

## Beyond the fairways: Event captivates with victors and lavish raffle delights

# ABCK-AmCham Kuwait holds their 21st Annual Golf Tournament

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 22: ABCK-AmCham Kuwait held its 21st Annual Golf Tournament on February 2nd at Sahara Kuwait Golf Resort. This Annual Golf Tournament event was sponsored by Gold Sponsor- Eastern United Petroleum Services, Silver Sponsor- Saudi Arabian Chevron, and the event's Exclusive Travel Partner and our newest chairman club member IFA International Travel and Tourism.

The event kicked off with opening remarks from AmCham Kuwait's Chairman, Pete Swift, expressing gratitude to members for their unwavering support and welcoming all participants, encouraging them to enjoy a day of camaraderie and competition.

Following the tournament, an Awards Ceremony and lunch were held, with Swift acknowledging the golfers, hosts, and sponsors for their contributions. He recognized IFA International Travel and Tourism as the Exclusive Travel Partner and applauded Eastern United Petroleum Services, represented by Mr. Partha Chaudhury, and Saudi Arabian Chevron, represented by Mr. Jody Mangus, for their support.

For the next recognitions, Swift recognized the winners of the category awards, starting with the Lon-



Group photo during the ABCK-AmCham Kuwait's 21st Annual Golf Tournament.

gest Drive- won by Benjamin Duroyon, and Closest to the Pin- won by Jamie Urbanek. Consequently, the tournament-winning teams were announced. The third place was earned by the team of Eoin Fitzgerald, Michaela Abey, Steven Bezuindhout, and Darragh Meredith. The second place was earned by the

team of Philip Kotsis, Les Moskaliuk, Dan Leritz, and Aaron Dikos. The first place of the Annual Golf Tournament was earned by the team of David Sims, Scott Dunnings, Harold Yambao, and Mark Assistin.

To wrap up the event, the AmCham Kuwait team conducted a raffle with various enticing prizes. The first set

of prizes included 4 complimentary invitations to Spa Aquatonic, 1 complimentary room at Holiday Inn in Farwaniya, and 1 complimentary 1-night stay at Crowne Plaza in Farwaniya, courtesy of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

In the second raffle, 2 complimentary lunches or dinner buffets at Lamar in the Millennium Hotel for 2 people

were up for grabs. The third raffle offered 2 invitations for dinner at Sintoho restaurant in Four Seasons. Sahara Kuwait generously provided the fourth raffle prize of Four Lessons for newcomers. Fahrenheit Restaurant contributed the fifth raffle prize with 3 vouchers each worth 20 KD for dinner in their Mahboula branch in Spoons.

Safety & Fire Experts sponsored the sixth raffle prize with 2 at-home safety kits. Nova Clinic provided the seventh raffle prize with 5 gift certificates for use at their clinic. The eighth raffle prize featured 1 invitation for 2 to any AmCham Kuwait signature event for 2024. Lastly, the highlight of the event was the raffle prize of one roundtrip economy class ticket to the USA, graciously provided by our Exclusive Travel Partner and Chairman Club member, IFA International Travel and Tourism.

A photo session with the winners, the raffle gift sponsor representatives, and AmCham Kuwait's Chairman concluded the event, as Swift thanked AmCham Kuwait's team and the volunteers for organizing the event.

ABCK-AmCham Kuwait: Is a non-profit organization operating since 1985 and is composed of Fortune 500 corporations, small and medium-sized companies, and prominent business leaders and entrepreneurs, both American and Kuwaiti. ABCK-AmCham Kuwait has acted as an advocate for American interests in the state of Kuwait. For More Information, please visit our website at [www.amchamkuwait.org](http://www.amchamkuwait.org) or follow us on our social media channel @abck1985.

