

Honoring high achievers is instrumental in our strategy: Al-Othman

NBK honors outstanding employees of 2023 in Annual Elite Awards Ceremony

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) honored the outstanding employees of Consumer Banking Group in its Annual Elite Awards Ceremony, which was held at Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre (JACC) and attended by the executive management. This annual recognition aims to recognize employees' performance throughout the year and to promote them to maintain excellence and accomplishment in a way that helps bolster NBK's leading position.

There ceremony was attended by the bank's executive leaders headed by Mr. Isam Al-Sager, NBK Vice-Chairman and Group CEO, Mrs. Shaikha Al-Bahar, Deputy Group CEO of NBK, Mr. Salah Al-Fulaij, CEO of NBK – Kuwait, Mr. Sulaiman Al-Marzouq, Deputy CEO of NBK- Kuwait, Mr. Mohammed Al-Othman, CEO-Consumer and Digital Banking, and Mr. Emad Al-Ablani, GM - Group Human Resources.

During the ceremony, the executive management distributed certificates of appreciation to the CBG outstanding employees, who showed exceptional performance during the year 2023, in recognition of their efforts in providing top-notch products and services that achieved a high level of customer satisfaction.

Through this recognition held every year, NBK aims to show appreciation to employees who demonstrated outstanding performance throughout the year and to motivate them to exert more effort to strengthen the bank's leading position, locally and regionally.

It also shows NBK's commitment towards its human resources and keenness to provide them with all support, which translates in better performance and contributes to improving the quality of products and services provided to customers.

The ceremony featured various engaging activities, surprises, competitions, and distributing valuable prizes to employees.

Commenting on this, Mr. Mohammed Al-Othman, CEO-Consumer and Digital Banking at National Bank of Kuwait said, "The Elite Awards Ceremony is one of the key events organized by NBK annually to recognize employees for their exceptional efforts and performance during the year. This goes in line with our appreciation of employees' vital contributions in the bank's ongoing achievements at all levels."

"Improving service quality and introducing new products that gain customer satisfaction are the results of the dedicated efforts of our employees. Therefore, we are keen to appreciate their efforts, high performance, and adherence to quality standards and high-



Isam Al-Sager in his speech during the annual Elite ceremony.



Mohammed Al-Othman delivers a speech during the annual Elite ceremony.



Isam Al-Sager honoring employees.



Honoring employees



Shaikha Al-Bahar honoring employees.



Salah Al-Fulaij honoring employees

level and advanced customer service, which gives NBK the edge over its competitors," he added.

"Consumer Banking Group team strives to provide top-notch services, in order to maintain the bank's leadership, and to sustain its excellence in providing market-leading digital banking services in Kuwait," he noted.

"At NBK, we believe that our employees are our most valuable resource, so we are always keen to invest in human capital by developing and improving the skills of our employees at all

levels, which reflects positively on the quality of our products and services," he emphasized.

Al-Othman stressed that the bank will continue its initiatives seeking to stimulate employees, in line with its belief that sustaining long-term excellence is conditioned by retaining highly qualified and professional employees.

"NBK enjoys a unique work culture and environment that promotes innovation, achieves job satisfaction and development and encourages employees to go the extra mile. It also offers them

continuous career development through world-class training programs, in cooperation with globally renowned educational institutions," he mentioned.

"The achievements seen today are the fruits of successful strategies that fostered our excellence in cutting-edge digital banking services and payment solutions, as well as our tireless efforts to understand customers' needs and expectations and accordingly tailor innovative banking products and services to meet their needs and even exceed their expectations," he explained.

At the end of the ceremony, Al-Othman extended thanks and appreciation to all CBG employees praising their efforts and expressing his pride with this highly efficient and dedicated team resembling NBK's leadership, locally and regionally.

NBK is keen on organizing regular events to honor its employees, within its endeavors to support and encourage their career and professional growth. It also seeks to strengthen the principle of long-term relationships with employees, which stimulates positive behavior

and teamwork spirit, and promotes ideal work atmosphere and employee satisfaction.

Over the past year, NBK's Consumer Banking Group succeeded in developing many top-notch banking products and services that are tailored to customers' needs. This included revamping NBK Mobile Banking App by introducing more than 30 enhancements to improve both user interface and user experience, for a more customized and personalized experience.

Reinforcing cultural and historical heritage

AUK commemorates Kuwait's Nat'l and Liberation Days with activities

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) hosted a week-long series of events to honor Kuwait's National and Liberation Days, reinforcing Kuwait's national identity and promoting an appreciation of the country's cultural and historical heritage.

The festivities commenced with the grand opening of "The Pearl Museum," a collaborative effort between AUK and The Kuwaiti Old Crafts Society. This captivating exhibition transported attendees on a journey through Kuwait's rich history, showcasing an impressive array of antiques and artifacts. Concurrently, the International Relations Club collaborated with renowned singer Abdulaziz Al Dhuwaih to present an enthralling musical event.

Throughout the week, the campus community enjoyed various activities, including performances by the Al-Qurain band, displays of vintage cars, and a traditional café experience. Sports enthusiasts also participated in a football tournament organized by the Football Club, with different groups named after iconic Kuwaiti football teams. Students had the opportunity to partake in old traditional games, offering a nostalgic glimpse into Kuwait's rich cultural heritage.

Reflecting on the success of the events, Omar Mehdi, director of Student Life, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "The National and Liberation Day events were a resounding success and truly showcased the vibrant spirit of Kuwait. It was heartwarming to witness our community come together to celebrate the nation's heritage."

AUK ensures students deepen their understanding of Kuwait's culture and traditions whilst also celebrating the achievements of Kuwait and its people.



