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Kuwaiti men break the mold, seek to become topnotch chefs

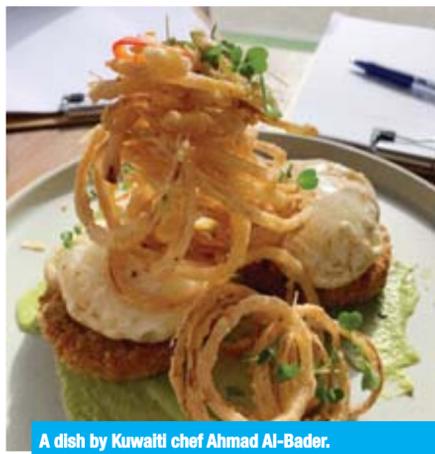
Chef credits female relatives for teaching him secrets to excellent cooking



KUWAIT: Kuwaiti chef Ziyad Hamada. —KUNA photos



A seafood dish by Kuwaiti chef Ziyad Hamada.



A dish by Kuwaiti chef Ahmad Al-Bader.



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KUWAIT: Usually men in Kuwait seek jobs that are more akin to their abilities and social status; however, there are many who venture forward towards realizing their dreams in becoming topnotch chefs. In their gatherings and even on social media, those Kuwaiti men not only know the names of local and international dishes, they also provide intricate details about how to cook the said meals and what were the best materials used to reach that 'finger-licking' taste.

"I first began cooking for family and friends before venturing on to the masses

and opening a restaurant," chef Ziyad Hamada said. Hamada, who specializes in Kuwaiti cuisine at a famous hotel, said that he was interested in becoming a chef since he was a little boy. The chef indicated that his first teachers were his female relatives who taught him the secrets of cooking excellent Kuwaiti meals. Hamada added that he was curious about the process of cooking, asking questions whenever he ate a delicious 'Machbous Dajaj' (rice topped with chicken) or any other Kuwaiti meal.

The Kuwaiti chef affirmed that he

developed his skills locally by joining the cooking staff of a well-known hotel and working for 13 hours daily. Chef Hamada also indicated he went on various specialized courses abroad to add to his arsenal. On his future plans, Hamada said that he would hope to open a cooking academy catering to the needs of local chefs and developing their skills in the food service sector.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Al-Bader, another Kuwaiti chef and owner of a number of local restaurants, said that the future of promoting the profession was in attract-

ing youths. He affirmed that becoming a chef was a legitimate profession for Kuwaitis that would reward those who have a passion for cooking, indicating that his parents and family played a huge role in encouraging him to seek work in the food industry. Bader also called on Kuwaiti youths to seek ventures beyond cooking whether they were interested in carpentry, sewing, or mechanics, stressing that it was about time that Kuwaitis pursued their passions rather than settling for jobs beyond their scope of interest. — KUNA



Kuwaiti chef Ahmad Al-Bader.

Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai organizes session

By Ben Garcia

KUWAIT: Under the patronage of the Swiss Embassy Kuwait, the Swiss International Scientific School in Dubai (SISD), one of the leading boarding schools in the GCC region, organized an exclusive session to help parents and students learn more about the school and its unique offerings. The event was held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Salwa. The school hopes to encourage Kuwaitis and other nationals to fulfill their academic dreams and consider a full boarding school in Dubai - which is 'closer' to their home - taking pride in its academic excellence and perfect facilities for students.

SISD offers a full boarding scheme which includes tuition, accommodation, all meals and snacks, airport transfers, three internal after-school activities per week, selection of weekend activities, evening activity program, student visa, books and exams fees, one set of uniform, use of all school facilities and dry cleaning.

SISD is a Dubai-based private school offering multi-lingual (French, German, English and Arabic) education through the full International Baccalaureate (PYP, MYP, DP) and Swiss Matura curriculum from Pre-KG to Grade 11 (Grade 12 opening in 2019 pending KHDA approval). It is a unique international day and boarding school where future generations are inspired to become confident and enthusiastic lifelong learners, ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges in a global world. The school is supported by the Swiss canton of Valais in terms of professional development for teachers, exchanges on best practices and learning resources.



KUWAIT: (From left) Nathan Edwards from SISD, the Ambassador of Switzerland Dr Benedict Gubler and Caterina Perlini from SISD.



