.

The conference discussions were organized into sessions that included detailed session highlights covering various areas of potential collaborations. Among the topics discussed were:

Session 1: Higher Education and Skill Development Cooperation: Moderated by an Indian representative, this session featured speakers like Prof. Anas Alsoud from the Association of Arab Universities and Prof. Amal Ghazal from the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar. Discussions focused on the potential for development and prosperity through educational collaboration.

Session 2: Innovative and New Areas of



Academic Cooperation: Moderated by Prof. Suhail Abdullah from the University of Baghdad, Iraq, this session explored new approaches in education, including the use of digital platforms. Speakers included Prof. Mohamed Sami from Cairo University, Egypt, and Abdilkarim Ahmed from Simad University, Somalia.

Session 3: Academic Cooperation - Mutual Recognition of Degrees: This session addressed the current status and challenges in recognizing academic qualifications across borders. Speakers included Prof. Youssef Haik from the University of Sharjah, UAE, and Prof. Mohamed Diab from Qatar University.

Session 4: Promoting Joint Scientific and Technological Research: Moderated by Professor Anas Al Soud, Executive Director of the Association of Arab Universities, this session



highlighted opportunities in AI, Quantum Computing, and Biotechnology. I had the honor of participating in this panel alongside Prof. Hatem Elmasri from Applied Science University, Bahrain. We discussed the importance of creating a robust framework for joint research initiatives, which could lead to groundbreaking innovations and advancements.

Session 5: Framework for Promoting Faculty & Student Exchange: This session focused on promoting cultural exchange and academic collaboration through structured exchange programs. Speakers included Prof. Amer Alhinai from Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, and Prof. Imad Dawoud Al-Zeer from Palestine Ahliya University.

Discussion on Outcomes: Moderated by representatives from UGC and the Arab

Universities Presidents Association, this session facilitated an open discussion on the outcomes and recommendations of the conference.

In the Closing Ceremony, the conference concluded with valedictory remarks by the Secretary (CPV & OIA), Ministry of External Affairs, India. It is noteworthy that Kuwait College of Science and Technology (KCST) was the sole institution representing Kuwait at the conference. KCST was presented as a model for collaboration between India and the Arab world, given that its initial curriculum was established by professors from The Indian Institute of Technology - IIT Delhi. This collaboration underscores the potential for academic excellence through international partnerships.

The conference concluded with a session on promoting faculty and student exchange and cooperation in curriculum development. The Secretary of UGC chaired the closing ceremony, delivering the valedictory address. Key outcomes and recommendations from the conference included:

Establishing Joint Research Centres: To facilitate collaborative research and innovation. **Enhancing Digital Learning Platforms:** To improve access to quality education across borders.

Mutual Recognition of Degrees: Developing standardized frameworks for recognizing academic qualifications.

Faculty and Student Exchange Programs: Promoting cultural exchange and academic collaboration through structured exchange programs.

The 1st India-Arab Universities' Presidents' Conference successfully laid the groundwork for future collaboration, harnessing the potential of higher education to transcend national borders and foster a dynamic environment for academic excellence. This event marks the beginning of a new era in India-Arab educational relations, paving the way for a prosperous and innovative future.

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Japan-Kuwait relations, a partnership towards sustainable future



By Shouq Al Mulla
Special to The Times Kuwait

The Embassy of Japan hosted a National Day ceremony to celebrate the 65th birthday of His Majesty Emperor Naruhito, which was attended by the Deputy Foreign Minister, Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al Sabah, along with diplomats and senior state officials.

In his address on the occasion, Ambassador of Japan H.E. Mukai Kenichiro noted that His Majesty Emperor Naruhito, Japan's 126th Emperor, will celebrate his 65th birthday on 23 February. He expressed happiness at being able to celebrate Japan's National Day in Kuwait, coinciding with the 64th National Day of the State of Kuwait and the 34th anniversary of its liberation next week.

Ambassador Kenichiro shared that three

months have passed in the blink of an eye since he arrived in Kuwait last November and presented his credentials to His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Meshaal Al-Ahmad, at the end of December.

Since then, Ambassador Kenichiro said he had met many people who have expressed their trust, friendship with Japan, and love for Japanese culture. This has been deeply satisfying and has renewed my commitment to further developing this relationship, said the ambassador. He added, "The relationship we build together goes beyond economic ties, encompassing diverse fields such as culture and education."

Importantly, Ambassador Kenichiro highlighted the significance of this year, as Kuwait and other nations prepare to participate in 'World Expo 2025', which is set to open on 13 April in the city of Osaka, under the theme

'Designing Future Societies for Our Lives'. The Japanese ambassador expressed hope that many Kuwaitis will visit 'Kansai-Osaka Expo' to explore the Kuwaiti pavilion and other exhibitions.