To be always closer to customers and share with them celebration of national days

# NBK offers customers exclusive 20% discounts at X-cite online

## 24/7 access across multiple channels

### KFH continues to serve customers during holiday

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 22: Kuwait Finance House (KFH) continues to provide its banking services around the clock through a group of various technological and digital tools during Kuwait national day and liberation day.

Most of the banking services are available in several channels around the clock, whether through the bank's website, KFH.com, or via the KFHOnline mobile application, or through the KFHGo electronic branches that are spread in many important locations, in addition to the KFH accounts on social media and many E-service channels and KFH branch at Kuwait international airport.

KFH Go branch is considered a new electronic channel that helps transfer normal customer transactions to an innovative automated branch, that provides capabilities that allow customers to benefit from highly efficient banking services.

It includes more than 80% of the services and business provided by the branches in their traditional sense, which makes KFH Go branches the preferred choice for many segments of customers, especially the youth.

KFH GO branches include the XTM device that allows direct video call with service personnel, as well as automatic teller machines and cash deposit machines. The cash deposit machines receive 300 notes per transaction.

Moreover, Customers can perform a variety of interactive banking services through KFH Go's 10 branches located in various places in Kuwait, including Kuwait International Airport, such as: establishing "Murabaha" financing transactions, requesting credit and prepaid cards, updating data and phone numbers, activating bank cards, opening deposits and accounts, instant cheque printing, receiving gold biscuits (10 grams), opening (gold, savings, Al-Rabeh, electron) accounts, online gold purchase and sell, cardless withdrawals using QR code through mobile, or by using Civil ID or phone number, in addition to many other financing and banking services conducted quickly, easily and safely.

The electronic banking services at KFH are also characterized by their high efficiency in addition to ease and safety.

This was evident in the number of electronic banking operations that KFH customers carried out via KFHOnline, on the website or through the mobile application.

The e-banking transactions includes: opening an bank account online for citizens and residents to join become a KFH customer without having to visit the branch, local and telex financial transfers, opening de-



KFH round the clock services

posits, adding beneficiaries, balance inquiry, cheque book request, requesting financing, opening an account, requesting Al-Kheir Card, and checking the PINs for credit and debit cards, activating new bank cards, reporting a lost credit/debit cards, checking the financing obligations and the number of installments, perusal of investment plans, receiving account balances and deposits summary, along with other wide range of digital services.

KFH has recently launched digital signature service in personal financing products through KFH mobile app or desktop from anywhere without having to visit the branch, instant card issuance within 3 minutes, Live FX Pricing, instant cross-border payments service at KFH-Turkey using Ripple's technology and digital Wallet service through smart mobiles and watches which provides advanced and smart digital payment methods according to highly developed security standards in cooperation with Samsung, Fitbit and Garmin.

Meanwhile, the call center continues to provide services around the clock to receive customer calls, listen to their enquiries and respond to them through a qualified and technically advanced staff. KFH provides the automated telephone service 1803333 that works with the same efficiency and speed, to respond to transfers between accounts, inquire about financial operations, pay bills, and recharge Mobile phone cards, along with other services.

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 22: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) always strives to enhance customer banking experience with valuable offers and rewards. In this context, has announced an exclusive discount of 20% on their purchases on X-cite, on the occasion of celebrating the national days.

According to the offer, NBK Visa cardholders will get a 20% discount at X-cite capped at KD 30 for one-time use per customer on National & Liberation days on 25 and 26 February.

The offer will be available on X-cite website and in-app only, with minimum spends of KD 20 made using the following eligible NBK Cards:

- NBK KWT Visa Infinite Credit Card
- NBK-Kuwait Airways Visa Infinite Credit Card
- NBK-Kuwait Airways Visa Signature Credit Card
- NBK Visa Infinite Credit Card
- NBK-KPC Visa Infinite Credit Card
- NBK Visa Signature Credit Card
- NBK Avios Visa Signature Prepaid Card

Commenting on this offer, Bader Al-Janah, Head of Card Products, Consumer Banking Group at National Bank of Kuwait said, "Coinciding with national days celebrations, we are keen to be closer to customers and share with them their joy. To this end, we are providing valuable exclusive offers tailored to meet the needs of their different segments and ages, as we are tirelessly working to keep pace with their changing needs and live up to their evolving expectations."