(From left) The Ambassador of Switzerland Dr Benedict Gubler and Clethe Gubler with Fred Abou Saada and Caterina Perlini from SISD.

DUBAI SME, Kuwaiti Business Council discuss franchise rights

DUBAI: 'DUBAI SME' and the Kuwaiti Business Council in Dubai yesterday discussed technical aspects related to commercial franchise operations in a dialogue session attended by more than 120 interested entrepreneurs. The Dubai Entrepreneurship Academy, the educational arm of the Mohammed bin Rashid Establishment for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises, organized the session in order to convey the experience of entrepreneurs and share their successes and their entrepreneurial journey with those interested in entering the business world. The discussion focused on the importance of franchise and how it is different from other areas of investment such as commercial agencies and what is the right mechanism for obtaining successful commercial franchise opportunities. It also discussed the ability to assess franchise opportunities and reduce risks, as well as addressing the future of commercial excellence in light of the growth of e-commerce and the possibility of young people in the Gulf region to create brands that can expand regionally and globally. —KUNA



DUBAI: A decision panel held during the session. — KUNA

NBK grants John's wish to be a performer



KUWAIT: National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) continues its 'I Dream to Be' initiative, a first-of-a-kind initiative that aims at granting wishes of children with severe illnesses around Kuwait, giving them the chance to live their dreams.

John Daniel, who is undergoing treatment at NBK Hospital, has always dreamt to sing and become a performer as it is his passion and number one hobby. NBK Public Relations approached the Kuwaiti talent Zak Al-Mousawi whom with his band helped in making John's dream come true.

NBK's family arranged a concert for John at NBK's Children Hospital attended by his friends, the doctoral board, patients and families, where he had the chance to sing and entertain. NBK managed to prepare an effigy for "HULK", John's favorite character as part of the surprise which encouraged him to perform and enjoy the surprise.

"John's dream to perform and sing is yet another wish granted through NBK's initiative 'I Dream to Be'. We are proud to be a part of the children's wishes and expand our support to them as much as possible to fulfill their

dreams," said Joanne Al-Abdul Jaleel, NBK Public Relations Officer. "The 'I Dream to Be' initiative is a lifetime experience for children," she added. "This initiative is a great way to spread joy and show that there's always a positive side to a difficult situation."

NBK gives top priority to children through its commitment to its corporate social responsibility. NBK works closely with the Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospitals (KACCII), Bayt Abdullah for the Care of Children in Hospice (BACCII) and several other special needs organizations to maximize its reach to all the children in numerous hospitals and schools through its 'I Dream to Be' initiative.

NBK has been at the forefront of supporting Kuwait's community through a range of initiatives towards education, health, sports and social responsibilities. The establishment of NBK's Children Hospital stands as one of many ongoing corporate social initiatives towards health and children. 'I Dream to Be' aims at focusing and supporting NBK's efforts towards children and addressing their needs as much as possible.

Tajikistan eager to contribute to Kuwait Vision

KUWAIT: A Tajik official said that his country was willing to contribute to Kuwait's Vision 2035, an ambitious development plan launched by His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah. Tajik Minister of Transport Khudoyorzoda Khudoyor said that his country's own development vision was similar to the Kuwaiti one, affirming that the two nations could be working together to realize their plans especially within the electrical power domain. Tajikistan is home for the soon to be opened Rogun Dam, which expected to be the highest structure of its kind in the world by 2020, indicated minis-

ter Khudoyor who affirmed that his country was willing to lend its expertise to Kuwait if needed. The minister lauded the relations with Kuwait, calling it 'highly exceptional.' The Tajik Transport minister welcomed Kuwaiti investments in his country especially within the infrastructural and transportation sectors. The official revealed that building roads in his country was a costly venture, adding that Kuwait, through the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), had contributed to the construction and renovation of significant highways in Tajikistan at a cost of nearly \$51 million. The KFAED also is providing assistance to help Tajikistan to build roads linking the country to other nations in the region including China, Afghanistan and others. The Tajikistan government had embarked on a strategy building and renovating roads, bridges, railways, and airports to bolster the economy of the country and link its parts together. — KUNA