

Eng Nadoom gives detailed presentation on construction

PMI-AGC organizes site visit to Jaber Al-Ahmed Hospital project

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KUWAIT CITY, Jan 26: The Kuwait branch of the Project Management Institute-Arabian Gulf Chapter (PMI-AGC) organized a site visit Wednesday to the construction site of the ongoing Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Hospital complex project in South-Surra to kick off the start of their activities in 2012 as well as inform the press and the public on the progress of work done so far.

The site visit which was done in the presence of the media also had representatives of the Ministry of Public Works (MPW), PMI-AGC officials, members, professionals as well as members of the general public attending. The visit was aimed at reviewing the valuable lessons learned from the construction of the largest medical center in the state of Kuwait.

PMI director of programs Muhammad Ilyas started the event welcoming all the

attendees and giving a brief overview of PMI Kuwait activities and initiatives of this nature. Ahmed Samir vice president, programs introduced the participants to the PMI-AGC Kuwait branch technical training initiatives.

Engineer Ali Nadoom, Head Engineer and Manager of the Project, represented the Ministry of Public Works, giving a detailed and thorough presentation on the hospital construction and brief on project management aspects during implementation, after which PMI participants and the media were given an onsite tour of the hospital construction site.

The one billion dollar (KD 304 million) hospital project which is being built on an area of 469,37 square meters was designed by Langdon Wilson in association with Gulf Consult and executed by Arab Contractors, ranked number 66 among construction firms in the world. The project started in December 2009 and expected to take four years to complete in December 2013 under the over-

sight of the Ministry of Public Works (MPW).

Located at the north-west gate way in the South-Surra ministries zone, the project aiming to serve the estimated 600,000 population of the Surra area and surrounding neighborhood when completed will as well as being the largest medical center and trauma unit in the Middle East will also be the biggest single-structure healthcare facility with 1,168 bed capacity and set to provide state-of-the-art medical services using the most advanced medical equipment available.

Key elements of the project include Hospital, Dental Center, Central Plant, Residences, Shelter, underground parking totaling more than 720,000 sq meters in floor space, 300-seat auditorium with conference rooms, a medical mall connecting patient towers and treatment facilities and creates public space for administrative offices, lounges, roof-gardens, cafeterias, gift

shops, auditorium lobby, prayer rooms, interior design that focuses on sustainability, flexibility as well as the use of natural light.

The project, part of the eighteen-billion-dollar (\$18b) Kuwait Development Plan announced by the government in 2010, is a major contribution towards the Kuwait Ministry of Health's long-term strategy to provide the highest quality of healthcare available to the people. In addition the hospital's technologically advanced auditorium and sophisticated conference rooms promise to advance the field of Medical education by providing ample space for lectures and seminars on various medical practices.

With the highest point at about 20 meters, the project which is currently 23%-completed stands to be the tallest structure within the locality when fully completed. The number of employees required for the hospital will be at least 5,000 comprising of doctors, nurses and so forth. The car park will accommodate

a total of 5,000 cars. There will also be a pool of 50 ambulances to take care of the "Golden Hour" in trauma cases where the patient is to be transferred from an accident or emergency site to the hospital within an hour for resuscitation.

Using a software called the Prolog Manager that makes the project site a "Paper-Zero" one and ensures impeccable documentation management, the MPW aims to save the government millions of Dinars from frivolous claims after the project.

A unique feature of the project, according to Eng. Nadoom is the electro-mechanical area which he described as the heart of the project; it takes about a third of the total cost (KD 100 Million) and will contain among other equipment forty-four power generators, each with a capacity of 2,700 KVA. The stand-by generators are meant to provide back-up power to the entire facility for eleven continuous days in the event of disruptions in the main grid.

Vice-President Public Relations & Membership Mrs Iman H. Al-Gharabally, thanked the host and Project Manager of the Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah Hospital Ali Nadoom and his team for providing the opportunity to PMI Kuwait members to learn and acquire insight to the project construction and lessons learned.