"NBK maintains solid relationships with leading institutions across different sectors, which we leverage to enhance customer banking experience by delivering top-notch offers, discounts and benefits for unmatched banking experience" he added.

"Service excellence and top-notch customer experience are embedded in NBK's culture. We maintain close communication with customers to identify their needs and expectations,



X-cite National-Liberation Day flyer

and work to fulfill these needs by delivering top-notch services and exclusive offers that even go beyond their expectations for a highly luxurious banking experience," he noted.

"Partnering with National Bank of Kuwait to offer this exclusive discount on Xcite electronics products for the national holidays reflects our commitment to delivering outstanding value and service to our customers. Through this collaboration, we aim to enrich the celebration for our customers by enhancing their shopping experience with us." – Saleem Hammad, Senior General Manager – E-commerce, Alghanim Industries.

NBK Credit Cards offer the best payment method for the convenience and benefits they provide to customers, especially when using them in shopping including NBK Miles Program, NBK Rewards Program as well as Purchase Protection and Extended Warranty and getting the chance to various draws.

# ABK announces Naser Moajab AlHajri as the winner of Alfouz KD 10,000 weekly draw prize

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 22: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) announced Naser Moajab AlHajri as the KD10,000 Alfouz weekly draw winner on Monday, 19 February 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 chances in winning in the upcoming monthly draw winner announcement, which will take place on Tuesday, 27 February 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.

## Exploring Kuwait's press history

### AUK library hosts captivating lecture and exhibition



Photos during the lecture and exhibition hosted by AUK.

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 22: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) library hosted a lecture and exhibition, shedding light on the rich history and evolution of press in Kuwait. Titled "Kuwaiti Press: From Inception to Liberation," the talk featured Mr. Fahad Ghazi Al-Abduljaleel, Chairman of the Kuwait Heritage Society and author of the Encyclopedia of Kuwaiti Press, alongside Mr. Saleh Al Mesbah and Ms. Nada Al-Rifaie.

Mr. Al-Abduljaleel highlighted pioneers who contributed to the development of press in Kuwait such as Abdulaziz Al-Rasheed who established the first Kuwaiti magazine, Majalat Al-Kuwait in 1928. The Kuwaiti students union in Cairo also established Al-Bitha magazine (the mission), which played a prominent role in covering news from Kuwait and allowing students to express their viewpoints on political and social affairs. Additionally, Kuwait published Al-Arabi magazine in 1958 which became a leading cultural magazine in the Arab world and a hub for prominent Arab writers, poets, and intellectuals.

Kuwaiti press did not stop during the invasion but re-emerged as a voice of resistance. Most of the newspapers continued to publish domestic and international editions from various locations abroad such as London, Saudi Arabia, and Cairo. The first edition of "Sawt Al-Kuwait" newspaper was launched during the occupation to support the legitimacy of the government.

The event concluded with a Q&A session and an exhibition showcasing the first issues of various publications dating back to 1928.



PIES winning team.

## PIES achieves back-to-back victory

A team of Grade 12 senior high school students from the Philippine International English School has won again for the second time the most coveted Championship title and for placing third place from the recently held Research-based competition at Gulf University of Science and Technology (GUST). Bested their opponents in the Championship round are Luke Emmanuel Caparros and Althea Samantha Dimapilis

while coming out as third place are Rob Trent Asumen and Sheikha Alexis De Leon.

Shown above are the members of the winning team composed of student-participants together with their teacher-coaches led by Science Coordinator Mr. Kristoffer P. Arroyo, Science teacher Mr. Ivan P. Tolentino, and SHS Department Head Dr. Romel P. Ramos.