

The two entities sign MoU to develop skills of both employees and students

Burgan Bank and AUK partner to shape the future of Kuwaiti talent

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 24: As part of its ongoing commitment to empower Kuwait's next generation of talent and advance national development goals, Burgan Bank signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the American University of Kuwait (AUK). Laying the groundwork for a strategic partnership that bridges education and professional experience, the collaboration aims to align academic knowledge with real-world market needs; cultivating a new generation of professionals equipped to thrive in the rapidly evolving banking and financial landscape.

Representing Burgan Bank at the MOU signing Ceremony was Mr. Naqeeb Amin, General Manager-Human Resources & Development Group alongside Dr. Aseel Al-Awadhi, Vice President – Academic Affairs from AUK.

"In line with our strategy to nurture human capital and drive innovation across the financial ecosystem, this partnership reaffirms Burgan Bank's commitment to continuous learning and sustainable national development," said Mr. Naqeeb Amin at Burgan Bank. "Collaborations of this nature enhances our employees' capabilities and ensure that academic institutions are closely aligned with evolving industry needs, a synergy that is important for contributions to the goals of Kuwait Vision 2035. By working hand-in-hand with AUK, we're giving young talents the tools and experiences they need to shape the next era of banking — one defined by knowledge, innovation, and impact."

This partnership aligns with the Bank's strategy for investing in Kuwait's human capital and its commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning for its employees. This initiative further cements Burgan Bank's role in



Mr. Naqeeb Amin and Dr. Aseel Al-Awadhi signing the MoU.



A group photo of the Burgan Bank and AUK teams at the MoU signing ceremony.

contributing to the advancement of Kuwait's dynamic sectors, including education, as part of its commitment to embedding environment, social, and governance (ESG) principles across all operations, comprehensive social responsibility program, and advocacy for Kuwait Vision 2035.

On her part, Dr. Aseel Al-Awadhi at AUK, said: "We are delighted to collaborate with Burgan Bank, an institution that continues to set benchmarks in corporate citizenship and talent empowerment. This MOU enriches the academic journey of our students, giving them access to real-world experiences that complement their classroom learning. Through initiatives like this, we enable our graduates to step into the workforce with confidence, purpose, and a deeper understanding of the industries that drive Kuwait's progress."

As per the MoU, the two parties will collaborate on developing educational programs tailored to the professional needs of Burgan Bank employees across different departments and job grades. In addition, they will design curricu-

lum-based courses and hands-on learning opportunities that aim to advance AUK students with an interest in digital banking and financial innovation, with numerous topics that serve innovation and digital transformation aspects in banking and change management. Furthermore, field trips to Burgan Bank's Head Office will be arranged quarterly, where students can engage with professionals in conversation and build their networks, as well as joint workshops, seminars, and guest lectures delivered by Burgan Bank experts and hosted by AUK.

Under the umbrella of its program "Teach Them Young", Burgan Bank continues to introduce new opportunities for Kuwait's aspiring youth to develop vital skills needed for their personal and professional future success. This included hosting visits at its HQ, where students from multiple universities in Kuwait were able to experience a more profound educational experience by witnessing the banking industry operations in real life.

CSR program promotes inclusivity and understanding

stc Kuwait organizes autism awareness session for employees

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 24: Kuwait Telecommunications Company – stc, a world-class digital leader providing innovative services and platforms to customers, enabling the digital transformation in Kuwait, continues to demonstrate its strong commitment to corporate social responsibility, guided by belief in creating a positive and inclusive impact beyond telecommunications.

In collaboration between stc's Human Resources and Strategy teams, an autism session was organized for its employees as part of the Company comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) framework, with health and social well-being positioned as key pillars while reflecting the ongoing commitment to building a supportive and diverse workplace culture.

The awareness session was conducted in collaboration with 'Friends of Autism' and led by its founder, Mr. Abdullah Al Oqab.

The initiative aimed to raise awareness among stc employees about autism, while equipping them with practical knowledge and tools to better understand, communicate with, and support individuals diagnosed with autism. Through this awareness session, the Company seeks to empower its workforce and encourage positive, informed interactions that promote inclusivity both within the workplace and across the wider community.