While the PMI-AGC was formed in 1992, Within Kuwait, PMI related activities were started in 2002 in coordination with PMI-AGC. The PMI-AGC Kuwait Team was formed in September 2006 and has been active ever since serving the needs of the local members and industry while improving awareness of the tools and practices of project management.

PMI-AGC has seen substantial growth since its inception and currently has more than 4000 active members. The chapter has 6 regional teams throughout the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries; in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and UAE.



Photo by Ahmad Al-Naqeeb
Engineer Nadoom giving a presentation.



KUNA photo
Komizo (right), with the KUNA reporter.

Kuwaiti aid to Japan after quake 'largest'

The Kuwaiti donations to Japan of five million barrels of crude oil, following the earthquake that hit the country was the largest compared to other nations, Japanese Ambassador to Kuwait Yasuyoshi Komizo said Thursday.

An economic report that was published by the Japanese ministry of finance on Wednesday indicated that Kuwait's surplus of trade with Japan exceeded 20.9 percent, compared to 2011, Komizo told KUNA.

This surplus was a result of the Kuwaiti offer to Tokyo of five million barrels of crude oil, leaving a positive effect on Japanese people and businessmen, he affirmed.

The Kuwaiti-Japanese ties are deep-rooted, dating back to more than 50 years, he stated.

The ambassador hailed the democracy cherished and freedom of speech enjoyed by the Kuwaiti society. "Democracy in Kuwait is considered the oldest between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries," he stated.

As for upcoming elections in Kuwait, slated for February 2, the diplomat called on Kuwaitis to cast their votes with wisdom and in the best way to serve the society. (KUNA)

KPC to recruit 1,200 engineers after the formation of new govt

Water purification project to be completed in Feb: KNPC

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 26: The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) intends to recruit 1,200 engineers after the National Assembly elections and the formation of the new government, reports Al-Huriyah daily quoting KPC Chief Executive Officer Eng Farouq Al-Zanki.

Al-Zanki made the announcement in the recently-concluded monthly meeting of the Kuwait Society of Engineers in its headquarters. He explained the corporation needs 2,500 engineers with various fields of specialization to implement its 2030 strategy.

Affirming the necessity to increase the number of engineers by 70 percent, Al-Zanki said the corporation will advertise the vacancies at the appropriate time. He added KPC requires highly-qualified employees, particularly the petrochemical, environmental and industrial engineers. He disclosed the corporation accommodated all the mechanical engineers who applied earlier.

"We are keen on implementing the strategy to realize our vision of producing four million barrels per day by 2030. We currently have about 16,000 employees - 70 percent of whom are engineers. We want to increase the number through a certain mechanism that we have started using," Al-Zanki added.

Agencies add:

The Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) expects its KD 55 million refinery water purification project to be completed by the end of February.

The project is in the initial operation stage, having been started at the Abdullah Port refinery, Chairman and Managing Director, Fahad Al-Ajmi told a press conference at the Scientific Centre.

KNPC is spending huge portions of its yearly budget, estimated at around 20 pct, on environmentally-friendly projects.

The state-run company also hopes to execute two giant projects, including the fourth local refinery and the environmental fuel project.

The Kuwaiti oil minister has been briefed on the importance of these two projects, and that delaying them would not be in the best interests of the oil sector or the country, Al-Ajmi noted.

He expected the launch date to be sometime in early March, following the formation of a new government, adding that the eventual total refining capacity in Kuwait will reach 1.4 million barrels-a-day from the current production of 936,000 barrels-a-day.

On local job opportunities, he said that the company employed 500 nationals in the last five months.

Meanwhile, as part of efforts to enlarge and modernize its tanker fleet, Kuwait plans to sign a number of contracts with giant international builders of oil tankers in the coming thirty days for building nine new tankers.



Photos by Rizk Taufik

Top and above: Some photos from the event.

Egyptians mark 1st 'versary of revolution

By Shawki Mahmoud
Special to the Arab Times

The revolution that erupted in Egypt on Jan 25, 2011 was like an earthquake which turned the country upside down and made a huge difference in its history, Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Abdulkarim Suleiman said in a party he organized

Wednesday at the Egyptian Embassy on the occasion of the first anniversary of the revolution.

