

What's On



Photo of the workshop.

Interactive workshops foster skills in debate, teamwork and creativity

NBK sponsors LOYAC's 'Kilma' program to empower youth

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 8: As part of its ongoing commitment to supporting the development of youth, National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) proudly sponsors LOYAC's "Kilma" program, which empowers young individuals with essential skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and leadership through debate. This strategic partnership with LOYAC reflects NBK's dedication to investing in the future of Kuwait by nurturing the next generation of leaders.

LOYAC's "Kilma" program directly addresses these needs in today's world, offering a unique 3-week experience for Arabic-speaking youth aged 13 to 17. The program runs from October 6th to October 24th, held at NBK Headquarters, and is designed to develop key skills and cultivate youth who are capa-

ble of critical thinking, evidence-based reasoning, and open-minded debate.

Joanne Al Abdul Jaleel, NBK Public Relations Manager, expressed NBK's enthusiasm for supporting such a vital initiative, stating, "NBK's sponsorship and participation in the Kilma program are part of our long-standing strategic partnership with LOYAC. We are deeply committed to empowering young people to achieve their potential and contribute positively



Joanne Jaleel

to society."

She continued, "The Kilma program is one of the initiatives that invest in youth, providing them with opportunities to refine their public speaking, critical thinking, and teamwork skills. We believe that investing in human capital is an investment in our collective future, and Kilma aligns with NBK's broader vision to support the aspirations of the next generation."

"By offering youth the chance to engage in such activities, NBK and LOYAC aim to prepare the next generation to face the challenges of an increasingly complex world with intelligence, empathy, and an open mind", she added.

Throughout the course of the Kilma program, shy and reserved participants are given the platform to build self-

confidence, interact with peers from diverse backgrounds, and broaden their perspectives. They are encouraged to engage in debates that foster rational discourse while embracing creativity and persuasion. Participants are challenged to construct well-researched arguments, present them confidently, and engage in meaningful debates on various topics. Through interactive workshops, creative exercises, and public speaking activities, participants not only enhance their debating skills but also strengthen their abilities in active listening and collaboration.

LOYAC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating programs that help youth develop professionally, enhance their personal growth, and find purpose through service to others.

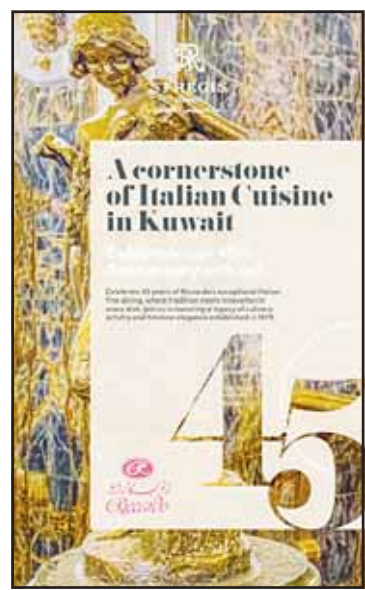
Restaurant sets standard for refined dining with authentic Italian cuisine

Riccardo marks 45 years of culinary excellence at The St. Regis Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 8: Riccardo Restaurant proudly celebrates 45 years of exceptional Italian fine dining, marking a milestone in culinary excellence. Riccardo is one of Kuwait's first luxury dining establishments and boasts a rich legacy of offering unparalleled gourmet experiences. Since its establishment in 1979, Riccardo has become a symbol of sophistication and culinary artistry in Kuwait, known for its elegant ambiance, outstanding service, and exclusive dining experience.

Riccardo has set the standard for refined dining, offering impeccable service alongside a classic, opulent atmosphere that has attracted discerning diners for decades. A crucial part of Riccardo's lasting appeal lies in its dedication to crafting authentic Italian cuisine with a modern twist. Each dish masterfully balances tradition with innovation, blending classic Italian recipes with contemporary techniques to create a unique dining experience.

The restaurant's menu celebrates the finest traditions of Italian gastronomy, using premium ingredients sourced locally and from Italy. Guests are treated to the freshest seasonal ingredients and rich, authentic flavors. Every dish re-



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flects Italy's cultural and culinary heritage, presented with a level of sophistication that sets Riccardo apart.

Complementing the dining experience is Riccardo's timeless elegance. Its meticulously crafted décor, vibrant



Riccardo Italian Restaurant.

interior colors, and lavish textures create an atmosphere of luxury, while authentic Italian music transports diners to the heart of Italy. Over the past 45 years, Riccardo has maintained its iconic heritage while embracing culinary innovation, making it a top destination for those seeking an unforgettable dining experience in Kuwait.

