

## What's On



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# DWC celebrates Christmas and New Year

By Nawara Fattahowa

**D**iplomatic Women's Committee (DWC) - Kuwait held a Christmas and New Year celebration on Saturday at Millennium Hotel. Around 100 of its members attended the event, which included many entertainment activities such as competitions, raffle draw, live oriental music, DJ and a bazaar.

Narjis Al-Shatti, the committee's consultant, said DWC is celebrating the end of 2019 and concluding this year's activities through this event. "I would like to wish all the best to HH the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in the New Year 2020. Tonight we are welcoming the New Year with diplomats from many countries," she pointed out.

"We are sharing with Christians their celebrations

of Christmas and New Year, which are important occasions in Europe, the United States and many other countries around the world. This celebration expresses the tolerance of Islam and the close connection between religions. We are holding this celebration early as most Western ambassadors are leaving Kuwait to celebrate this occasion with their families in their home countries, as Christmas is known

internationally as a time for family gatherings," added Shatti.

"So tonight we are gathering as a big family with the spouses of the ambassadors in this family atmosphere. I wish all the attendees, their families, and everybody living in Kuwait Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope it will be a happy and prosperous year for everybody," she concluded.

## ACK president participates in new Kuwait summit 2019

**U**nder the patronage of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Supreme Council of Planning and Development and the Ministry of Information: the New Kuwait Summit 2019 was held on December 10th and 11th as a two-day event at the Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Cultural Centre with various panels of experts discussing issues that affect Kuwait and its society.

Prof. Isam Zabalawi, President of the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK), took part in the 9th panel in the series, which was titled "A Focus on Human Capital." The panel was moderated by Dr. Eric Champagne, Associate Professor in Public Administration and School of Political Studies and Director Center on Governance at the University of Ottawa. The panelists were Dr. Mishaal Al Rubaie - Undersecretary of the Ministry of Youth,

Prof. Laila Maarouf - Assistant Vice President for Research at Kuwait University, Dr. Sameh El-Saharty - Program Leader for Human Development at World Bank Kuwait, and Dr. Amir Zeid - Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the American University of Kuwait.

The panel discussion focused on human capital and how to improve the quality of future generations of Kuwait's employees. Prof. Zabalawi emphasized on the importance of finding talented students and encouraging them to work hard to translate their talent into marketable skills. By maximizing the potential of students in ACK, new students are attracted to the university when seeing their success.

"We consider our graduates our ambassadors, we get our new talent through them," said Prof. Zabalawi. "To make sure new graduates are prepared for the work force, ACK seeks to create well-rounded graduates by focusing on different aspects of learning: theoretical, practical and technological learning. Over the course of their studies students work on projects in order to put what they learn to use, along with working with various organizations to give students internships, hands-on skills and prepare them for their future careers," added Prof. Zabalawi.



## Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait celebrate 25 years of diplomatic ties

By Ben Garcia

**A**s Kyrgyzstan and Kuwait celebrate 25 years of diplomatic relations, the Kyrgyz Embassy yesterday showcased the country by organizing a 'Snow Festival' at the Yarmouk Cultural Center headed by the chief of mission Samargul Adamkulova. The event displayed the best Kyrgyz food products, its traditional tent and the snow mountain festival which warms the Kyrgyz people during winter.

"This year is very special for the relations we've been treasuring for the last 25 years. We want to promote our country to your people so they know that our country is open for tourism. We take pride in the four seasons we enjoy in Kyrgyzstan - the country is amazing and we want to share our greatness with others," Adamkulova said. The highlight of the program yesterday was its traditional instrument played at

the Dar Al-Athar Islamiyya by a Kyrgyz folklore group.

The ambassador also took pride in the country's agriculture products and the launch of Jazeera Airways' direct flights to Kyrgyzstan. "Starting today, a direct flight from Kuwait to Kyrgyzstan will kick off to encourage more Kuwaitis and other

nationals to visit our country. We are lucky that we are in a very good geographical location in terms of Silk Road projects. Come and visit Kyrgyzstan at the soonest. I am also inviting you to visit Osh, the second busiest city in Kyrgyzstan, and we will treat you to the best of Kyrgyz hospitality," she said.



## Festive activities at Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa

**T**he arrival of December brings about lavish festive offerings and the entertaining talent of live performances at Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa. Your family and friends have a variety of choices to indulge in from mouth-watering seafood to sumptuous steaks to even more choices at the resort's award-winning luxurious restaurants and cafe.

Starting with festive season dining on December 24th, the resort offers memorable experiences spent with family and friends indulging in either Garden Cafe's festive buffet.

For a lavish end of the year, indulge in an array of options to create an evening to relish as the night counts down. For an unforgettable night of glamour and elegance, Pepper Steakhouse promises a breath-taking start to 2020 with live screen countdown and an immersive 5-course set menu experience guaranteed

to ensure friends and family start the New Year in majestic style. Over at Olivo Restaurant, a family treat gives a hearty Italian meal for those who love a sense of diverse cultural indulgence. New Year's Eve at Garden Cafe is the place to be for a chic New Year's Eve over an incredible International buffet dinner with spectacular views of the gardens and screen countdown with live DJ for entertainment designed to delight and inspire the whole family with indoors and alfresco seating. For an immersive evening, Mint's poolside BBQ night will deliver not only mouth-watering barbecued ribs, grilled shrimp, smoked meats and sausages, but a live band for entertainment and screen countdown to the New Year by the pool overlooking the sparkling Arabian Gulf Sea.

Those looking to start the year in utmost romance, couples can relish moments with

romantic Gazebo dinner under the stars. One of the closest spots the couple can have to the glistering midnight beach, the private Gazebo is the place to be to redefine how great a New Year's Eve celebration can be. The couple can start the year exceptionally with a gourmet dinner in privacy with complimentary non-alcoholic champagne and roses under the glittering stars. Couples can explore New Year's Eve in their very own secret garden, an evening designed for couples that want to be swept away on a truly special night with a 5-course set menu and romantic tunes under the sky.

At Kuwait's idyllic resort, kids will not only be kept safe in the hotel staff care, they will also be entertained. Children will have a vast array of activities to choose from such as festive arts and crafts. Inner artists will be released with ginger bread house decorations alongside the festive fun with coloring activities. Children can also partake in making their own lanterns.

Guests can escape the holiday craziness this festive season at award-winning Talise Spa with Festive Delight package, where they can indulge in a festive treatment for themselves and unwind with a 50-minute Gold Hammam, 60-minute Amra 24KT gold hot stone massage, 10-minute foot ritual with a complimentary access to facilities and body & hair oil gift. To make the festive season even better, guests can book any 90-minute treatment from an array of choices and enjoy additional complimentary 30 minutes.

Kuwait's idyllic resort seeks to create a December that would live on in every guest's memories with its festive activities.



## CBK organizes recreational day for 'My First Account' clients at Sky Zone

**T**he Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK) recently organized a recreational open day activity for its "My First Account" clients who were invited to the Sky Zone kids area in Al-Rai where they enjoyed various games and activities. The young CBK clients spent a wonderful time in the inner play court where they practiced climbing, scaling, skating and many other recreational games.

The event was organized within CBK's policy which shows great deal of care for clients from various age categories, includ-

ing those of My First Account to bring smiles to their faces and help develop their skills through some educational activities.

The kids were received by Sky Zone marketing staff members who helped arrange the event activities to make the day unforgettable for the young CBK clients. Notably, My First Account is especially designed for children up to 14 years old and is considered the ideal way for parents wishing to save money for their children at an early age and secure their future.