Several personalities from the Ministry of Affairs, diplomatic corps and embassy staff attended the event.

Speaking at the event, Suleiman asserted the international community's view on Egypt changed after the

revolution. He pointed out the whole world witnessed how the Egyptians stood as one, hoping for a brighter future. He confirmed the revolution led to the discovery of the real Egyptian character, especially when the youth demanded for freedom and social justice, while rejecting all forms of injustice, whether political, economic or social.

'Kuwait gets best Arab press freedom ranking'

PARIS, Jan 26, (KUNA): Reporters Without Borders (RWB) has ranked Kuwait the best Arab country in terms of press freedom in 2011.

In its annual press freedom index for 2011, released here on Wednesday, the organization said Kuwait rating rose nine places, when compared to 2010, to the 78th position among the world countries.

Kuwait came 15 places above the closest Arab country, namely Lebanon which ranked 93rd, while Lebanon ranked ahead of Kuwait in the 2010 index.

The other Gulf countries had variant

rankings with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) retreating by 25 places to the 112th position, Qatar standing at 114th place, Oman - 119th, Saudi Arabia - 158th, and Bahrain 173th place.

Tunisia's rating rose 30 places to 134 while Egypt retreated 39 places to the 166th position.

Syria's ranking continued its downward trend to the 176th position, just above the worst rankings of Turkmenistan, North Korea and Eritrea.

Finland maintained top ranking followed by Norway, Estonia, Holland,

Austria, Iceland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Cape Verde and Canada.

The United States lost 27 places to the 47th position due to the arrest of large numbers of reporters who were covering the protests of Occupy Wall St. movement last year.

Germany ranked 18th, Britain 28th, France 38th, Spain 39th and Italy 61st.

"This year's index sees many changes in the rankings, changes that reflect a year that was incredibly rich in developments, especially in the Arab world," the RWB report noted.

'Quake victims in Turkey'

Kuwait contributes \$250,000

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 26, (KUNA): The State of Kuwait has contributed \$250,000 to support UNICEF's humanitarian response to victims of the Van earthquake in Turkey, the fund said.

"The support was announced by His Excellency Mansour Ayyad Al-Otaibi, Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations," said the press release, issued late on Tuesday.

On Oct 23, 2011, an earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale hit the province of Van in eastern Turkey. Some 604 people were killed and over 4,000 injured as dozens of buildings, including multi-story apartment blocks and schoolteachers' lodgings, collapsed or were seriously damaged.

Due to continuing seismic activity and the assumption that most buildings have been damaged and weakened, much of the population in the affected areas, resided by 600,000 people, almost half of them children, were effectively left homeless.

Normal life has not resumed as tens of thousands of people have left the region. Of these, about 35,000 are accommodated in state guest houses and other public buildings in other provinces. Most survivors remain in the region, living in tents, tent cities or in some cases container homes, in harsh winter conditions, pending other arrangements.

UNICEF's response to this emergency has been prioritising interventions in the areas of education and child protection, concentrating its efforts in helping schoolchildren and children up to five years of age to regain a sense of normalcy in the aftermath of the emergency.

Kuwait Today

Prayer Timings

Fajr 05:18 am
Sunrise 06:40
Zohr 12:01 pm
Asr 03:00
Maghrib 05:22
Isha 06:41

Weather

Expected weather for the next 24 hours:
By Night: Partly cloudy with light to moderate south easterly wind, with speed of 10-30 km/h.
By Day: Sunny with moderate freshening at times south easterly wind, with speed of 20-40 km/h with a chance for blowing dust over open areas.