On this occasion, Mr. Fahed Abushaar, Cluster Director of The St. Regis

Kuwait, Sheraton Kuwait, and Four Points by Sheraton Kuwait, expressed his pride in the enduring success of Riccardo Restaurant. He attributed this achievement to the talented culinary team and their unwavering commitment to maintaining Riccardo's distinguished reputation. Mr. Abushaar also extended his heartfelt gratitude to Riccardo's loyal patrons for their continued trust and support.

Earn up to 7 tokens with the new ABK Visa Infinite Advantage card

Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait launches Visa Infinite Advantage credit card

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 8: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) is proud to announce the launch of its new ABK Visa Infinite Advantage credit card, a distinctive addition to the Advantage program. Designed to provide cardholders with exceptional and exclusive benefits, this card reflects the Bank's ongoing commitment to rewarding clients for their loyalty and trust in ABK's diverse solutions to meet their financial and banking needs.

With the ABK Visa Infinite Advantage card, customers earn 7 tokens when making purchases outside of Kuwait and 4 tokens for transactions within the country. Cardholders can access lounges at many international airports, receive personal assistance services locally and globally, and benefit from a travel insurance policy worth up to \$2.5 million. Additionally, the card offers Pearl Assist services, including free transportation to and from Kuwait International Airport, reception and assistance at four major airports—Turkey, London, Dubai, and Spain—a luggage delivery service, and other perks to enhance their overall banking experience.



Ms. Johair Marafi, General Manager of Retail Banking at ABK

On this occasion, Johair Marafi, General Manager of Retail Banking at ABK, stated, "We continue to work on offering products that enhance the banking experience for our customers, keeping pace with their evolving banking and financial needs. This launch



underscores our commitment to innovation and elevating our competitive position in the banking sector within Kuwait."

The ABK Visa Infinite Advantage card also rewards customers for every banking transaction, offering exclusive deals when booking travel tickets, hotels globally, car rentals, cashback, shopping vouchers, and discounts at restaurants and cafés. Customers can also enjoy entertainment experiences such as cinema and sporting activities.

Marafi emphasized that the launch of the ABK Visa Infinite Advantage credit card demonstrates ABK's dedication to continuously enhancing its services and products to attract new customers while catering to the needs of the existing clientele. The Bank aims to reach all segments of society in its role as a responsible banking institution within Kuwait.

Customers can apply for the credit card today at any ABK branch, through the Bank's website, or via its mobile app. Marafi encouraged everyone to follow ABK's website and social media pages to stay updated on the diverse products, solutions, services, and campaigns launched throughout the year.

ICAI Kuwait Chapter hosts successful CPE event on NRI opportunities

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 8: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India - Kuwait Chapter (ICAIKC) successfully conducted a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) event on the theme, "Opportunities for NRIs in the Next Trillion Dollar Economy". The event provided a platform for experts to explore the promising prospects and strategies for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) as India's economy continues its exponential growth.

The event was expertly hosted by CA Sweta Chitra, Executive Committee Member, and CA Joseph Peter, Committee Member, ensuring a smooth and engaging session.

CA Aditya Dhanuka, Chairperson of ICAI Kuwait Chapter, expressed his appreciation to the speakers and attendees, stating, "This event has been a fantastic opportunity for our members to gain crucial insights into the evolving economic landscape of India. The potential for NRIs is vast, and we are thrilled to facilitate these valuable conversations, helping our members make informed



Photo during the event.

decisions about their financial futures."

The event featured an esteemed lineup of speakers, including Mr. Akhil Chatuvedi, Executive Director and Chief Business Officer of Motilal Oswal, who delivered a compelling keynote address. He highlighted India's path toward becoming a trillion-dollar economy and identified key sectors poised

for rapid growth, including technology, healthcare, infrastructure, and renewable energy.

Mr. Chatuvedi offered a detailed analysis of how NRIs can actively participate in and benefit from India's economic revolution.

Also presenting were CA Amit Desai, a seasoned professional in the

Digital Payments industry, and Mr. CHP Kumar, Managing Director - Uppscalle Investment Pvt Ltd, a prominent financial leader in the field of financial planning. Both speakers offered valuable insights into the emerging investment landscape, financial planning, and regulatory framework that will shape the future of NRI investments in India.

CA Amit Desai focused on tax-friendly initiatives and new regulations encouraging NRIs to invest in India, while Mr. CHP Kumar shared an in-depth analysis of portfolio management strategies and identified high-growth sectors that promise strong returns for NRI investors.