Designed by LAVA (Laboratory for Visionary Architecture), Kuwait will present itself as a 'Visionary Lighthouse' at World Expo Osaka 2025, showcasing state-of-the-art technology. The pavilion will feature two expansive wings at the entrance, symbolizing Kuwait's warm hospitality, tolerance, and its contributions to Arab culture, arts, and social welfare.

The Kuwait pavilion's exhibition is set to spotlight the nation's commitment to a sustainable future and its efforts to enhance its global status through economic diversification and targeted national development.

The World Expo 2025 is expected to further enhance mutual understanding and cooperation among nations for peace and harmony around the world, and address pressing global issues such as climate change and health.

Ambassador Kenichiro stated that the Expo will showcase the most advanced Japanese technologies, including AI, advanced mobility, and healthcare innovations. He also highlighted that the venue will be carbon neutral, utilizing hydrogen clean energy systems and CO2 emission-reducing concrete.

He added that the Expo will provide an opportunity to strengthen economic ties through increased direct investment, and stressed that Japan is a major market and a highly attractive investment destination, with capital investment

reaching approximately US\$700 billion in 2023.

The ambassador highlighted the strong popularity of Japanese culture in Kuwait, noting that figurama collectors in Kuwait donated characters from the Japanese anime 'Attack on Titan' and others for display. He emphasized that 'Attack on Titan' conveys a powerful message about the importance of peace and the value of human life amid the struggles and conflicts people endure. He expressed his hope that individuals worldwide would work together to bring the world closer to peace.

Ambassador Kenichiro emphasized that Japanese food is an integral part of Japanese culture, and to underline this there were a variety of Japanese dishes prepared for the event, including Osaka/Kansai specialties such as Koshi Katsu and Oshizushi, in honor of the upcoming exhibition. The chef creatively combined Japanese cuisine with local Kuwaiti vegetables and seafood, showcasing a unique blend of flavors.

The embassy also dedicated a space for guests to experience traditional Japanese tea and another area to showcase statues of popular Japanese anime characters, presented by figurama collectors. These displays were designed to introduce and celebrate Japanese folk culture.

Additionally, the Japanese embassy showcased a selection of Japanese vehicles, including Lexus, Mazda, and Suzuki models, highlighting their environment-friendly and fuel-efficient hybrid technology.



Bharat Mela celebrates tastes, tunes, traditions of India

The Embassy of India, Kuwait, under 'Promotion of Culture Ties with Diaspora' scheme of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, organized 'Bharat Mela' on 15 February at the Boulevard Park (Cricket Stadium), Salmiya. The day-long event was inaugurated by Ambassador of India H.E. Dr. Adarsh Swaika

and former Indian cricketers MSK Prasad and Venkatpathy Raju.

The first of its kind mega-event, themed 'A Celebration of Indian Tastes, Tunes, and Traditions' showcased India's rich cultural heritage through a non-stop display of diverse art forms, performed by over 700 artists.

Their captivating performances enthralled an audience of more than 7,000 attendees throughout the day. The event also featured over 25 stalls offering authentic Indian cuisines and displaying a variety of Indian products, including handicrafts, ayurveda products, and textiles.

The event received an enthusiastic response from a cross-section of the Indian diaspora as well as from members of the diplomatic corps, and Friends of India in Kuwait. Bharat Mela also helped to highlight the strong cultural ties between India and Kuwait.



LuLu Hypermarket highlights Indian organic products at Bharat Mela 2025

LuLu Hypermarket participated in the prestigious Bharat Mela 2025, organized by the Embassy of India, Kuwait, on 15 February. The event celebrated Indian culture, featuring a vibrant mix of performances, quizzes, raffle draws, and engaging activities.

LuLu Kuwait Director, Mohamed Haris, attended the event, where the company proudly showcased a dedicated stall presenting a premium selection of Indian organic products. Visitors had the opportunity to explore and experience the rich flavors of India, further reinforcing LuLu's commitment to offering the finest Indian products in Kuwait.

Indian Ambassador H.E. Adarsh Swaika, visited the LuLu stall and explored the diverse range of products on display. For his part, Mr. Haris

extended his gratitude to the ambassador and the embassy for their efforts in organizing a successful event. He further emphasized the importance of events such as Bharat Mela in celebrating cultural diversity and fostering stronger ties between India and Kuwait.



Revitalizing American Industry: A Conversation with FCC Commissioner Nathan Simington

THE TIMES KUWAIT REPORT

The United States is losing its grip on industrial and technological dominance, and China is filling the void. Years of naïve economic policies and misplaced faith in unregulated free markets have left the United States vulnerable.

