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## Editorial

### Happy New Year

While we bid farewell to 2019 and welcome 2020, and before we talk about our achievements during the last year and our aspirations for the new year, we would like to extend our highest appreciation and compliments to HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince, HH the Prime Minister, we pray to Allah to protect them, the Kuwaiti people and all KOTC's staff, wishing the New Year to bring all happiness, welfare, progress and prosperity to our dear homeland.

During 2019, we have achieved many targets that helped our Company to achieve more progress. One of the most important achievements is the fleet renewal project to build eight oil tankers, which are expected to be completed early in 2021. This Project is within KPC's Fleet Renewal Project, in which the first promises of this Project was the delivery of the giant LPG tanker "Gas Al-Mubarkiya" from Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. during last November.

In addition, we are proud of obtaining "The Best Oil Tanker Operator" Award in the marine industry in the Middle East & Indian Subcontinent granted by "Maritime Standard". KOTC has won this award for the fifth time in succession since 2015 which confirms our continuous success in managing and operating our fleet very efficiently, in addition to having a modern fleet that operates according to the latest international technology in the field of shipping with the highest standards of Safety and Security.

We are also proud of culminating the efforts of KOTC and its staff through granting Mr. Bader Al-Khashti, KOTC Chairman, "Lifetime Achievement Award" by Seatrade Maritime – Middle East, Indian Subcontinent & Africa within the activities of Maritime Week Ceremony held in Dubai last, in recognition of his remarkable achievements during assuming an executive position in the Company, in addition to be the KOTC Chairman for successive periods, in which many achievements at the regional and global levels in the marine industry have been achieved.

We wish that we will continue to achieve more accomplishments during 2020, increase our aspirations and reach internationality through our success as one team.

**Ali Abduljalil Shehab**  
Acting CEO

*Under the patronage and in the presence of KPC CEO*

## Signing the giant LPG tanker "Gas Al-Mubarkiya" delivery contract

Under the auspices and in the presence of KPC CEO Mr. Hashem Hashem, KOTC Acting CEO Mr. Ali Shehab, and Mr. Cheol Oh, Officer-in-Charge of the Korean Embassy to Kuwait, KOTC held a ceremony to sign the giant LPG tanker "Gas Al-Mubarkiya" delivery contract from Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. Dr. Abdelhadi Ahmed, Manager Commercial Group, welcomed the attendees and congratulated the Company on this occasion, saying that "Gas Al-Mubarkiya" is the first LPG tanker of modern shipbuilding projects. He added that the building of the Tanker commenced on November 20, 2018, and was delivered on November 7, 2019, i.e. after 11 months and a half, and this is a very significant achievement. It took place on November 7, 2019.



■ Mr. Ali Shehab and Hyundai's representative sign "Gas Al-Mubarkiya" contract

He said " We are very pleased today to announce that the Tanker's marine and gas tests have been successfully completed and its performance during these tests was satisfactory for the Company, adding that they are confident that the Tanker will continue with the same performance during the use period. He said that there is a famous saying says "There are no secrets to success and do not waste your time looking for those who surround you. Success lies in hard work, to benefit from mistakes, to be loyal to those you work with, and insisting on reaching your objectives"

In conclusion, he wished the Company, Projects Management Team, and Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. progress and success in building the rest tankers.

**"Dr. Abdulhadi Ahmed: The Tanker's marine and gas tests have been successfully completed"**



■ Dr. Abdulhadi Ahmed delivers the speech of the ceremony



■ Bader Al-khashti, the Korean Embassy's representative and Mr. Hashem Hashem during the signing ceremony



■ Mr. Ali Shehab, Mr. Hashem Hashem and Hyundai's representative

## Shehab: We pray to Allah for smooth and safe sailing to "Gas Al-Mubarkiya"

For his part, and after signing the contract, Mr. Ali Shehab congratulated all the Company staff on receiving the modern giant LPG tanker "Gas Al-Mubarkiya" and thanked all those who contributed to the success of this great event through their sincere and tireless efforts, praying to Allah Almighty for smooth and safe sailing to the Tanker and its crew during its service and protect them from all evil.