Kuwait Weather

Station	Max	Min
Kuwait City	20	15
Kuwait Airport	20	10
Nuwaisiyyah	21	11
Wafra	20	10
Salmi	21	10
Abdaly	21	08
Jalaliyyah	20	11
Falilaka	18	14
Ahmedi Port	16	15
Umm Al-Maradem	18	16
Warba-Bubiyah	18	12

4-days forecast - Weather

Friday, Jan 27
Expected weather.....sunny+blowing dust
Max Temp.....24C
Min Temp.....10C
Wind Direction.....SE
Wind Speed.....20-40 km/h

Saturday, Jan 28

Expected weather.....sunny+blowing dust
Max Temp.....20C
Min Temp.....08C
Wind Direction.....NW
Wind Speed.....20-45 km/h

Sunday, Jan 29

Expected weather.....temperature will decrease
Max Temp.....16C
Min Temp.....05C
Wind Direction.....NW
Wind Speed.....15-40 km/h

Monday, Jan 30

Expected weather.....scattered clouds
Max Temp.....18C
Min Temp.....02C
Wind Direction.....NW
Wind Speed.....08-30 km/h

Marine Forecast

Station	Max	Min	Sea	Today's	Waves	Direction
South Dolphin	15	10	13	5ft	NW	
Ahmad LV	18	10	15	5ft	NW	
Beacon M28	16	10	13	5ft	NW	
Beacon NE	14	8	5ft	NW		
Umm Al-Maradem	18	16	5ft	SE		
Sea island Buoy	17	13	15	5ft	NW	
Salmiyah	15	11	5ft	NW		
Jalali Port	19	9	5ft	NW		

4-day forecast - Marine

Friday, Jan 27
Expected weather.....sunny+blowing dust
Sea state.....moderate to rough
Wave height.....3-6 ft
Max Temp.....24C
Min Temp.....10C
Wind Direction.....SE
Wind Speed.....20-40 km/h

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Expected weather.....sunny+blowing dust
Sea state.....moderate to rough
Wave height.....3-6 ft
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Wind Direction.....NW
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Min Temp.....05C
Wind Direction.....NW

Wind Speed.....15-40 km/h

Monday, Jan 30

Expected weather.....scattered clouds
Sea state.....slight to moderate
Wave height.....1-4 ft
Max Temp.....18C
Min Temp.....02C
Wind Direction.....NW
Wind Speed.....08-30 km/h

Tide times at Shuwaikh Port

1st high tide:.....01:45
2nd high tide:.....15:00
1st low tide:.....20:15
2nd low tide:.....08:55
Sunrise:.....06:41
Sunset:.....17:21

Recorded yesterday at Kuwait Airport

Max temp.....19C
Min temp.....02
Max Rh.....57%
Min Rh.....14%
Max Wind.....9.21 km/h
Total Rainfall in 24 hr.....00 mm

Recorded yesterday at South Dolphin

Min/Max Air Temp.....10/15C
Min/Max Rel Hum.....33/69%
Wind Direction/Wind Speed.....W/19 km/h
Prev Wave Dir/Max Wave Ht.....N/1 ft
Min/Max Sea Surface Temp.....13/14
Sea Current.....Upwelling
— Director General of Civil Aviation, Meteorological Dept.

deaths

Hamid Naif Fazaal Al-Hindal, 66 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Hadiya, Block 3, St 1, House 33, Tel: 99865923. (Women) Ferdos, Block 1, St 1, Avenue 9, House 23, Tel: 24891335.
Meshaal Abdulla Jaseem Al-Sadah, 35 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Dahiyat Abdullah Al-Salem, Block 4, St 43, House 13, Tel: 99663629. (Women) Qadisiya, Block 2, St 27, House 7, Tel: 22518708. **Shaha Hamad Al-Saleh**, wife of Abdul Aziz Ibrahim Al-Remaih, 74 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Nuzha, Block 2, St 23, House 37, Tel: 22510346. (Women) Nuzha, Block 1, St 10, House 1, Tel: 22541525. **Fuad Khaleel Ali**, 40 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: Rumaithiya, Block 3, Huseiniyat Al-Qaem, Tel: 99139999, 99910048. **Bena Thawi Radi Al-Nassafi**, 81 years old, to be buried on Friday after Asr prayers. Condolences: Ferdos, Block 3, St 1, Avenue 1, House 1, Tel: 66801726. **Ali Husein Abdullah Al-Baghli**, 44 years old, buried on Thursday. Condolences: (Men) Mansouriya, Huseiniyat Al-Yasin, Tel: 66660223. (Women) Jabriya, Block 7, St 102, House 13, Tel: 65777766.

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