In a candid discussion with Reconnaissance Research founder and CEO Abdulaziz Al-Anjeri, the United States Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Commissioner Nathan Simington delivers a blunt assessment of how China has overtaken the US in key sectors such as telecommunications, shipbuilding, and advanced manufacturing.

Simington, pulls no punches in his critique of America's economic missteps and the urgent need for a national industrial strategy.

He lays out a stark warning: If the US fails to act decisively, it will fall further behind, with devastating consequences for both economic security and national defense.

In your article, you highlight 'unforced errors' and 'economic distortions' in US policy that contributed to China's trade dominance. What specific policy missteps do you believe were most damaging?

"The most damaging policy misstep is really just the way we do accounting and corporate valuation in the United States. There is an incentive to get expensive assets off balance sheets in order to facilitate off-balance sheet financing and to create the appearance, if not the reality, of better returns relative to balance sheet size. Every public company in the United States is incentivized to play this shell game; unfortunately, China took the other side of that bet. China now holds the expensive, productive assets that American firms offloaded. And while that might not be a problem when any individual American firm does it, yet when they all do it we've created a systemic offshoring crisis, particularly in advanced manufacturing. This perhaps isn't an issue at the level of, say, 1980s Mexican maquiladora-level product manufacturing and packaging—manually filling shampoo bottles with ladles, where cost of labor predominates. But when all of your advanced electronics, including all of their rare earth inputs, come from the same few square miles of China because American firms would rather rent than buy, you've just created a crisis of national security and economic resiliency because public markets are accustomed to over indexing against productive assets.

"I say 'public company' because the world's richest man is an industrialist who manufactures in the United States but keeps most of his business interests privately held. Public-company finance exists as a way to invest the savings of the middle classes; to the extent that this proves an inadequate model, inherently or because of its long-standing regulatory complexion, the US must simply consider alternatives for the social functions that public companies presently serve."

Your analysis critiques a 'naïve free markets' approach to trade. How do you reconcile the need for market freedom with the necessity of safeguarding national industrial interests?

"Markets are very good at a lot of things. Command socialism doesn't work because it subverts three norms that markets require to operate: allocation of resources through market-based price discovery; incentives to invest; and property rights. These truly are engines of progress, innovation, and wealth without which we



cannot do, and I do not intend to suggest otherwise. Having said that, naïve capitalism is the idea that free participation in an efficient, minimally-regulated but strongly-enforced market is the primary, or even sole, consideration with which a nation state should concern itself as it orders its economy. The 'spherical cow' in this assumption is the idea that security is a given, which is a luxury belief that most countries can't afford; perhaps the United States can no longer afford it either. This thinking created our allergy to industrial

policy, for instance. We no longer live in a unipolar world in which American capitalists enjoy the luxury of concerning ourselves exclusively with our own enterprises without regard to a larger social and security context.

Economic security is national security, but tautologies can also be read backwards—and that means that national security considerations can, and should, guide national thinking in economic development. And, frankly, we need to find a way to get our heads around, and even formally model, the cost overhang of systemic threats to national security that may arise. For instance, if we have built our national communications networks using cheap and easily-compromised electronics acquired for pennies from global rivals, we may have assumed costs to security and intellectual property outstripping any possible price savings."

You write that China's industrialization was "a conscious, targeted choice." What specific lessons can the U.S. realistically adopt from China's playbook?

"China is the world leader in advanced manufacturing not because it has the best people or processes, but because it directed the entire heft of the state toward that specific purpose. When the United States acts with national purpose toward technological enterprise, we get the space program, Bell Labs, and the internet. What do we have like that now? We have a program here, a bill there, but the nearest approximation we have of national purpose is bipartisanship—and most bipartisan 'achievements' have nothing of national purpose within them, but instead are shambolic grab-bags of priorities for which it is difficult or impossible to tell which way the arrow of effort should point.

And even when you can discern what the goal was, the program is constructed in such a way as to functionally preclude its accomplishment—problems are not solved, but merely perpetually

'addressed.' Perhaps, for some career politicians and civil servants, this is more congenial than it is for the public. At any rate: it's time to pick a technological domain, any domain, and achieve serious-minded clarity around its execution. I, personally, would like to see us land a person on Mars. I'm certain China will if we don't.

"Chinese leadership in this area, incidentally, imposes significant national security costs on the United States and on its friends and partners abroad. If Chinese products and industrial operations technologies are the market leaders and there are no Western alternatives, then every country must make the unpalatable choice between going 100 percent Chinese, or remaining a tech generation behind. In 2023, I met with US Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. He highlighted that US naval shipyards cannot match the output of Chinese ones, noting that 'they have 13 shipyards, and in some cases, one of their shipyards has more capacity than all of ours combined!'"

