

Kuwait Dive Team removes sunken boat from Fahaheel waters

NBK continues environmental support through Kuwait Dive Team

KUWAIT CITY, June 19: Underscoring its constant dedication to supporting all initiatives that promote sustainability and environmental conservation, National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) continues sponsoring Kuwait Dive Team (KDT) in its efforts to protect and rehabilitate the marine environment including islands and coral reefs, and removing harmful waste to preserve marine biodiversity.

In continuation of these efforts, KDT lifted a sunken boat in Fahaheel waters, as such boats endanger the marine ecosystem and organisms as they contain fuel and oils, in addition to obstructing maritime navigation.

On this occasion, Talal Al-Turki, Executive Manager, head of Public Relations & Event Management at National Bank of Kuwait said, "We, at NBK, always seek to leverage our role as one of the leading corporations in social responsibility by introducing a variety of initiatives and programs across different fields, especially the environment." "All awareness campaigns promoted on the social media pages of the bank and KDT aim to increase awareness of the importance of the environment and environmental



National Bank of Kuwait staff with Kuwait Dive Team.

preservation. Additionally, these campaigns highlight KDT's valuable contributions in the protection and restoration of the marine ecosystem, as well as encourage volunteering in serving the marine environment by pre-

paring national cadres specialized in marine operations and maintenance of mooring buoys around coral reefs," he mentioned.

"Our partnership with KDT aligns with our strategy to

adopt environmental governance best practices, through a set of initiatives launched by the bank to promote sustainability, deepen environmental culture, and create awareness and interest in maintaining a clean, pollution-free environment," he emphasized.

Since the beginning of this year, Kuwait Dive Team lifted 56 tons of marine debris in 33 operations, with the participation of 800 volunteers. They also removed 28 tons of harmful waste in 18 operations on the coasts, ports and islands, in cooperation with government agencies, 7 tons of abandoned fishing gear, and recovered 3 boats and a marine vessel of 21 tons. On the other hand, the team organized many awareness sessions and workshops with 300 participants to raise awareness on the importance of marine ecosystems and how to protect them.

It is worth mentioning that NBK regards environmental and climate issues as key priorities and therefore organizes awareness campaigns on its social media platforms to increase awareness on the importance of the environment and environmental conservation. Furthermore, the bank's sponsorship of Kuwait Dive Team has significantly contributed to protecting and restoring the marine ecosystem in Kuwait through many activities, including protecting coral reefs, cleaning beaches, establishing fish colonies, and lifting sunken ships and boats.

Bank boosts digital banking experience

KIB reveals winners of 'Win with KIB Rewards' campaign

KUWAIT CITY, June 19: Kuwait International Bank (KIB) has announced the draw winners of its new 'Win with KIB Rewards' campaign for the month of May. Running monthly until the end of the year, the campaign aims to reward customers who use KIB's Banking App to open an Al Dirwaza account, issue a Multicurrency prepaid card, or open a deposit investment of any kind. The first batch of winners who won up to 15,000 reward points each are Jassim Tarakmah, Afnan Mohammad, Moudhi Aldosari, Abdulaziz Alkteety, Mohamed Abdelrahman, Fahad Alduaij, Maha Alkharraz, Abdullah Alshammari, Imran Hassan, and Ali Almutawa.



Al-Khrayef

Commenting on the occasion, Nawaf Al-Khrayef, Assistant General Manager of the Retail Banking Department at KIB, said: "We are delighted to congratulate the first group of winners in this exceptional campaign, which is a great opportunity to reward our customers for their loyalty. We will continue our efforts to provide innovative banking solutions that meet their aspirations and fulfill all their needs, enhancing their overall banking experience and lifestyle, in line with our 'Bank for Life' slogan." He added: "At KIB, we remain committed to adopting our comprehensive strategy aimed at providing the best banking benefits, particularly with regard to the KIB Rewards Program, in addition to encouraging all customer segments to use our digital platforms to complete their financial transactions with utmost convenience and ease."

Customers can qualify for and participate in the draws by using the KIB Banking App to open an AlDirwaza account, issue a Multicurrency prepaid card, or open a deposit investment of any kind. Winners can redeem their

reward points on KIB's rewards online market platform, which features an extensive list of participating outlets, including electronics services, retail products, and e-vouchers, and much more.

In addition to this and numerous other campaigns, KIB offers a wide variety of products with unparalleled benefits. Those who open an Al Dirwaza account can enjoy weekly and monthly draws, with one chance to enter the draw for every KD 1 deposited, culminating in a Mega Draw. The Multicurrency prepaid card offers a great deal of flexibility, allowing customers to use six currencies simultaneously and choose from a total of 12 currencies. Additionally, deposits starting from KD 1000 are given competitive profit rates.

