



His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah received at Bayan Palace Wednesday His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. The Amir also received National Assembly Speaker Marzouq Al-Ghanim. He also received His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah. (KUNA)



Group photo of Boston College students and AUK staff and student tour guides.

#### Educational trip

## Boston college students visit AUK

KUWAIT CITY, March 21: For the 12th consecutive year, AUK hosted visitors that included 14 political science students along with their professor, Dr Kathleen T. Bailey, an Associate Director of Islamic Civilization & Societies Program.

As an educational trip, this visit aimed to supplement their learning for a course they are enrolled in entitled, Kuwait: Intercultural Diplomacy where they are allowed to practically live life in Kuwait through a series of cultural experiences. The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs and several student volunteers organized their tour around cam-

pus by showcasing AUK's recently completed Student Center and other facilities. Their visit concluded at AUK with a lecture on campus by Samer Khanachet, Group Chief Operating Officer of KIPCO.

In commenting on the significance of this opportunity Dr Bailey said, "They see Kuwait, and they have an idea of what this area of the world is like, and it's usually a misconception. Then you come to Kuwait, and it's peaceful and lovely, and people are interested in sharing different ideas. You find that you have much more in common than before." Dr Bai-

ley also noted the ripple effect this could have as it similarly affects different generations throughout the coming years.

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and co-educational liberal arts institution of higher education. The educational, cultural and administrative structure, methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning. The language of instruction is English. More information on the American University of Kuwait can be found at [www.auk.edu.kw](http://www.auk.edu.kw)

## Integrated concept eyed to recruit skilled workers

KBA hires services of Oliver Wyman

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KUWAIT CITY, March 21: In a bid to organize the labor market, reduce the number of workers and reform the demographic structure, the Public Authority for Manpower has proposed an integrated concept to approve skilled workers for 100 professions.

According to an informed source, conducting tests for workers in their countries of origin will now become a basic condition for approval of work permits. The policy will be applied gradually, starting with about ten technical professions including electrical work, carpentry, mechanic, iron bending and other industrial related works.

He said Public Authority for Manpower will engage an international company to carry out the test through approved institutions, not academies, in those countries.

The source declared that the specialized company will collaborate with about 5,500 approved institutes across the world, and three of them are operating in Kuwait.

He stressed that the overseas test will reduce the rate of inflow of mar-

ginal workers into the country particularly into the labor market.

Meanwhile, the Kuwait Banking Association (KBA) has hired the services of Oliver Wyman Company to provide the bank business management consultations to evaluate the present work strategy of the bank including the local clientele's view of the banks, reports Al-Rai daily.

Oliver Wyman helps companies develop corporate strategies to identify and realize opportunities for growth. Whether evaluating a merger, acquisition, investment, or divestiture opportunity.

The sources pointed out the targeted strategy include defining the sourc-

es of worry for the clients in addition to supplying the banks with detailed perspective they need to make decisions in any business environment and ways to find solutions to such.

The sources added, the targeted strategy includes the ways to raise the level of the banking performance in addition to enhancing the communication of the banks with the clients.

The sources went on to say in spite of the social activities carried out by the banks in terms of enhancing the national economy and adopting sustainable policy, they are still in need of re-evaluating their performance and finding ways to develop their services.

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