

What's On



VIVA inaugurates store at Kuwait International Airport - T1

VIVA, a world-class digital leader providing innovative services and platforms to customers and enabling the digital transformation in Kuwait, and a subsidiary of STC Group, has inaugurated its revamped store at Kuwait International Airport - T1 in presence of the CEO of VIVA Eng Maziad Nasser Al Harbi, the Vice President - Operations of UPAC Eng Hamad Malallah and executives. The opening of this branch comes under the umbrella of VIVA's new expansion strategy featuring latest customer service innovations.

The branch features VIVA's latest solutions for digital services and entertainment through VIVA Digital Branch solution, 5G station experience and gaming zone. Moreover, the branch will serve all passengers traveling through the airport, and VIVA's agents will be available 24/7 to assist customers and respond to their inquiries.

VIVA Digital Branch solution meets with the

desires of shifting from a transactional mindset to the ones that put customer servicing and advisory functions first. It enables VIVA to provide a true experience with the right mix between a physical branch and advanced technology. It offers many services including checking balance, recharging line, paying bills and replacing SIM card. It redefines the role of the branch in the digital age where customer experience is paramount.

By applying this value-added digital banking technology, VIVA will create authenticated, frictionless customer journeys and turn traditional branches to technologically fully equipped branches. The increase in customer base requires continuous revamping of VIVA's stores and other channels to keep up with the customers' requirements and ensure their needs are fulfilled, and provide them with the best services and products according to the latest and best standards in the world of technology.



Al Mulla Int'l Exchange announces iPhone winners

Contemplating to buy a new iPhone Pro Max? Do a remittance from Al Mulla Exchange instead. If you are an Al Mulla Exchange online customer who transfers money through Al Mulla Exchange App or website, you will get a chance to win the latest iPhone 11. The promotion is for online customers who have a chance to win an iPhone every week. The grand prize is iPhone Pro Max, an Apple watch and Air pods.

As of November 12, six iPhone 11 Pro Max were given to Somasunadaram Valliappan, Waleed Ahmed Al Rashidi, Saif Nasser Kamees Al Ajmi, Maria Jinky Fernandez,



Zahabiya K Shergarhwala and Haneen Sulaiman Ali Al Otabibi. The promotion will select winners every week. There are no coupons to be filled. All successful online transactions done through Al Mulla Exchange App or website enter automatically into the draw. The remaining draw dates are on Nov 19 and 26 and the grand prize will be announced on December 3, 2019.

The draw is in part of a campaign to reward loyal Al Mulla Exchange customers who use the app and online services. Al Mulla Exchange was the first to launch the

remittance app in Kuwait. The online portal and app are packed with a lot of features including foreign currency delivery, which allows customers to have their foreign currency of choice to be delivered to a place of their choice, place orders for receiving alerts when market rate matches desired rate, get personalized rates based on history and pattern of transactions, add new beneficiaries of choice, send money even when outside of Kuwait. In addition to the above, with the latest feature, the customer also gets to know the delivery of funds to the account.

Economic factors behind Horeca Kuwait development

Leaders Group Company for Consultancy and development's general manager, Nabila Al-Anjeri stressed that there are several economic factors behind the development of Horeca Kuwait, which is due to launch its 9th cycle at Mishref International Fair Ground in the period of January 20-22, 2020. As head of the organizing committee, Al-Anjeri explained that the economic factors include:

- 1- The exhibition's focus on three major economic factors including food and beverage industries, the hotels, restaurants and aviation sector and the logistic services sector.
- 2- The constantly increasing market value of the above sectors as Kuwait is currently witnessing the highest food industries annual growth rate in GCC states with 9.6 per cent. She added that despite regional tension, new billions worth hotel projects are being built in Kuwait in addition to increasing Kuwait airport capacity to around 25 million passengers.
- 3- Horeca Kuwait has made its own outstanding place on regional exhibitions map, which earned Kuwait international reputation.

Moreover, Al-Anjeri stressed that in collaboration with the Hospitality Service Company, Leaders Group man-



aged to lay the foundation for strong ties with hospitality manufacturers in Kuwait and succeed in providing first of its logistic and technical services. Further, Al-Anjeri expiated demand for tourism and hospitality services to increase in Kuwait with the few coming years in view of the increase of per capita income, the strength of Kuwait's economy, growth of investment spending rates to KD 53 billion, developing the private sector, reducing hurdles and involving both public and private sectors in certain projects through the PPP agency.



