



Group photo of AmCham Kuwait's successfully organized Chairman's Club Roundtable dinner.

## Diplomatic ties strengthened as Ambassador Sasahara engages in business discussions

# AmCham Kuwait hosts successful Chairman's Club Roundtable dinner

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 27: AmCham Kuwait successfully organized a Chairman's Club Roundtable dinner and discussion in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy, and in attendance of Her Excellency, U.S. Ambassador Karen H. Sasahara. The dinner was sponsored by Kuwait & Gulf Link and Kuwait Resources House.

Amidst an atmosphere of camaraderie and strategic dialogue, leaders representing various sectors engaged in substantive discussions aimed at fostering partnerships and charting pathways for mutual advancement. The Chairman's Club Roundtable and Dinner served as a platform for exchanging insights and ideas, reinforcing the commitment to bilateral growth and prosperity between Kuwait and the United States.

The evening highlighted the importance of strengthening Kuwaiti-American ties and fostering innovation across industries. Participants seized the opportunity to explore collaborative opportunities, recognizing the transformative potential

inherent in cross-border cooperation.

### Key highlights of the evening included:

**Strategic Dialogues:** Key leaders from business, government, and academia participated in constructive dialogues, exploring opportunities for collaboration and innovation in key sectors.

**Networking Opportunities:** Attendees, including Her Excellency Ambassador Sasahara, engaged in introductions and discussions, fostering connections and sharing insights about their industries and areas of expertise.

This provided an invaluable opportunity for H.E. and other participants to establish new relationships and deepen their understanding of Kuwait's business landscape.

**Acknowledgment of Contributions:** Participants were recognized for their dedication to promoting bilateral relations and economic development between Kuwait and the United States.

"The Chairman's Club Roundtable and Dinner exemplified the spirit of collaboration and shared vision for a brighter future," Pete Swift, The Chairman at AmCham Kuwait. "We are honored to have Her Excellency Ambassador Sasahara join us, underscoring the significance of fostering strong diplomatic and business relations between our nations."

The evening underscored the enduring bonds of friendship and cooperation, reinforcing AmCham Kuwait's commitment to promoting economic empowerment and sustainable development initiatives.

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## Bank reaffirms commitment to education sector

# ABK promotes student products at AUK and AU

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 27: Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait (ABK) reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the education sector by promoting its A+ Student account and ISIC Youth prepaid card at a booth located at the American University of Kuwait (AUK) and Australian University (AU).

Commenting on the Bank's participation, Johair Marafi, General Manager of Retail Banking at ABK, said, "I would like to express our deep commitment to understanding students' needs and providing a distinctive banking experience."

ABK's booth garnered significant interest among students who had the chance to directly engage with the attending representatives to inquire about the Bank's products and services. ABK's team were ready to address questions and provide a valuable opportunity to gain deeper insights into the benefits of these student-centric banking products.

She continued, "We remain keen on providing tailored promotional offers and campaigns for our customers, with a special focus on our youth segment,

in collaboration with various entities from across multiple sectors."

ABK plans to continue to expand its presence at academic institutions and in events to showcase its innovative banking solutions and products to better serve the student community.

Marafi concluded with an invitation to follow the Bank's social media accounts to remain up to date with the latest marketing initiatives and to benefit from the current promotional campaigns and offers.

Since its establishment in 1967, ABK has progressed to become one of the leading Kuwaiti banks in the region that offers a wide array of personal, corporate, and private banking products and services. ABK also provides a broad range of local, regional, and global investment

solutions and services through its subsidiary, ABK Capital.

This is in addition to ABK's three branches located in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) in the United Arab Emirates, servicing both Kuwaiti and Emirati individual and corporate clients.

ABK is a strong supporter of Central Bank of Kuwait and Kuwait Banking Association's 'Let's Be Aware' awareness campaign. Through its various initiatives, the Bank aims to promote financial inclusion by educating Kuwaiti society about customer rights, responsibilities, and the different types of banking and special needs services. Additionally, ABK consistently provides strategic information on how to avoid banking and financial fraud, loan application requirements, digital services, and more.

For more information about ABK, please follow the Bank's Instagram account @abk\_kuwait, visit [eahli.com](http://eahli.com), contact Ahlan Ahli 1 899 899 or visit one of the Bank's branches across Kuwait.