■ Mr. Hashem Hashem welcoming the Korean Embassy's representative



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■ Photo of Mr. Ali Shehab and Mr. Jamil Al-Ali with the Company staff



*In the presence of DCEO of Finance and Administration Affairs*

## Planning Group organizes "Diversity of World Energy Sources and New Kuwait" lecture

In the presence of Mr. Khaled Saleh Al-Asousi, DCEO of Finance and Administration Affairs, Planning Group organized a lecture entitled "Future Outlook on Diversity of World Energy Sources & New Kuwait 2035". It took place on November 5, 2019, at the Company-HO Theatre.

The lecture was delivered by Mr. Qahtan Al-Abdulkarim, Manager Planning Group, who welcomed the attendees and made a distinctive presentation, in which he spoke about the global trends of most countries in diversifying non-oil energy sources and their impact on global demand for oil and its derivatives. He also spoke about the expected fluctuation of oil prices over the medium and long term, and happening many shifts in oil and energy markets. In addition to the countries and consumers moving to clean and alternative energy, including oil and gas producing countries and OPEC countries, due to the positive impact of this clean energy on reducing environmental pollution and global warming, in line with the international environmental laws and Paris Conference to reduce CO2 Emissions in the world, which aims to reduce the temperature globally.

### **The Industrial Revolution**

He talked about the laws of the International Maritime Organization (IMO-2020), which limit the use of high sulfur fuel in shipping, emphasizing that this trend will affect oil and gas future prices, which will put severe pressure on "OPEC" countries to maintain their national general budget.

### **Increase the Competitiveness**

He also presented the transformation to "Cyber" and Internet technologies in the fourth industrial revolution and the increase of performance and production efficiency of many factories and companies, stressing that this will contribute to increase competitiveness among companies, and reduce expenses, which will lead to clean environmental performance.

### **Strict Restrictions**

He pointed out that many countries started to put strict restrictions on the use of cars with thermal emissions, establishing pollution-free areas, and maximizing the use of electric cars and electronic transport, which led many countries whose economy depends on oil to rethink in financial balance to avoid any budget deficit.

### **Filtering of legislations**

Mr. Al-Abdulkarim confirmed that Kuwait is not



■ Mr. Qahtan Al-Abdulkarim speaking

**“Al-Abdulkarim: The trend to use clean energy puts intense pressure on “OPEC” countries”**

immune to all global trends and changes, therefore, the State adopted the 2035 strategy that aims at diversifying sources of income and reducing dependence on oil as a main source of the State budget, increasing the operational efficiency of the State and employees, and a greater contribution of the private sector in the national economy. In addition to filtering of legislations to create an investment environment attracting foreigners to invest in Kuwait, reducing expenses, maximizing revenues, inviolability of the financial fund for future generations. As well as supporting the Kuwaiti manpower market to be effective and productive, reducing the state's quasi-ownership of the public sector, reducing the dependence of the private sector on government support, and create a permanent State economy.

He referred that the State has begun to change many of its legislations to fit investment attraction, and worked on modernizing infrastructure and involving the private sector and foreign investor in projects, noting that all these are tools to increase monetary and preserve the national economy.

At the end, Mr. Al-Abdulkarim answered the attendees' questions regarding all aspects of the lecture.

## HSE Group organizes an awareness day for breast cancer prevention

In line with the Company's concern for the health of its staff and in support of the world breast cancer campaign during October, HSE Group organized an open awareness day for breast cancer prevention. It was organized on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, in cooperation with Arabiya Clinic, the event's official sponsor. The event included awareness lectures delivered by doctors from Arabiya Clinic. As well as, draws were made and prizes from Arabiya Clinic & KOTC were distributed to the winners. Also, the lecturers, Arabiya Clinic, and all participating bodies were honored.

On the sidelines of the open day, an exhibition was held, in which Arabiya Clinic, Al- Ahmadi Hospital, KOC, Miss Platinum Health Club, and Wafa Medical Company participated, and provided the attendees with awareness leaflets, in addition to pressure and sugar checks.