Kuwait Kids TV introduced a new addition to its programs, and broadcasted the first weekly Kids News in the Arab World, which includes world news, in addition to weather, sports and entertainment. The episode was presented by a group of talented children Bader Al-Muzaiel, Aknan Al-Mansouri, Rakan Al-Qabandi, Dalal Al-Adl, Jana Al-Failakawi, and Hamad Al-Nouri was the director. The idea was the brain child of Dr Nermin Al-Houti, who is an associate professor at the theatrical art and critique at the Higher Institute for theatrical arts. Al-Houti wrote to the Information Minister in January who welcomed the idea, and the general supervisor of the Kids TV Sultan Al-Maimouni was asked to bring the idea to reality. Dr Nermin Al-Houti heads the preparation team of this children's newscast.

ICSK Senior organizes Gyanotsav

On November 7, 2019, The Indian Community School (ICSK) Senior, sculpted out a pedagogic pageant named "Gyanotsav" in the senior school campus. This mega event was a wholesome display of zeal, artistry and expertise of the young talents of ICSK Senior. Observing the 150th birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, the elemental essence of Gyanotsav-2019, was Gandhian principles and academia. The Chief Guest for this mega event was the Ambassador of Canada to Kuwait Louis Pierre Emond.

The other special dignitaries were Roma Khetrapal, the award winning author from Los Angeles and the ex-alumni of ICSK, the esteemed members of the Board of Trustees of ICSK, honorable Chairman Shaik Abdul Rahiman, honorable Secretary Azharuddin Amer Mohammed and honorable Joint

Secretary Agnelo Antonio Sebastio Fernandes, R Ajith Kumar-Principal of United Indian School, Dr Achutan Madhav - Principal of Jabriya Indian School and Johnny Kunnil, Ramesh [CEO, ONCOST] were the other guests. The inaugural ceremony got the ball rolling with the Islamic prayer followed by the Kuwait, Canadian and Indian national anthems sung by the ICSK Senior school choir, Swaranjali.

Dr V Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK Senior, extended a warm welcome to the chief guest and other notable dignitaries. The mega event was inaugurated by lighting of the lamp by Louis Pierre Emond. Dr V Binumon, Principal along with Susan Rajesh, Vice Principal and Mini Shaji Deputy Vice Principal, ICSK Senior accompanied the chief guest to the dais. A video presentation was displayed in the inaugural ceremony highlighting the bilateral relations between India and Canada that left the audience enlightened. The Canadian ambassador inspired and motivated the entire crowd while he addressed the gathering. The spectators were left enraptured by the beautiful rendition of a song sung by Swaranjali written by Gandhiji.



KAICO sponsors French Alp' Fest in Kuwait

Kuwait Automotive Imports Company WLL (KAICO - AlShaya AlSagar), the distributor of Michelin tires recently sponsored the 1st Alp' Fest at the Radisson Blu Hotel on October 27 and 28. The high profile event was inaugurated by the mayor of the French City of Evian-les-Bains, Josiane Lei who was accompanied by a delegation of rep-

resentatives of the French Alpine Savoie region.

At this two-day event, where French cuisine and touristic attraction of the Alps region were showcased, KAICO had the opportunity to display the latest Michelin tires door to door onsite service trucks along with actual tires. Ashish Tandon, General Manager at KAICO said: "At KAICO - AlShaya AlSagar, we have had a very fruitful partnership with two iconic French brands - Michelin tires and Peugeot. Our French connection made sponsoring this event a natural fitment."

Sadiq Ali, Divisional Manager for tires and lubes in KAICO also added, "KAICO - AlShaya AlSagar is the first company in Kuwait to start a door to door service for tires, and now with five mobile service trucks for Michelin tires, Energizer Battery and Mobil Oil."

Notice

The TIES Center cordially invites you to our Tafseer class (Divine Wisdom from the Last Testament) on November 18, at 7 pm. In this class, we will focus on verses 1 and 2 of Surat Al-Mujadilah (She who argued). We will discuss some types of divorce that were prevalent during the Ignorance Period (Jahiliyya), their

implications, and how Islam abrogated them. We will also learn about Khawlah bin Tha'la's complaint, how and why Allah (SWT) supported her from on high, and what Umar ibn al-Khattab, the second Caliph, said about her. Finally, we will discuss how women, without protests and strikes, got their sacred rights in Islam, and explore various aspects of those intrinsic rights. Come and learn more about the Book of Allah (SWT) in a serene, friendly and encouraging environment.