How urgent is the need to revitalize the US military-industrial base?

"Cost-plus pricing for United States prime military contractors is a great way to ensure that costs stay high even if margins stay fixed, which means that executives get their bonuses indexed for revenue growth, but no one is really held to account for profitability. That should change for many reasons, not least of which is that high margin businesses tend to invest more in R&D than other businesses. But tabling that for the moment: we have precious little state capacity in all kinds of heavy industries. Shipbuilding is a dire example. We have two icebreakers in the United States, one of which is sent to the southern hemisphere for six months of the year and then has to spend two in dry dock in Seattle because of the undue strain put on it from overuse. We are buying icebreakers that Sweden doesn't use anymore because we can't make one ourselves. We can't lay undersea cable, either, because we can't build the ships for that—China can. And does. When we think about security and resiliency, I don't think we should be counting national security assets of any class by the 1s and 2s, nor should we be relying on rivals or adversaries to build things for us."

In areas like telecommunications and electric vehicles, China has emerged as the undisputed global leader. Is it realistic for the US to regain dominance in these sectors, or should it focus on new frontiers?

"When it comes to electric vehicles or telecommunications, the United States has no choice. We must be dominant in these fields. There is no other option. This is a situation where, at least when it comes to global powers, second place is the first loser. And, to take an example with which I am familiar—telecommunications—this can have a lot to do with the way international bodies develop consensus on standards for commercial operation of telecommunications technology. When China does another greenfield installation of a Huawei 5G network in a developing Latin American country, it has bought a delegate at the International Telecommunication Union and put a big microphone in our hemisphere to boot. There's very little to say: the situation is manifestly unacceptable."



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Kuwait, Uzbekistan to expand and deepen cooperation



THE TIMES KUWAIT REPORT

President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, praised Kuwait's efforts to preserve peace and ensure stability in the Middle East. The Uzbek president was speaking on his arrival in Kuwait on a state visit at the invitation of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah,

In addition, the Uzbek President extended his congratulations to His Highness the Amir on the occasion of the upcoming National Days of the State of Kuwait, celebrating the sixty-fourth anniversary of independence and the thirty-fourth anniversary of liberation.

The talks between the two leaders aimed at strengthening ties between the two countries and took place in a spirit of friendship and trust. The Uzbek President expressed his gratitude to His Highness the Amir for his warm welcome and hospitality. In a joint statement issued during the two-day visit on 17-18 February, the two leaders affirmed their commitment to expanding and deepening the comprehensive cooperation between their countries.

The statement added that His Highness the Amir commended the President of Uzbekistan for his efforts in strengthening peace and security, good neighborliness, and promoting the integration processes in Central Asia. His Highness the Amir also welcomed Uzbekistan's chairmanship in the Consultative Meetings of the Heads of State, and its role in advancing regional connectivity and sustainable development.

President of Uzbekistan congratulated the State of Kuwait on assuming the presidency of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) this year, and both sides praised the development of relations between the GCC and the countries of Central Asia. The two sides welcomed the upcoming 2nd summit of the leaders of the GCC countries with the Central Asian countries, which is set to be held in the Uzbek city of Samarkand. For their part, the Kuwaiti side, in its capacity as the current chair of the GCC, affirmed its full support for deepening cooperation between

the GCC and the Central Asian Countries, in all dimensions.

Based on the scale of cooperation between Kuwait and Uzbekistan, the two sides reaffirmed the importance of strengthening political dialogue, trade and economic relations, cultural and humanitarian exchanges, and cooperation between security, defense, and law enforcement agencies. The joint statement by the two countries stressed the following points:

Both parties agreed to continue efforts to develop comprehensive premierships in all mutually beneficial areas. They also stressed the importance of holding annual political consultations on a tum-by-tum basis at the level of senior officials to exchange views on the agenda of bilateral relations, as well as discuss common interests, and global issues.

The parties highlighted the importance of the first Ministerial meeting of the Intergovernmental Joint Commission on Trade, Economic and Technical Cooperation, which was held in Tashkent from 19-21 November last year. This meeting set the agenda for broadening joint projects in areas such as finance, trade, digital economy, investment, energy, construction and transport infrastructure, innovations, renewable energy, agriculture, manpower, culture, tourism, and education. The Kuwaiti side expressed its intention to encourage the private sector through the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Kuwait, to explore the potential of investments in Uzbekistan, while the Uzbek side stressed its readiness to attract Kuwaiti investors and provide the necessary assistance in accordance with their respective legislations.