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*Under the patronage and in the presence of Eng. Yousef Al-Khamis*

## Health Awareness Day at Um Al-Aish LPG Filling Plant

Proceeding from its belief in the importance of health awareness to build a healthy society free from diseases, and out of concern for safety and health, Um Al-Aish LPG Filling Plant Health, Safety, Environment and Engineering Department organized health awareness day for its staff. It took place on Thursday, November 7, 2019, under the auspices and in the presence of Eng. Yousef Al-Khamis, Manager Um Al-Aish LPG Filling Plant, with the participation of several authorities and companies.

At the beginning, Safety Eng. Sarah Al-Farsi welcomed the attendees, emphasizing their concern for the health, safety and awareness of all Um Al-Aish staff, in which such events are organized from time to time, in addition to inviting various specialized doctors to raise the employees' awareness about how to prevent or treat different diseases. After that, some doctors delivered awareness lectures, in which Dr. Abdullah Al-Nasser, Gastroenterologist, spoke about some diseases that may affect the digestive system and how to avoid them, as well as he talked about the causes and symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and how to prevent them. Nutrition Specialist Amani Al-Ali talked about the recently spread diet (Keto), how to



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follow it properly in a way does not affect the health, and to compare it with (Atkins) system. Dr. Farah Al-Sharhan, Dentist, spoke about dental care methods and how to get whiter teeth.

Several entities participated in the awareness day, such as Lofat Group, Raja Company, Flare Fitness Club, and KOC Hospital.

## Commercial Group organizes the “Explaining how to request the preparation of RCA Contract” lecture

In the presence of Dr. Abdulhadi Ahmed, Manager of Commercial Group, KOTC Commercial Group organized an awareness lecture entitled “Explaining how to request the preparation of RCA Contract” delivered by Eng. Youssa Al-Khalifa - Senior Technical Contract Analyst (LPG) and Eng. Afrah Al-Shatti - Senior Technical Contract Analyst (Fleet). It was held on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at KOTC-HO's Theatre.

Eng. Al-Khalifa spoke about the request for preparing (RCA) Contract, as it is the first step before preparing the tender documents/practice/direct contracting / the sole source and approving them by the committees. She indicated that the requesting party shall fill out all the data in the contract preparation request draft, and then refer it to the Commercial Group, which in turn reviews all the data. After that, the requesting party shall amend the draft in the case of any amendments. If there are no amendments, the requesting party shall send the final contract preparing request to the Commercial Group, after the approved of the managers of the requesting group and Senior Financial & Administration Group, according to the financial powers. The tender /practice/direct contracting / the sole source will be announced in the official newspaper “Kuwait Today” or the KOTC's official website, according to their inclusion in the annual plan or not.

Eng. Al-Shatti spoke about all types of contracts and contracting methods, explaining that there are several methods of contracting, either through tender or practice. She also explained that contracting can be global, local or both, adding that there are some contracts are indivisible between two companies. She spoke



■ Group photo for Commercial Group Staff

about the quality of the companies qualified for contracting and the conditions they must meet, adding that the contracting currency is the Kuwaiti Dinar in case of local tenders, and any other currency in case of global tenders. She indicated the contract supervisor position shall be Team Leader and above. As well as the attachments that shall be included in the contract preparation request such as a detailed explanation of the scope of required works and a detailed schedule to calculate the estimated value.

At the end of the lectures, Al-Khalifa and Al-Shatti thanked all attendees, asking them to contact them about any enquiry in order to facilitate the process of contract preparation request, and to reduce the duration of the documentary cycle.

## A lecture about the role of contract supervisor and the requesting party

In the same context, Commercial Group held a lecture about “The role and responsibilities of the contract supervisor and the role of the requesting party”. It was held on November 4, 2019, at KOTC-HO's Theatre. Eng. Sara Al-Hadhoud, Senior Administration Contract Analyst, made a presentation about the cooperation between the contract supervisor and the groups on the one hand, and seizing the amounts and the payment of bills on the other hand, in addition to the mechanism of cooperation with the contractors.