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## Fostering sense of unity among attendees

# Bangladesh Community commemorates Int'l Mother Language Day, Kuwait Liberation Day

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 27: The Bangladesh community in Kuwait came together to organize a vibrant program commemorating International Mother Tongue Day and the Liberation Day of Kuwait on the 22nd and 23rd of February. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of thousands of individuals, fostering a sense of unity and celebration among attendees.

The program was meticulously planned, offering a diverse range of activities to engage the community. On the evening of the 22nd, festivities commenced with a special tribute to International Mother Tongue Day. Esteemed guests delivered inspiring speeches, highlighting the significance of linguistic diversity and cultural heritage. Following the speeches, a local musical band enthralled the audience with a captivating performance, adding a melodious touch to the celebrations.

The following morning, the program continued with a delightful cultural and sweet festival. This segment of the event featured an array of cultural showcases, including traditional dances and performances, showcasing the rich tapestry of Bangladeshi culture. Additionally, children's games added an element of fun and excitement, bringing joy to the youngest members of the community. As a gesture of appreciation and encouragement, gifts were distributed to participating children, further enhancing the festive atmosphere.

Throughout the program, participants exuded warmth and happiness, reflecting the spirit of camaraderie and unity that prevailed during the event. The successful organization of the health program underscored the Bangladesh community's commitment to fostering cultural exchange and strengthening bonds within the Kuwaiti society.

In conclusion, the Bangladesh community in Kuwait demonstrated its ability to host a memorable and impactful event, bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds to celebrate.



Photos from the event.

# KCICAI annual Family Day event brings laughter & outdoor fun to its members

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 27: The Kuwait Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (KCICAI) successfully hosted its annual Family Day. The event, themed "LUDO: Laugh, Unwind & Dabble Outdoors," brought together 450 enthusiastic participants for a day filled with laughter, relaxation, and outdoor activities.

The Family Day aimed to foster a sense of camaraderie among the KCICAI members and their families, providing a platform for them to unwind and create lasting memories. The chosen theme, LUDO, symbolized the spirit of the event - laughter, bonding, and the joy of spending quality time together.

Highlights of the KCICAI Family Day included a variety of outdoor games and activities suitable for all age groups. The Hilton Resort provided a picturesque backdrop for the festivities, enhancing the overall experience for attendees. From engaging team-building exercises to family-friendly competitions, the day was designed to cater to the diverse interests of the KCICAI community.

Mr. Rabin Gonsalves, the Chairperson of KCICAI, expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming response, saying, "The KCICAI Family Day is an annual tradition that brings our members and their families together in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. This year's LUDO theme added a playful touch, encouraging everyone to laugh, unwind, and engage in outdoor activities. It was heartening to see 450 members actively participating and creating cherished memories."



Photos from the event.

The success of the KCICAI Family Day underscored the organization's commitment to promoting a healthy work-life balance and strengthening the bonds within the accounting community.

Another unique feature of the event was a mobile dental clinic provided by Maidan clinic which offered free dental check-ups to the members and kids. This was very well received.



Group photo during the executive meeting.

## Future Eye Film Club inaugurated

On February 16, 2024, the executive meeting of Future Eye Theatre convened at Kala Auditorium in Mangaf. During the session, it was resolved to inaugurate the Future Eye Film Club (FEFC), envisioned by President Santosh Kuttat, aiming to provide a platform for discussing, reviewing, and screening critically acclaimed movies under the Future Eye Theatre banner.

The initiative is set to commence with the screening of "Nomparkood," a film lauded with both the Film Critics Award and the Satyajit Ray Award. The protagonist, portrayed by Mr. Somu Mathew, was previously active in Kuwait's arts and cultural sphere before relocating to India. Furthermore, a post-screening discussion with Mr. Mathew is planned, with details regarding the date and venue to be announced later.

Additionally, it was agreed that short films pro-

duced in Kuwait, as well as those selected for various competitions, will be screened and accompanied by discussions. Invitations for participation will be disseminated by the association, welcoming all interested individuals to reach out to the office bearers.

Furthermore, other resolutions encompass a bi-monthly solo act or short-play theatre performance, with a maximum duration of 15 minutes, featuring artists in Kuwait. Workshops and plays tailored for children were also slated for implementation. Interested parties are encouraged to engage with the office bearers for further details.

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