The two parties have reached an agreement to exchange technologies and experiences aimed at improving crop and livestock productivity to contribute to improving food security through cooperation in both the public and private sector in both countries.

Kuwait and Uzbekistan underlined the necessity to strengthen joint efforts in establishing direct and regular air communication between the two countries, as

well as in further developing the tourism sector along with simplifying the required procedures for these purposes. The two sides have agreed to expand cooperation aimed at improving public health, and to exchange best practices in healthcare, medicine, and pharmaceuticals and continue the dialogue in the field of the medical system built on information and communication technologies. The parties expressed solidarity on establishing and strengthening ties between defense, security and law enforcement agencies, as well as on expanding cooperation in the areas of personnel training, information and communication technologies, artificial intelligence, and cyber security.

Both countries underscored the importance of respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of states, non-interference in their internal affairs, peaceful resolution of conflicts on the basis of the UN Charter and interactional law. The parties expressed the intention to further promote the existing and new forms of cooperation in culture, education, science, sports, tourism and people's diplomacy in order to strengthen the friendship and links between the two peoples.

The two countries agreed to establish mutual exchanges of scientists and specialists in the field of preservation, protection, exploitation, digital management and restoration of archaeological, artistic and cultural heritage and implement joint programs and projects in this regard, as well as to carry out other forms of cooperation through joint activities in the area of information and experience sharing.

The parties noted the importance of further expansion of cooperation in the field of higher education through strengthening premiership relations between higher education institutions, exchange of teaching staff and students, expansion of scholarship programs, and the creation of joint educational programs between faculties and higher education institutions.

The parties reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening security, peace and stability on a regional and global scale and expressed

readiness to further expand cooperation within the framework of the United Nations, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, the Non-Aligned Movement among other international organizations.

Furthermore, the Uzbek side welcomed the Kuwaiti initiative to transform the Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) into a regional organization. Both parties expressed satisfaction with the fruitful outcomes of the official visit of His Excellency Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, to the State of Kuwait and underscored that this visit has become a significant basis for enhancing the existing comprehensive partnership between both countries.

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and visiting President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev oversaw on 17 February the signing of four agreements during official rounds of talks.

Present at the signing ceremony at Bayan Palace were His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, and Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sheikh Fahad Yusuf Saud Al-Sabah.

The first agreement between the two countries focused on expanding cooperation within the labor force in the private sector. It was signed by Acting Prime Minister Sheikh Fahad Al-Yusuf and Uzbek Foreign Minister Baxtiyor Saidov. The second agreement was a protocol to amend an agreement on air cargo cooperation signed by Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Abdullah Al-Yahya and his Uzbek counterpart Saidov.

The third agreement was to develop cooperation between the two sides within the domain of smart cities. It was signed by Minister of State for Municipal Affairs and Minister of State for Housing Abdullatif Al-Meshari and Uzbek Foreign Minister Saidov.

The fourth agreement was within the sector of industrial cooperation sign by Minister of Commerce and Industry Khalifa Al-Askar and Uzbekistan's Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment Laziz Kudratov.

City Hypermarket champions healthy living, quality of life

City Hypermarket was the official sponsor of the first edition of the Dasma Health City 'Walkathon' held at the Hassan Abul Sports Centre last week under the patronage of the Ministry of Health.

The event aimed to encourage and support a healthy lifestyle within the community, attracting widespread participation from residents of Al-Dasma and neighboring areas, highlighting the crucial role of health awareness through involvement in both sports and educational activities.

City Hypermarket set up a dedicated booth offering a selection of healthy snacks and beverages, reaffirming the hypermarket's ongoing commitment to promoting nutritious



food choices within the community. The retailer also supported the Walkathon by providing prizes to the winners.

City Hypermarket has consistently played a vital role in various initiatives that serve the community, contributing significantly to the recognition of Al-Dasma as a 'Healthy City' by the World Health Organization last year.



The hypermarket continues to drive projects that foster a sustainable, healthy environment—through both the promotion of healthy food options, and its support of environmental initiatives that enhance overall quality of life.

In a statement on the occasion, City Hypermarket reaffirmed its commitment



to standing alongside the community, emphasizing that its role goes beyond being a retail center. Through its events, community outreach, and health-focused programs, City Hypermarket remains steadfast in supporting initiatives that turn the vision of 'Al-Dasma as a Healthy City' into a tangible and lasting reality for its residents.