She indicated that the Commercial Group role starts before signing the contract, as she spoke about the Oracle System, its work mechanism in case of contractor's claims and how to act through the system. She also spoke about the termination of the



■ Eng. Sara Al-Hadhoud

contract and the mechanisms to be followed at this case.



# Maritime Trade honors Al-Khashti for the "KOTC" achievements in the shipping industry

The efforts of KOTC and its staff have been culminated by Seatrade Maritime – Middle East, Indian Subcontinent & Africa through granting Mr. Bader Al-khashti, KOTC Chairman, "Lifetime Achievement Award" within the activities of Maritime Week Ceremony held in Dubai on September 22, 2019.

He was awarded in recognition of his remarkable achievements during assuming an executive position in the Company, in addition to be the KOTC Chairman for successive periods, in which many achievements at the regional and global levels in the marine industry have been achieved.

Mr. Al-Khashti assumed several leadership positions in KPC and its subsidiaries, such as KUFPEC Chairman & CEO, KGOC Chairman & CEO, and MD of HSE at KPC.

It should be noted that KOTC obtained Best Oil Tanker Operator Award from two different bodies during 2018; the first one from "ShipTek" during the 9th International Conference & Maritime Awards Ceremony held in Dubai on May 2, 2018, and the second one from the Seatrade Maritime – Middle East, Indian Subcontinent & Africa held in Dubai on October 15, 2018, which confirms its success to operate its fleet efficiently, making it one of the best oil tanker operator in the region.

Also, it obtained Investment in People Award from the Seatrade Maritime – Middle East & Indian Subcontinent during a ceremony held in Dubai on October 28, 2018.

It is worth mentioning that the annual "Lifetime



■ Mr. Bader Al-khashti receiving his award

Achievement Award" aims to honor people, organizations and companies for their distinctive contributions and achievements in the maritime trade and shipping industry around the world, based on a decision issued by an Arbitration Committee composed of selected international arbitrators specialized in the maritime transport industry.

On this occasion, KOTC's family, headed by the Acting CEO Mr. Ali Shehab, congratulated Mr. Al-Khashti for obtaining this distinctive award.

## Lufthansa holds a lunch for oil companies' representatives

On the occasion of the visit of Mrs. Heike birlenbech, Senior Vice President Sales for Lufthansa Group Network Airlines and Chief commercial Officer Hub Frankfurt, to Kuwait, Lufthansa German Airlines held a lunch for Kuwait oil companies' representatives. It took place on November 11, 2019, at Ahmad Al-Jaber Oil & Gas Exhibition. Mrs. Woroud Behbehani represented KOTC in the meeting which aimed at mutual knowledge and familiarizing the attendees with the services offered by Lufthansa to oil sector. The representatives of the oil companies were honored on the sidelines of the meeting.



■ Mrs. Woroud Behbehani receiving an honorary shield from Lufthansa representatives

## KOTC organizes the 7th Gulf Shipping Companies Forum

# Shehab: 90% of the world trade is through shipping

In the presence of KOTC Acting CEO Mr. Ali Abduljalil Shehab and the participation of the Gulf shipping companies, KOTC organized the 7th Gulf Shipping Companies Forum. It was held on Sunday, October 27, 2019, at the Company's main meeting room.



■ Mr. Ali Shehab speaking during the Forum opening

At the beginning, Mr. Shehab welcomed the attendees, wishing the Forum success and producing results that would help develop their work. He stressed that 90% of the world trade is through shipping, indicating that the global economy slowdown is reflected in the maritime navigation movement, resulting in challenges for shipping companies.

### The Commercial Exchange

He clarified that the global economic situations have great impact on the various activities and profitability of shipping companies, whether oil or commercial.

He stressed that the international economic recovery increases the commercial exchange and revives the activities of shipping companies.

Mr. Shehab pointed out that these challenges make companies dialogue consulting firms and associates and learn about what is new in dealing with such economic events.