Mr. Ahmad AlNuwaibet, Director of Public Relations and Social Media at stc Kuwait, stated "this initiative aligns with the Company broader CSR objectives, which focuses on driving meaningful and sustainable social impact.

With health and well-being serving as one of the key pillars behind our comprehensive CSR and sustainability programs, the Company actively organizes educational and awareness-driven initiatives that aim to educate stc employees and the



Abdullah Al Oqab in a group photo with company employees participating in the awareness session.

public. As part of this ongoing commitment, we continuously supports causes that contribute to positive change, while advancing a culture based on understanding and acceptance.

Through partnerships such as this, stc aims to cultivate an innovative and inclusive work environment that upholds responsible practices and supports long-term sustainable development."

Mr. AlOqab stated, "This partnership has played an important role in influencing greater understanding and acceptance of the autism spectrum, while reinforcing the value of inclusivity within the workplace. Together, we are proud to contribute to giving back to the community and creating a positive, lasting impact that extends beyond the organization itself." He also added "Friends of Autism was established with the

purpose of supporting organizations and businesses by providing them with the knowledge and tools needed to effectively engage with individuals with autism."

stc highlighted its continued commitment to support and raise awareness around causes that impact various segments of the community, through organizing initiatives and events that aim to drive positive and long-lasting change. The Company's expansive CSR and sustainability programs are guided by a clear objective to empower the community, promote inclusivity, and contribute to the overall well-being of society. Through these efforts, stc aims to foster responsible practices, support social development, and play an active role in shaping a more inclusive and sustainable future, both internally and for the communities it serves.

About stc

Kuwait Telecommunications Company (stc) is a Kuwaiti shareholding company incorporated pursuant to Amiri Decree No. 187 on 22 July, 2008, to operate and manage the third GSM mobile network in Kuwait as per Law No. 2 of 2008. Accordingly, stc launched its operations in December 2008 and was listed on Boursa Kuwait in December 2014.

stc Kuwait is a world-class digital leader providing innovative services and solutions to customers, both for individuals and enterprises, enabling the digital transformation in Kuwait, and is a subsidiary of stc Group. stc Kuwait has expanded its portfolio by acquiring companies such as Qualytynet General Trading and Contracting Company (solutions by stc) in Kuwait, and e-portal Holding Company and its subsidiaries.

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In partnership with Western Union

KFH: Diverse money transfer services through 'KFHOnline'

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 24: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) continues to lead the way in delivering advanced digital banking solutions, offering customers a wide range of local and international money transfer services through KFHOnline mobile application, in cooperation with Western Union's global network. This partnership enables KFH customers to make fast and secure money transfers, whether in cash, directly to bank accounts, or to digital wallets in various countries. Users can easily select beneficiaries and access Western Union's extensive worldwide network.

These services reflect KFH's commitment to genuine digital transformation in the banking sector, allowing customers to carry out financial transactions seamlessly through clear and efficient electronic steps, while maintaining the highest security standards. The result is greater efficiency and an enhanced digital experience that meets customers' expectations. Western Union operates one of the world's largest and most trusted money transfer networks, with retail locations in more than 200 countries and territories. Customers can also make payments to billions of bank accounts and millions of digital wallets and cards globally.

Through these services, KFH further enhances the customer experience by providing fast, safe, and convenient transfers that meet diverse financial needs. The partnership also strengthens KFH's digital capabilities and reaffirms its commitment to offering comprehensive financial solutions, a commitment clearly reflected in



the growing customer demand for this service.

KFH's strong performance in e-banking is evident in the wide range of services available through the KFHOnline app. These services include the instant issuance of virtual cards, opening additional accounts without a branch visit, card activation and deactivation, creating deposits, adding beneficiaries, and conducting account balance and transaction inquiries. Furthermore, the app facilitates chequebook requests, gold trading (buying and selling), financing requests, managing children's accounts, WAMD instant payment service, and sending and receiving money through KFH Pay, alongside other advanced digital banking services.