Kuwait Diplomatic Institute hosts 'Quraish' ahead of Ramadan

Sheikh Saud Nasser Diplomatic Institute (Kuwait Diplomatic Institute) hosted a 'Quraish' luncheon—a traditional Kuwaiti custom of sharing a meal ahead of the onset of Ramadan—on 19 February for diplomats accredited to Kuwait.

Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Saud Nasser Diplomatic Institute, Ambassador Nasser Al-Sabeeh extended a warm welcome to all diplomats who attended the first-ever Quraish ceremony hosted by the Institute, that saw traditional Kuwaiti dances and songs.

In his address to the gathering, Al-Sabeeh emphasized that 'Quraish' is a Kuwaiti tradition and part of the nation's heritage, celebrated annually as a family occasion close to Ramadan. He explained that it was a bridge of goodwill, affection and communication and a form of cultural diplomacy that provided a chance to connect and network.

He noted the Institute's commitment to honoring the tradition by according it an unique touch and bringing together members

of the diplomatic corps, foreign representatives, and international organizations. This, he explained, helps showcase Kuwait's heritage as an integral part of its society and provides foreign



diplomats with a deeper understanding of the environment in which they work.

Importantly, Al-Sabeeh stated that the Institute hosted diplomats from the Netherlands, Kosovo, Egypt, Mexico, and Russia, as well as a delegation from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries and the General Secretariat. He emphasized that this hosting had significant value, as it allowed the diplomats to learn about Kuwait and its culture.

Regarding the institute's functioning, he explained that 20 students will graduate next May after a year of training and assessment before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Speaking on the occasion the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador of Tajikistan, H.E. Dr. Zubaydullo Zubaydzoda, stated that the celebration of 'Quraish' allows diplomatic corps members to learn about Kuwaiti culture and preparations for Ramadan. He emphasized the role of culture in bringing people closer together and highlighted Kuwait's rich heritage

Kuwait's high ranking law firm 'Al Houti' to participate in 'IR Global' in India

Al Houti, Kuwait's high-level law firm, will be participating in the international conference organized by the Global Professional Services Network (IR Global), which will be held from February 26 to March 1, 2025, in New Delhi, India.

The CEO and Managing Partner of the Al Houti Law Firm, Lawyer Abdulrahman Al Houti, holds a Master's degree in Law and excels with more than 20 years of specialized experience in commercial matters, corporate cases, and financial institutions.

Moreover, Lawyer Al Houti is engaged with numerous local centers expanding internationally and is highly regarded for his influential role in shaping global positions through his legal articles.

Furthermore, Lawyer Maryam Al-Falekawi, Head of the Causes and Cases Department, specializes in corporate causes and cases, and brings valuable expertise in the maritime field.

Al Houti Law Firm's participation in IR Global's international confer-

ence comes amidst the strengthening relations between Kuwait and India, especially following the historic visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Kuwait last December. This visit facilitated the signing of the strategic partnership agreement between the two countries, aligning with Kuwait Vision 2035, which offers promising investment opportunities for companies across various sectors.

Established in 2005, Al Houti Law Firm has since grown into one of the most reputable legal firms in Kuwait. The firm employs over 70 professionals, including 15 lawyers and 15 legal advisors and experts across various fields, including an international department.

Recently, the law firm became part of a well-established network of law firms across most Arab countries, strengthening its connections with the Gulf Cooperation Council and enabling it to provide independent legal services across the region.

Importantly, the Al Houti Law Firm provides its legal expertise to licensed traders looking to invest in the Kuwaiti and Gulf markets by offering specialized legal advice and services. This support helps investors successfully achieve their investment goals.



TENDER NOTICE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Oriental Insurance Company Limited is one of the four Public sector Non-Life Insurance Companies in India operating as a Branch in Kuwait is in the process of appointing auditors for the annual audit with the following scope of work:

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Exhibition on liberation deepens US-Kuwait bonds

Embassy of the United States, in collaboration with the National Council for Culture, Arts, and Letters, hosted an exhibition titled 'Allied Efforts and Documentation of the Liberation' on 21 February at the National Museum.

The event highlighted the US role in supporting Kuwait during the invasion, reflected the strong ties between the two nations, and commemorated the heroic moments of the liberation.

In her address to the gathering, Ambassador of the United States H.E. Karen Sasahara, said the exhibition highlighted the pivotal role the United States played in liberating Kuwait, and documents the moments of courage, resilience, and solidarity that strengthened the deep bonds between the two nations.

"As we look to the future, let us recall moments from the past, when a man named Saddam Hussein tried to erase Kuwait's identity with his tanks. But 34 years later, all we see here is Kuwait's true, unique, and independent



identity," Sasahara said.