### Challenges & Opportunities

Mr. Shehab pointed out that the Forum, organized by KOTC over a day with the participation of Gulf shipping companies, has a great importance to recognize the

challenges and opportunities facing companies in the coming years.

He pointed out that the Forum would also address environmental challenges and achievement of global environmental requirements, noting that the United Nations, represented by the International Maritime Organization, aims to reduce the thermal emission resulting from fuel flaring of marine vessels.

### The Financial Crisis

He said that shipping companies had recovered considerably in early 2000 owing to the global economic recovery, but after the global financial crisis, their commercial movement declined markedly.

Mr. Shehab pointed to the pursuit of reducing carbon emissions by 50% in 2050, with emission reductions to be finalized after 80 years, knowing that the work toward achieving these objectives globally is now being undertaken by shipping companies.

### The Technical Techniques

Mr. Jamil Al-Ali, Manager Fleet Engineering Group, spoke about the most important environmental challenges facing them currently, and their concern to



**“Participants at the Forum: We face significant environmental challenges and we try to reach the latest technology to resolve them”**

maintain global environmental standards by adopting technical techniques that reduce pollution and emissions. Also, working to provide alternative fuel with less emission than the current fuel.

### **The Dangers of War**

Mrs. Reem Al-Omar, Team Leader of Insurance, made a presentation about the KOTC's types of insurance related to the dangers of war, in which she referred to the recent events occurred in the region and their impact on the insurance coverage and installments, noting that the recent security events led to the necessity of making special insurance coverage for the Gulf.

She also spoke about coverages of companies and private coverage in wartime or the possibility of war. she also introduced areas recently added as war zones, that were not existed previously.

### **Vision & Mission**

Mrs. Shatha Al-Dabbous, Team Leader of Strategies and Business Development, made a presentation about the KOTC's history and core activities, represented in fleet operations, LPG branch and Maritime Agency.

She talked about the Company's Strategy 2040, its vision, mission and objectives emerging from the KPC's Strategy, stressing that achieving leadership is one of the most important objectives of the Company's strategy during the coming period and to be in the ranks of major global shipping companies.



■ Mr. Ali Shehab and Ms. Reem Al-Omar

**“The recent security events have led to the necessity of making special insurance coverage for the Gulf”**

### **The Preservation of the Environment**

Eng. Khaled Al-Haidar, Team Leader Quality, Safety, Environment & Fleet, presented the Company's performance regarding HSE, stressing that they follow the highest levels of safety, security and environment preservation, in addition to the development of security and safety systems on the tankers board.

He provided statistics on the accidents of tankers worldwide, indicating that the Kuwaiti tankers are considered the least accidents. He spoke about the Company performance compared to other companies, indicating that the KOTC performance is excellent and very high. He presented the results of internal audit as well.

All the delegations participated in the Forum spoke about the environmental challenges and developments that occur in shipping field recently, and their action to meet those challenges through using the latest technologies, keeping up with all global developments and reaching fast solutions.

It is worth mentioning that KOTC organizes this Forum annually on its own initiative since 2013 to discuss challenges and exchange expertise in the various fields of shipping.

Many companies participated in the Forum, such as Abu Dhabi ADNOC, Saudi Arabia Bahri, Dubai GEM and Oman Shipping, in which they all were honored by KOTC.



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**For the fifth consecutive time**

## KOTC wins the IMO Award as the Best Operator in the region

KOTC has continued, as always, its series of successive regional and international achievements by winning the award of "Best Oil Tanker Operator" in the maritime industry in the Middle East and Indian subcontinent awarded by the International Maritime Organization (Standard Maritime).

KOTC Acting CEO Mr. Ali Shehab stated that winning this award at a ceremony held last October in Dubai confirms the Company's ability to continue its success and operate its fleet efficiently.

He added that this award comes for the fifth consecutive time by IMO since 2015, indicating that this achievement refers to the constant success of KOTC in managing and operating its marine fleet efficiently. He added that this success is due to possession of a modern fleet operating in accordance with the best and the latest global technology in shipping field with the highest standards of security and safety.