The Bank encourages its customers to stay informed about the campaign's latest developments and news, as well as to learn more about the KIB Rewards Program, by following its social media accounts and visiting its website.

It is worth mentioning that KIB spares no effort in launching initiatives and campaigns that reward its customers, while continuously striving to enhance the quality of its banking products and services. The Bank aims to elevate its banking experience by complementing digital financial solutions with attractive rewards, maintaining its leading position as a reliable partner in the market.



Kuwait International Bank 'Win with KIB Rewards' program.



Photos during the beach and coral reefs cleaning campaign.



KFH partners with Scientific Center for environmental month initiatives

Kuwait Finance House launches beach cleaning campaign

KUWAIT CITY, June 19: As part of the "We Are Generation Restoration" environmental month campaign, Kuwait Finance House (KFH) has launched the Kuwait islands' beach and coral reefs cleaning campaign in collaboration with the Scientific Center, a subsidiary of Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS).

KFH's commitment to participate in these environmental initiatives is part of its strategy, social responsibility and pioneering role in sustainability. These efforts also align with KFH's (Keep It Green) initiative, a collection of environmental protection projects.

Coinciding with the World Environment Day in June, the partnership will include various activities, events, and initiatives that are geared towards raising awareness on environmental preservation through all means. KFH continues its ceaseless effort of supporting the environment by solidifying its societal contributions through partnerships, initiatives, and campaigns related to preserving Kuwait's environment and disseminating awareness. These efforts are in line with "Keep It Green" initiative which includes environmental activities held throughout the year and in various fields.

Open Al Najma account easily with CBK Mobile App

Al-Tijari announces winner of Al-Najma Account

KUWAIT CITY, June 19: Commercial Bank of Kuwait conducted the weekly draw for Al-Najma Account on Wednesday June 19, 2024. The draws were conducted in the presence of Ministry of Commerce and Industry representative Mr. Mansour Al-Dhafiri.

The result of the draw were as follows:

1. Al Najma weekly draw – the prize of 5,000/- Kuwaiti Dinars went to the winner Mr. Zahgar Asham Makar

The Bank stated that Al-Najma Account prizes are distinguished by the diversity of prizes throughout the year clarifying that the account offers weekly prize of KD 5,000/-, monthly prize of KD 20,000/- and a semi-annual prize of KD 500,000 in addition to the mega annual prize of KD 1,500,000. Al-Najma Account can be opened by depositing KD 200, and customer should maintain a minimum amount of KD 200 to be eligible to enter all draws on Al-Najma Account prizes. As for the chances of winning, the more balance a customer maintains in Al Najma Account, the more chances the account holder will get to win, the account also offers additional benefits like the ATM card, a credit card against customer's account and all CBK banking services that customer can enjoy.

The Bank revealed that Al Najma account is available to everyone, and anyone can open Al Najma account through CBK mobile application in simple steps from anywhere and at any time.



Al-Najma Account poster.

Experience innovation with Samsonite's EVOA Z luggage

Samsonite unveils redesigned EVOA Z

KUWAIT CITY, June 19: In a world where travel is not just a journey, but a purpose, Samsonite's EVOA Z is not merely a luggage line, but a marriage of design innovation and unmistakable distinction. With its harmonious blend of iconic style and smart sophistication, EVOA Z redefines the boundaries of travel gear while embracing a timeless, classic, and minimalist chic ethos, where even the smallest details become an exquisite part of your journeys.

■ The Evolution of a Masterpiece
As the second generation of the iconic EVOA line, the EVOA Z encapsulates the very essence of Samsonite's DNA - Minimal, Iconic, Modern, and Evolutionary. With the introduction of a new finely brushed texture and the distinctive aluminium logo bar seamlessly integrated with the corner protector, this latest collection is a truly versatile offering for anyone who wants to add a touch of style and sophistication to their travels.

■ Integrated Details with Fine Brushed Texture
Bring along a world of sophistication on your travels as our latest design seamlessly integrates meticulous details with a new fine brushed texture, creating a luggage that looks and feels unmistakably premium – where every touch reflects precision and adds a tactile dimension to your experience.

■ New Logo Bar and Execution
The evolution of our brand is reflected in the introduction of a sleek new logo bar that embodies modernity and style, it enhances the overall aesthetics, leaving an indelible mark of sophistication.

■ Design Component and Brand Consistency
We believe in the power of cohesive design, and the EVOA Z doesn't disappoint. Subtle and elegant lines add grace and purpose, and all our design components are strategically curated, ensuring brand consistency that stays true to the Samsonite ethos of timeless class.

■ Innovations for Smoother Journeys
Despite its elegant minimalist style, the EVOA Z boasts a range of innovative features to empower your journeys. From the patented Aero-Trac™ Whirl Suspension Wheel system, to the strategically placed integrated hanging hook, every aspect has been thoughtfully crafted to deliver effortless navigation and convenience.