KFH also provides innovative services such as Live FX Pricing for real-time currency exchange rates, instant transfers to KFH-Turkey through the RippleNet network, and digital wallet compatibility with Garmin, Fitbit, and Samsung smart devices. Additionally, customers can instantly issue bank cards via self-service kiosks available in KFH branches.

Bank reaffirms commitment to inclusive innovation

KIB sponsors International Assistive Technology Conference in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 24: Kuwait International Bank (KIB) concluded its participation as a strategic sponsor of the 2025 International Conference and Forum on Assistive Technologies for Special Needs (ATS'N'25). The event was held under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Amthar Al-Huwailah, Minister of Social Affairs, Family and Childhood Affairs, and attended by Ghada Al-Tahir, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in the State of Kuwait, along with the President of Kuwait College of Science and Technology (KCST) Khalid Al-Begain, the Deputy Director General of the Public Authority for Disability Affairs Dr. Khalifa Al-Haila'a, as well as partners, sponsors, and distinguished guests.

The opening events saw a strong turnout, as the conference highlighted the latest innovations designed to empower persons with disabilities, promote digital inclusion, and develop technological solutions that enhance their quality of life and support their full integration into society.

Commenting on KIB's participation in the opening ceremony, Marwa Marafie, Corporate Communications Manager, stated that this event reflects Kuwait's commitment to advancing technologies for persons with disabilities and strengthening the ecosystem of social innovation. She emphasized the importance of assistive technology in creating new opportunities to better serve this community.

She also affirmed that KIB's par-



The KIB team with Ghada Al-Tahir, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in the State of Kuwait, along with the President of KCST Khalid Al-Begain, and the Deputy Director General of the Public Authority for Disability Affairs Dr. Khalifa Al-Haila'a.

ticipation as a strategic sponsor aligns with the Bank's commitment to supporting all segments of society, especially persons with disabilities, stressing that the Bank views technology as a human and social value before it is a commercial service. She added that KIB continues to develop inclusive banking solutions, more accessible digital platforms, and operational procedures that take into account the needs of persons with disabilities at every step of their banking journey.

Marafie emphasized that the Bank's support for this conference falls within a broader strategy to strengthen partnerships with the United Nations, academic institutions, and international organizations, with the aim of

accelerating the adoption of assistive technologies in Kuwait and fostering an enabling environment for impactful technological innovation.

She also noted that investment in assistive technology is a fundamental component of KIB's commitment to corporatesocial responsibility, adding that the Bank is continuously working to raise awareness about the importance of digital accessibility as a pivotal step toward achieving broader digital equity.

In her concluding remarks, Marafie affirmed that KIB will continue supporting initiatives and events that contribute to enhancing the quality of life for persons with disabilities and enabling their active

participation in society. She expressed her appreciation to the organizing entities and to both international and local partners for the success of this distinguished event.

It is worth noting that KIB's participation in this event is part of a series of initiatives the Bank continues to implement to promote digital inclusion and develop services that are better tailored to the needs of persons with disabilities. The Bank consistently works to expand its community programs and partnerships and to support innovative technological solutions, driven by its belief that empowering persons with disabilities is a fundamental element of KIB's mission to serve the community and

strengthen its role in sustainable development.

About KIB

Kuwait International Bank (KIB) is a bank that operates according to the Islamic Shari'ah, based in the State of Kuwait. Incorporated in 1973, and originally known as Kuwait Real Estate Bank, KIB made the transition to its current Islamic operating model in 2007. In 2018, KIB embarked on a new phase of its journey full of innovation and development. As part of its new strategic direction, the Bank focuses on offering a next-level customer experience under the slogan: "Bank for Life".

Through a network of branches spread across the State of Kuwait, KIB

offers a broad range of banking products and services, as well as innovative digital banking solutions in line with international best standards. As part of its duty towards the community, the Bank also encompasses a leading social responsibility program that aims at positively impacting all members of the community through a wide range of impactful initiatives and activities.

Today, KIB has taken concrete steps in implementing its new strategic objectives. The Bank has cemented its role as a key player in the local banking industry and has continued to maintain its strong financial performance; enabling it to be globally recognized for its strong credit rating and financial position.