He pointed out that the Company's fleet is operated by highly capable and experienced national staff qualified to work efficiently on the tankers board, confirming the Company's readiness to face the increasing challenges in the global maritime industry.



■ Mr. Ali Shehab receiving KOTC's award

He emphasized the Company's determination to proceed with its services at the highest international standard with the efforts of its staff, which is considered a great success for the State of Kuwait and it highlights its name in the marine industry international forums.

### **"Al-Yamama" joins KOTC's fleet**

## Al-Saqr: We are currently in the Phase IV of KOTC Fleet Renewal Project

KOTC announced the successful landing of the medium range tanker "Al-Yamama" into the sea after installing all the body's parts in the first dock of South Korean "Hyundai Mebo Dokiard" at the end of last October.

Captain Yousef Al-Saqr, Manager of Fleet Construction Projects Group and KOTC's keynote speaker, said that "Al-Yamama is the second tanker out of 4 medium range petroleum products tankers are currently manufactured by Hyundai Mebo Dokiard". He indicated that all building phases are implemented according to the schedule and it is expected to receive the tankers at the end of May 2020.

He added that KOTC is currently in the Phase IV of KOTC Fleet Renewal Project, which is in line with KPC's plan to meet its strategic and marketing needs.

He pointed out that the Phase IV of KOTC Fleet Renewal Project includes eight tankers; 4 medium range petroleum products tankers are being manufactured currently by South Korean Hyundai Mebo Dokiard for dry docks, 3 giant LPG tankers are being manufactured by South Korean Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., and a giant crude oil tanker is currently manufactured by Bohai Heavy Industries-China.



*In appreciation of the fruitful cooperation in the maintenance of gas pumps*

## Honoring Ceremony between Shuaiba LPG Plant and SPX and its agent in Kuwait "CANAR"

With a gracious initiative from one of the world's leading gas pump manufacturers SPX Company and its agent in Kuwait "CANAR Trading & Contracting", KOTC, represented by Shuaiba LPG Plant, held honoring ceremony to appreciate the effective role and fruitful cooperation of SPX over the years in implementing the overall and necessary maintenance for liquefied gas pumps with high efficiency and according to the international specifications.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of SPX and CANAR, along with several officials and employees from Shuaiba Plant. It was launched by a speech of Eng. Meshari Mandani,



■ Eng. Nawaf Al-Shatti receiving an honorary shield from SPX

Senior Mechanical Maintenance Engineer-Shuaiba, who welcomed the attendees, marking the key role played by the participating companies through joint work, which had a major role in achieving several maintenance projects that have been implemented during the past years.

Mrs. Vijai Menon, SPX representative, delivered a speech, in which she focused on the values and concepts followed by SPX in dealings with its customers around

the world, including KOTC's Shuaiba LPG Filling Plant, and ways of cooperation in the future projects. Mr. Nawaf Al-Shatti, Team Leader of HSE, appreciated the gracious initiative of "CANAR", emphasizing its effective role towards KOTC, represented by Shuaiba Plant, and the reinforcement of cooperation between the two sides in the future projects. He also praised the great role of maintenance staff in Shuaiba Plant in workover operations and

projects implemented during the past years on gas pumps.

At the end of the ceremony, certificates of the gas pumps training course, that was held by SPX at Shuaiba Plant on 24th & 25th of July 2019, were distributed to the trainees from the Maintenance Section and other sections, in addition to exchanging appreciation certificates between the two companies as a good initiative to reinforce the bilateral relations between the two sides.



■ Mr. Meshari Mandani and Mr. Khaled Al-Adasani



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*In the presence of the Acting CEO*

## HSE Group organizes a lecture about Climate Change

In line with the Company's keenness to enhance and spread awareness towards the preservation of the environment, and in the presence of the Acting CEO Mr. Ali Shehab, HSE Group organized "The Climate Change and its Impact on HSE" Lecture. It was delivered on Monday, October 10, 2019, at the HO Theatre.