The event was well-attended by members of the ICAIKC who were keen on understanding how NRIs can play a pivotal role in India's economic rise. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A session, providing the audience with practical takeaways and a deeper understanding of the opportunities available to NRIs in the burgeoning Indian economy.

Al-Rabeh campaign crowns 536 winners

Kuwait Finance House reveals 20 winners of 'Al-Rabeh' draw

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 8: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) announced the winners of the Al-Rabeh draw with 20 customers winning cash prizes worth KD1,500 each for the 38th and 39th weeks of 2024.

The winners of KD 1,500 are: Nourah Azran, Maram Al-Shammari, Ahmad Al-Osaimi, Aisha Al-Shammari, Bander Shaleesh, Aisha Hamed, Boby Cherian, Jaber Al-Bathali, Abdulrahman Al-Otaibi, Ghadeer Al-Azmi, Adel Al-Ibrahim, Amani Abu Gamaz, Arwa Al-Rabiah, Wafaa Al-Jraiy, Mishref Al-Daihani, Mohammad Salama, Hanan Al-Saeed, Hamad Al-laho, Jaafar Al-Kankoni, Hadi Al-Ajmi.

The Al-Rabeh campaign provides prizes and draws that offer customers several chances of winning "weekly, monthly and quarterly". The campaign crowns 536 winners throughout the year.

The draw took place under the supervision of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The campaign is part of KFH's ongoing efforts to offer exceptional products and services that meet customers' aspirations, enhance the Bank's leadership in the local and global markets, as

well as reflect its excellence in offering innovative banking solutions as per the highest quality standards.

The Al-Rabeh account is a salary account available to customers wishing to transfer their salaries and manage their personal accounts. Customers can open Al-Rabeh account in any of KFH branches in Kuwait, or through the Bank's online channels. The account can be opened in the Kuwaiti Dinar and is targeted for customers wishing to transfer their salaries and manage their personal accounts. Salary transfer is a prerequisite for customers to enter the draw provided that the transfer of salary to Al-Rabeh account is constant.

Regarding the terms and conditions of the prizes and draws, a customer is able to deposit 3 salaries during the 3 months prior to the draw, and the minimum balance of the account should not be less than KD 50 at the end of each month during the 3 months prior to the draw. Ten draws take place on a weekly basis for amount of K.D 1,500 for 10 winners each. 1 KG of KFH gold will be drawn monthly for one winner and K.D 25,000 for one winner every quarter, reaching a total number of 536 winners during the year.



The campaign visual.

Campaign focuses on employee well-being

Warba launches 'You Are Precious to Us' campaign

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 8: Warba Bank has launched its annual "You Are Precious to Us" campaign, aimed at raising awareness of breast cancer risks among its female employees. This initiative coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, highlighting the bank's commitment to social responsibility and supporting its staff in adopting preventive measures against breast cancer.

Awatef Abdulaziz Hamadah, Specialist Public Relations & Corporate Events Management, emphasized that the campaign aligns with global efforts to combat breast cancer, reflecting Warba Bank's dedication to increasing awareness among female employees about the risks, the importance of early detection, and proactive prevention.

Hamada stated, "At Warba, we are committed to embracing such initiatives because we deeply value the well-being of our employees and strive to foster a healthy work environment."

The campaign encourages the bank's female employees to undergo regular screenings, aiming to minimize the risks associated with the disease. Warba Bank also extends its efforts through social media channels, offering guidance on prevention and emphasizing the importance of early detection.



Awatef Abdulaziz Hamadah

By fostering a positive and collaborative work environment, Warba Bank seeks to enhance teamwork and build a sense of belonging among its staff. This initiative reflects the bank's dedication to creating a workplace where everyone feels valued and engaged.

Warba Bank has achieved significant milestones in a short period, establishing itself as a leading provider of high-value Sharia-compliant banking services for individuals and companies. Warba is among the top local Islamic banks, contributing to its growing reputation as a trusted institution for all community members.

Canada embassy organizes 'Come Plant With Us' event

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 8: For the 3rd year in a row, the Canadian Embassy in Kuwait is partnering with the UN Habitat, Shamiya Greenhouse and the Canadian Women's Network to organize the "Come Plant With Us" -- a children's event to celebrate the Canadian Thanksgiving and encourage environmental awareness on Saturday, Oct 12 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

The event is open to the public but prior registration is required. Entry fee: used plastic bottles to recycle

The registration is on a first come first served basis using the link <https://form.jotform.com/231605758087059> and is only required for children, not adults.

To enter on the day, children must bring clean plastic items for recycling.



Poster of plant a tree event.