■ Aero-Trac™ Whirl Suspension Wheel
Say goodbye to bumpy rides and hello to a new era of travel comfort Samsonite's revolutionary wheel technology effectively minimises rolling vibration and noise, and delivers the unrivalled stability and manoeuvrability to effortlessly glide over any surface.

■ Integrated Hanging Hook
Experience ultimate travel convenience with the integrated hanging hook on the trolley housing. Simply pop it open to hang your coat, jacket, or other belongings and free up your hands while ensuring that everything stays within easy reach.



Samsonite launches EVOA Z: Sophistication redefined.

■ Fresh New Colours for Any Taste
With fresh new colour variations, the new EVOA Z luggage collection offers a dynamic range of styles to cater to all genders. With a brushed finishing texture highlighted by a subtle tone-on-tone colour presentation, the EVOA Z line comes in a choice of 3 elegant colours: Champagne, Blue and Black.

■ Product Summary
EVOA Z is more than luggage; it's an embodiment of classic style and modern sophistication. As the second-generation of the iconic EVOA line, it blends timeless design with cutting-edge innovation, resulting in a versatile collection that redefines travel for those seeking sophistication in every detail.

Samsonite offered customers an innovative pop-up experience at the 360 mall, designed to revolutionize how travelers interact with their luggage. This immersive pop-up featured dynamic surfaces replicating real-life travel scenarios, allowing visitors to test Samsonite's renowned durability, functionality, and style. This unique experience highlighted Samsonite's commitment to providing travelers with solutions that excel in the most demanding circumstances.



Newly elected executive committee members (from left to right): CA Jatin Bagaria (Excom Member), CA Manish Chaturvedi (Excom Member), CA Shailesh Laddhad (Excom Member), CA Sweta Chipra (Excom Member), CA Umesh Soni (Treasurer), CA Aditya Vikram Dhanuka (Chairperson), CA Rabin Gonsalves (Immediate Past Chairperson), CA Rohit Agarwal (Vice Chairperson), CA Firoz Ali (Excom Member), CA Venkata Ramana Badida (Secretary), CA Andaleeb Girkar (Excom Member)

KCICAI holds successful general assembly

KUWAIT CITY, June 19: The Kuwait Chapter of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (KCICAI) successfully held its 17th Annual General Assembly Meeting at the Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel, Kuwait. Over 100 esteemed members graced the event, setting the stage for an exciting new chapter in the organization's journey.

Under the stewardship of outgoing Chairperson CA Rabin Gonsalves, the meeting was kicked off by CA Rohit Agrawal, expressing gratitude and raising the anticipation. Treasurer CA Umesh Soni's meticulous financial reportage for the term 2023-24 set the tone for transparency and accountability. Members unanimously embraced the financial statements for the term 2023-24, signaling a robust start to the proceedings. In a testament to continuity and excellence, CA Gaurav Handa was reinstated as the auditor for the forthcoming term 2024-25, ensuring the highest standards of financial integrity.

Reflecting on a year of unparalleled achievements, CA Rabin Gonsalves illuminated the gathering with a dazzling

array of the chapter's activities. From enlightening Continuing Professional Education (CPE) events to impactful health, social, and CSR initiatives, KCICAI's footprint resonated with purpose and progress. Noteworthy highlights included record-breaking CPE hours totaling over 2750, a testament to the chapter's commitment to professional development.

Furthermore, the chapter's unwavering support for the ICAI course and facilitation of examinations in Kuwait saw a surge in student participation, marking a pivotal milestone in nurturing future accounting luminaries.

CA Rabin further expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the entire team, past chairpersons, sponsors, and media partners for their steadfast support of the chapter and its initiatives.

As the baton of leadership passed hands, incoming Chairman CA Aditya Vikram Dhanuka heralded a new dawn of innovation and inclusivity. His heartfelt tribute to CA Rabin Gonsalves and the outgoing Executive Committee set the stage for an electrifying introduc-

tion of the new guard.

The newly elected executive committee, comprising visionary leaders from diverse backgrounds, stands poised to steer KCICAI to greater heights. With CA Aditya Vikram Dhanuka at the helm, and stalwarts like CA Rohit Agarwal, CA Venkata Ramana Badida, and CA Umesh Soni by his side, the stage is set for a transformative journey ahead.

The newly elected executive committee will be assisted by the following members who volunteered into the various Sub committees to serve the fraternity.

The meeting concluded with a re-sounding call to action, as CA Rohit Agarwal closed the proceedings with a flourish. As the curtain falls on this momentous occasion, KCICAI invites all its members and fellow professional colleagues to join hands in shaping a future where excellence knows no bounds.

For more information about KCICAI and upcoming events, visit icaikw.org and be part of the journey towards excellence.