Mr. Shehab welcomed the lecturer and the representatives of the Environment Public Authority, confirming that climate changes recently occurred and the associated rise in global temperature have affected the globe, climate and organisms significantly, which requires great global efforts to place radical and rapid solutions to this problem before the risks become worse.

### Coordination

He said that the State of Kuwait spares no effort regarding the global participation to find solutions to the climate change and global warming problems, wishing the participation to be honorable and fits the State of Kuwait position. He confirmed that KOTC, as a shipper, is committed to follow all environmental requirements that would preserve the environment and to avoid any activity that may cause pollution. He stressed that KOTC has a direct and regular coordination with all environmental authorities.

### Accumulation

Mr. Sharif Al-Khayat, Director of the Studies and



■ Mr. Ali Shehab speaking

Research Office at Environment Public Authority and Head of the negotiating delegation of the State of Kuwait to the Climate Change Convention, spoke about the aspects of climate change that have occurred in the globe in recent years, the atmosphere and its constituent gases, fires, and human activities that affect emissions through the increase of greenhouse gases accumulation, so the danger has become greater on the globe.

He pointed to the impact of greenhouse gases on global warming, referring that scientists have taken the CO<sub>2</sub> gas as the first criterion for global warming. He added that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has more than 3000 experts to research and solve this problem.



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■ Mr. Ali Shehab and Dr. Sharif Al-Khayat between Eng. Nawaf Al-Shatti and Dr. Hussein Al-Ajmi



## KOTC signs memorandum of understanding with Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research

KOTC signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research about the Institute's role in applying the newest biotechnology and the use of sustainable environmental process and other modern technologies reached by researchers of Environment and Life Sciences Center that have been tested in the Company sites by the Center's laboratories. It took place on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Ali Shehab, KOTC Acting CEO, and Dr. Sameera Omar, Institute Director.

KOTC stated that the MoU aims to reinforce cooperation with the Institute, especially in the environmental fields, which will enhance the environment preservation through applying the latest technologies on the Company's sites to reach the highest level in this regard.



■ Mr. Ali Shehab and Dr. Sameera Omar sign the MoU

It should be noted that Dr. Khalil Taqi will head these projects.

## Al-Shuaiba LPG Filling Plant organizes Health Day for its staff

Proceeding from its concern for the safety and health, Al-Shuaiba LPG Filling Plant HSE and Engineering Department organized health awareness day for its staff. It took place on Thursday, November 28, 2019. It was included health awareness lectures about some diseases and how to be protected against them, in addition to pressure and sugar checks. At the end of the event, prizes were distributed to the winners of the draws.



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## Parliamentary Questions during the summer holiday

There is a common belief among some that all the actions of the Assembly and the MPs right to direct parliamentary questions suspend during the parliamentary holiday of the Kuwaiti National Assembly, and this belief is undoubtedly wrong.

After the National Assembly approved the Budget Committee and the balance sheet of all budgets of ministries, state-owned bodies and institutions, it concludes its work marking the beginning of the parliamentary holiday, which usually lasts from the end of June until the beginning of October, after the approval of HH the Amir.

Also, some believe that the role of MPs in oversight, legislation and directing parliamentary questions ends during the parliamentary holiday, but in fact it continues overseeing the State's ministries and institutions. They direct questions to the ministers asking them for information about contracts and tenders, and how they are awarded. In addition to the names of contractors, employment contracts, terms of promotions and differentiations, budgets, administrative regulations and many other important and accurate inquiries.

The MP has the right to ask ministers about everything within the scope of their competencies, which is guaranteed by the Kuwaiti Constitution. The competent minister shall commit to the date of responding all parliamentary questions transparently and clearly without any delay, because any delay will embarrass the minister in front of the MP, and the matter may develop so that the parliamentary responses will be included in the future within the interrogation submitted against the minister.

The common matter between the Assembly and the government is "cooperation" for the sake of public interest, reaching common objectives, legislating laws that serve the citizens, and supervising the government performance and public budgets. The questions are the material that feeds and reflects that constructive cooperation, as they do not stop during parliamentary holiday, but continue based on the vision and need of MPs for important information from their parliamentary point of view.