Photos during AUK's commemoration of Kuwait's National and Liberation Days.

With the campus-wide celebrations and decorations in place, AUK continues to foster a sense of national pride and identity among students, faculty and staff.

ABK announces Awatef Yousef Al Sabah as the winner of Alfouz KD 10,000 weekly draw prize

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) announced Awatef Yousef Al Sabah as the KD 10,000 Alfouz weekly draw winner on Monday, 3rd March, 2024, whereby the draw was held under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Since its launch, the Alfouz account continues to offer an impressive weekly draw of KD10,000. The Bank has recently expanded its offering by adding a new alluring monthly draw of KD20,000, and an exceptional quarterly draw of KD100,000.

The account also retains its hallmark mega annual draw of a KD5,000 monthly salary for ten years. Furthermore, the Bank now offers customers an increased opportunity to win for every KD10 as opposed to KD100 previously.

ABK encourages everyone to open an Alfouz draw account and/or increase their balances to have more



Alfouz flyer

chances in winning in the upcoming weekly draw winner announcement, which will take place on Monday, 11th March 2024. The higher the deposits, the higher the chances to win.

For more information about ABK,

please follow the Bank's Instagram account @abk_kuwait, visit eahli.com, contact Ahlan Ahli 1 899 899 or visit one of the Bank's branches across Kuwait.

Warba announces winners of 'Al Sunbula' weekly draw

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: Warba Bank - the best bank in corporate and investment banking services in Kuwait - announced the winners of the weekly Al Sunbula draws. Warba Bank will continue to hold weekly draws for ten winners of Al Sunbula account, in the presence of a representative of Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Warba Bank employees.

Each of the 10 lucky winners of the Sunbula weekly draw of Warba Bank received KD 1,000, and the winners are: Wasif Amin Al-Nairat, Fawaz Yousef Bahloul Al-Shemmari, Awatif Hadi Al-Dhafiri, Waleed Khaled Al-Khleiifi, Mubarak Khaled Matar Al-Anezi. Ohood Dhafer Hamad Al-Ajmi, Khaled Mohieddin Mohammed Ahmed, Buthaina Salem Mohammed Al-Shemmari, Essa Mohammed Najaf



Ahmed Al-Mutawa

Ramadan Shah, and Ali Abdul Aziz Ali Al-Dosari.

As for the Sunbula account, it is the ideal choice for all those wishing to save money and achieve appropriate financial returns on their accounts at the same time, in addition to the opportunity to

win cash prizes throughout the year.

Regarding the conditions, Mr. Ahmed M. Al-Mutawa, Area Manager Retail Banking Group said: "KD 100 is now required to enter the weekly Sunbula draws and major draws, and the client still gets one chance for every KD 10 in the account, and the chances are counted according to the lowest balance in the account during the month. Therefore, a full month must have passed in the account to qualify for the weekly draw, and two full months for the major draws to count the chances. There are no restrictions or limits for withdrawal and deposit, the higher the deposited amount, the greater the client's chances to win".

Notably Warba Bank launched its latest banking solutions service, "Customer Onboarding", in accordance with the

terms of its ambitious five-year strategy, which enables non-Warba Bank clients to apply for opening a Sunbula account in an easy digital way via the Bank's website without the need to visit any of the Bank's branches, and within only five minutes - through the new and unique automated system used to enable this service - new clients will be able to complete the request to open an account at any time and any place.

Warba Bank is one of the banks that has achieved great successes in a short period, as it occupied a leading position in the field of Islamic digital banking services for individuals, and it is one of the largest local banks in the number of shareholders, and these are among the most prominent components that make the Bank close to all members of society.

ABK announces official working hrs during the holy month of Ramadan

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) extends its greetings to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, as well as the government, people, and residents of Kuwait on the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan, hoping it bestows an abundance of blessings.

During this time, all ABK branches will be functional from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Furthermore, the Al Khiran Mall digital branch will be functional to service customers in two shifts from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.



ABK logo

The Bank has also confirmed its full operational readiness to serve customers 24/7 via its various digital platforms. This includes Online Banking via eahli.com, Mobile Banking through the ABK app, as well as the Bank's call center Ahlan Ahli 1 899 899.

AUK appoints Dr. Mohamed El-Abd as Dean of CEAS

KUWAIT CITY, March 7: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) professor of computer engineering, Dr. Mohamed El-Abd, has been appointed as the new dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS). Dr. El-Abd, who joined AUK in 2010, has distinguished himself through his commitment to excellence, innovation, and leadership.

Dr. El-Abd has made significant contributions to AUK's curriculum, teaching a wide array of courses that have enriched the University's computer engineering program, among others. His dedication to fostering an engaging and inclusive learning environment, alongside his adaptive teaching philosophy, has impacted our students' educational journey, especially in navigating the challenges of the current times.

In his previous role as associate dean, Dr. El-Abd showcased leadership and dedication to advancing CEAS's mission. His efforts in streamlining assessment plans, chairing crucial committees, and enhancing our academic standards have played an important role in the College's strategic development.

Beyond his administrative service, Dr. El-Abd has been a vanguard in the engineering field, founding the IEEE Symposium on Cooperative Metaheuristics and co-chairing the 2023

IEEE Global Engineering Education Conference, among other notable contributions.

Dr. El-Abd's research work, particularly in nature-inspired algorithms and engineering education, is recognized globally, with a prolific publication record and acknowledgments such as being named among the top 2% of researchers in Artificial Intelligence. His leadership in securing grants and awards, including the AUK-Dartmouth Fellowship, underscores his dedication to academic excellence and innovation.

His extensive experience, coupled with his passion for education and research, promises to advance AUK's College forward in preparing future leaders and innovators.

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