She added, "There is a famous saying that the best revenge is to live a prosperous life, and I believe Kuwait is living a very prosperous life." She emphasized that celebrating Kuwait's national holidays reinforces the spirit of friendship and partnership between the two

countries. For his part, Secretary-General of the National Council Dr. Mohammed Al-Jassar, stressed that "the National Museum is not just a building, but a living testament to Kuwait's steadfastness and strong will."

He noted that the museum was established to tell Kuwait's story across the ages, from

its ancient history spanning more than 7,000 years to the modern era. This includes the renowned Al-Sabah Collection, one of the world's most prominent Islamic art collections. "Today, a new chapter is added to this narrative, documenting the events of liberation and the reconstruction and renaissance that followed," he added.

For his part, Bashar Al-Salem, founder of the Gardenia Exhibition at the Scientific Museum, emphasized that "Kuwait remembers its Liberation Day with deep gratitude to all who stood by it during its most difficult times." He added that the United States "was not just an ally but a true friend who stood with us in our time of need."

Al-Salem praised the heroic role played by the American people and army in liberating Kuwait, and added that "the courage and sacrifices of American soldiers will never be forgotten, and their contribution to supporting Kuwait will remain engraved in our national memory."

Kuwait at 64, a proud past, a potential present, a promising future

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Kuwait became a fully independent nation on 19 June 1961, following an exchange of letters with the United Kingdom, which abrogated the Anglo-Kuwaiti Protectorate Treaty of 1899 that accorded Kuwait a Protectorate status under Great Britain. Kuwait's path towards independence was spearheaded by Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, the 11th ruler (1950-1961) and first Amir of Kuwait. To commemorate the ascension of Sheikh Abdullah on 25 February 1950, Kuwait decided in 1964 to advance the annual observance of National Day from 19 June to 25 February.

In the early decades of independence, the country's oil wealth made Kuwait one of the most developed countries in the Arab world, introducing social, cultural, and political initiatives that made Kuwait an outlier among peers in the region. Kuwait embraced a democratic form of governance, with a constitution, universal franchise, and a vibrant parliamentary life.

In the 1960s and 70s Kuwait was known for its liberal social values, progressive views, and non-traditional attitudes, with the country soon becoming a regional cultural hub, famed for its freedom of expression and liberal media. The country was feted as a pioneer in the literary and artistic renaissance of the region, while its advancements in education and healthcare facilities attracted people from around the Arab world. Domestically, the creation of a welfare state following independence catered to the needs of citizens providing them with free education, healthcare, and assured state employment. Meanwhile, the pursuit of prudent financial policies led to the creation of the world's first sovereign wealth fund, Kuwait Investment Authority, which diversified the state's bountiful earnings from oil exports into secure future investments in various economic

Kuwait's growth and development since becoming an independent nation has been nothing short of remarkable. From its strategic role prior to independence as a center for sea-trade and an entrepot to the Arabian hinterland, Kuwait transformed, following independence, into a modern welfare state, a leading global exporter of oil, a regional leader in social and political initiatives, and a promoter of peace, economic growth and development.

Celebrations marking National and Liberation Days reflect our rich cultural heritage, provide

us an opportunity to reconnect with our shared history, and to rekindle pride in our national identity. The national holidays also foster the spirit of unity, diversity, and coexistence among all people, and serve as an occasion to reiterate our commitment to the fundamental principles and ideals of the country.

As we celebrate the joyous occasion of the 64th National Day and the 34th Liberation Day, let us also proudly recognize Kuwait's contributions to regional and global peace and stability. Kuwait has emerged as a beacon of diplomacy, fostering cooperation and dialogue in the Gulf region and beyond. Kuwait's efforts in providing humanitarian aid, engaging in mediation efforts, and promoting peace and security in the region, have earned it respect on the international stage.

The anniversaries of National and Liberation Days are also a time to honor our ancestors for their efforts in securing the country's independence, and to pay homage to the martyrs for the sacrifices they made to liberate Kuwait after the 1990-91 invasion and occupation. Against overwhelming odds, our parents and grandparents resisted the occupation and, with support from an international coalition, liberated the country and raised the flag of freedom over Kuwait.

Throughout history, Kuwait has consistently demonstrated resilience in the face of challenges. The economy grew stronger after the Souk Al-Manakh crisis in the early 1980s, the nation rebuilt after the Iraqi invasion and occupation in 1990-91, it overcame the global financial crisis in 2008 and 2014, and it weathered the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-21. More recently, faced with persistent political instabilities that thwarted the country from achieving its full potential, the political developments of last year allowed Kuwait to once again emerge triumphant.

Since then, the Council of Ministers headed by His Highness the Prime Minister has affirmed the government's commitment to achieving a bright future for Kuwait and its people over the coming decade. The Vision 2035 development plan calls for diversifying the economy, ensuring financial stability, encouraging private sector engagement, providing employment opportunities for youth, and ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth.

Additionally, the Council indicated that it would introduce policies and plans that prioritize a shift towards sustainable development, digital empowerment, a knowledge-based economy,

and to develop technologically advanced, sustainable and people-friendly smart cities to house citizens and businesses. To achieve this economic renaissance the government aims to overcome infrastructure gaps, introduce fiscal reforms, enhance the business environment, and attract foreign direct investments.

The Council of Ministers also emphasized that based on ambitious strategic plans the government seeks to enhance integrity, increase accountability, and improve the work and administrative environment to align with the country's digital transformation. Additionally, investing in human capital, implementing plans to achieve sustainable goals, and maintaining the country's strategic partnerships and multilateral engagements with the global community are government priorities.

The annual celebrations marking National

and Liberation Days serve as a reminder to all of us that we need to persevere, exerting every effort to achieve our common goal of developing a prosperous, sustainable, equitable and inclusive nation. The leadership's plans for Kuwait, from diversifying the economy and promoting sustainability, to its commitment towards good governance, and a responsible and responsive government, certainly needs to be supported by all citizens.

In this regard, it is worth noting that the resilience demonstrated by Kuwait, when faced with adversities in the past, were achieved through the unity and support of people, and their steadfastness to the leadership and to the nation. We need to sustain this unity and harmony for a brighter future and to ensure that the flag of freedom continues to fly high over Kuwait now and forever.



Lavan holds Graish gathering

Lavan, an Indian-Kuwaiti restaurant, recently hosted a special event to celebrate Graish, a cherished pre-Ramadan gathering. The event, attended by influencers, marked the launch of Lavan's new catering options: the Karak Station, offering freshly brewed Karak tea, and the Mini Buffet, featuring a selection of signature dishes.

Lavan blends its Indian roots with Kuwaiti traditions, offering a unique dining experience that brings people together.



Diplomatic Day highlights heritage, fosters friendship among nations



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Diplomatic Day, held under the patronage of the Minister of Information Abdulrahman Al-Mutairi, and organized by the Deanship of the Diplomatic Corps in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations Humanitarian Care Program (UN-Habitat) in Kuwait, was held at the Heritage Village on 20 February, in the presence of Ministry of Information Undersecretary Nasser Al-Muhaisen.

The event was attended by 62 ambassadors and featured 42 country pavilions that displayed heritage items from various nations. All the embassies in Kuwait were invited to participate in this event, which was held alongside Kuwait's National Day celebrations and the country's recognition as the capital of Arab culture and media. Speaking on the occasion, Al-Muhaisen said that the event brings together ambassadors, their families, community members, and Kuwaiti citizens. He emphasized that showcasing cultural products highlights Kuwait's support for such events, and its own rich cultural and civilizational legacy. He added that displays at

the pavilions, which highlight each country's culture and heritage, helps to foster cultural cooperation and respect the vast diversity that prevails around the world.

For his part, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador of Tajikistan H.E. Dr. Zubaydullo Zubaydzoda, expressed his pride in celebrating with the Kuwaiti people, emphasizing the significance of the occasion for every Kuwaiti. He extended his highest regards and greetings to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad and to His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh

Sabah Al-Khaled, wishing Kuwait continued progress, prosperity, and well-being.

The exhibition showcased rich culture, including modern artistic handicrafts, popular music, and local traditions, believing that culture serves as the best bridge for fostering communication and understanding among people. Such events play a vital role in fostering friendship and mutual appreciation between different communities.

The Head of the UN-Habitat Mission in Kuwait and the Arabian Gulf, Amira Al-Hassan, stated

that the Diplomatic Day event serves as a model of cultural diplomacy, fostering dialogue and understanding among nations. She emphasized that it reaffirms Kuwait's commitment to being a hub for civilizational dialogue and cultural exchange, especially since it is the Arab Capital of Culture in 2025.

Al Hassan added that at UN-Habitat, they believe that culture and heritage serve as vital bridges between nations, fostering social development by strengthening identity and encouraging communities to preserve their heritage while embracing the experiences and cultures of others, and aligns with UN-Habitat vision of creating more inclusive and sustainable societies.

Moreover, Al-Hassan continued that the Heritage Village is not just a historical site but a symbol of Kuwait's deep-rooted love and appreciation for its history. It embodies the memory of the sea, which has shaped the identity of its people and their creative contributions over the ages. This event reaffirms that Kuwait does not merely celebrate its past but actively builds a future of successful international cooperation and joint cultural projects.



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