



CORPORATE SOCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY
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INTRODUCTION





GULF BANK COMMITTED TO SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND HUMAN CAPITAL INITIATIVES

Corporate social responsibility forms an important component of Gulf Bank's mission and goals. The Bank was founded in the heart of Kuwait in 1961, and its CSR program is dedicated to giving back to its country. In recent years, the Bank has changed the focus of its program to ensure that its programs have a lasting impact and benefit for our beloved Kuwait and its people. Gulf Bank's social responsibility program supports event focusing on youth and education; women's empowerment; health and fitness; and promoting Kuwait's heritage. The Bank's human capital initiatives comprise training and educational programs to develop future generations.

To address one of the main strategic challenges facing our country and the region, Gulf Bank sponsors several educational and entrepreneurial programs for youth. INJAZ-Kuwait is a key programming sponsorship in this area, it delivers educational and entrepreneurial skills training program for high school (both public and private) and university students. To further empower Kuwait's new

generation of entrepreneurs to develop successful businesses and help diversify our economy, the Bank is a sponsor of Fikra Program. The main goal of the Fikra is to prepare aspiring entrepreneurs with the skill set and knowledge they need to succeed, by providing them with the support and guidance to develop their ideas into businesses.

The Bank believes that gender parity and the empowerment of women is a key local and global challenge. To that aim, the Bank sponsors women's groups and events that advance the United Nations Sustainable Development goal of working to achieve gender equality and empowering women and girls of all ages. This includes partnering with local non-governmental organizations and educational institutions.

As our country has high rates of obesity and diabetes, the Bank has taken the lead in sponsoring a number of health and fitness events. The 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' has become one of Kuwait's leading events, putting our country on the international



sporting map. This walk/run event appeals to all ages groups and fitness levels and is the only such internationally accredited event in the country. The Marathon also includes a humanitarian component to raise awareness of the plight of refugees through an official partnership with the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees (The UN Refugee Agency). Additionally, the Bank has undertaken sponsorships of key sporting events to further encourage a healthy lifestyle year round.

The Bank also believes in the importance of supporting and promoting Kuwait's heritage and traditions, as well as community service. A major component of this is the sponsorship of the 'Memorial Pearl Diving Journey' which is a tribute to Kuwait's cultural and economic heritage that aims to teach youth about the lives of their ancestors. During the Holy Month of Ramadan the Bank also holds series of activities to engage with the community and encourage charitable activities.

In terms of human capital initiatives,

the Bank's graduate development program 'AJYAL' is widely recognized for its intensive training to shape the future of banking in Kuwait. The program, carried out in cooperation with the Institute of Banking Studies, nurtures young Kuwaitis early in their careers to develop them for future leadership positions. AJYAL is building a large cadre of Kuwaiti bankers for the benefit of both the Bank and for Kuwait.

The Bank thanks our valued partners in these events, as well as members of the Gulf Bank family who are always ready to volunteer their time to ensure the events are successful. Together we are making a difference and helping to build a brighter future for Kuwait's next generations.

YOUTH





GULF BANK SUPPORTS ENTREPRENEURS AS GOLD SPONSOR OF FIKRA PROGRAM'S 3RD EDITION



Building on its commitment to support Kuwaiti youth and economic development in the country, Gulf Bank was a gold sponsor of Fikra Program for the second consecutive year. In its third edition, the program provided aspiring entrepreneurs with the tools they need to start their own business.

Fikra Program also played a fundamental role in advancing the local Kuwaiti market. It is an intensive entrepreneurship training program that provided aspiring entrepreneurs with the technical skills and business knowledge needed to launch their own businesses such as leadership

skills, comprehensive business plan design, mentorship, financial analysis, media exposure, investment opportunities, and others. Gulf Bank was also leading training session for participants in the program on non-financial analysis.

For this edition, over 350 applications were received and filtered to 30, before the actual interview process. Mr. Meshari Shehab, Assistant General Manager for Priority and Wealth Management at Gulf Bank, was on the judging panel which selected 15 business ideas to enter the program.



GULF BANK SUPPORTS THE FOURTH BENCHMARK FORUM 2017



Gulf Bank is proud to have participated, as a sponsor, in the Benchmark Forum 2017, the 4th Annual Design Entrepreneurship Forum. Organized by yourAOK, which brought together innovative business minds and creative designers to share their experience and inspire young entrepreneurs and to provide them with the mentorship that may guide them down the road towards development and success.

The event convened professionals from their respective fields, Kuwaiti and Arab designers and entrepreneurs who gave talks and

lectures over two consecutive days. Additionally, the forum included an exhibition of design works and arts, on-the-spot consultation by incubators, and outdoor activities.

Free of charge, Benchmark is a non-profit event that aims to educate designers and creative professionals by providing them with a merging skill-set between design and business. It is the only Design Entrepreneurship Forum in the MENA region, with a focus on creativity and innovation as tools to become a better designer and entrepreneur.



GULF BANK GOLD SPONSOR OF THE KUWAIT ECONOMIC SOCIETY'S INTENSIVE YOUTH FINANCIAL TRAINING INITIATIVE



Gulf Bank was proud to be a gold sponsor of the Kuwait Economic Society's first youth financial training initiative. The program, 'Investing in Our Youth is Unique' under the broader theme of 'Our Gulf Deserves,' aimed to train youth in the fields of investment, financial stock trading, as well as technical and news analysis.

This unique investment development

program was for college students who were enrolled in their third or fourth year of study in the fields of finance, accounting, business management, economics, and industrial engineering. Additionally, recent graduates in these fields were also eligible to apply to the program. The objective of this initiative was to prepare youth for successful careers, develop talent, as well as exchange experiences and improve teamwork.



This program was comprised of a series of practical and consultative sessions over a period of seven months. Three different classes of students participated in the intensive investment training program. Participants were appraised on qualitative and quantitative evaluations, they were given a trial account of \$50,000 for to engage in simulated trading. Those who excelled in the program and the

trading were then selected to move onto a regional trading simulation exercise. Forty participants were selected from Kuwait and those who excel were awarded with a trip to the UAE or Qatar to share experiences and enhance their skills.

GULF BANK GOLD SPONSOR OF ARABNET CONFERENCE



Gulf Bank was a Gold Sponsor of the 2017 edition of the ArabNet Kuwait conference, held under the patronage of H.E. Khaled Nasser Abdullah Al Roudan, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of State for Youth Affairs.

The conference was attended by a wide cross section of government entities, private sector companies, digital commerce businesses, social media companies, several of Kuwait's start-ups and entrepreneurial ventures, as well as youth in Kuwait. During the event, a number of panel discussions took place on ad-tech, investment and innovation, digital

commerce, as well as a Startup Battle and Ideathon Competition, and tech exhibition fair.

Gulf Bank representative Meshari Shehab was a judge at the popular startup competition and Tareq Al Saleh spoke on a Fintech panel about digital innovations.

Throughout the conference, Gulf Bank staff at the booth answered questions about how to finance startup companies and further business ideas. Bank staff also gave demonstrations of the WISE investment platform, a cost efficient, simple, transparent way to invest in global markets.



GULF BANK HOLDS 'BRING YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY' #GBKIDSDAY



Gulf Bank's 'Bring Your Kids to Work Day' #GBKidsDay initiative was met with great enthusiasm by parents and children alike.

Children were welcomed by a program full of activities that included a tour of the main departments within the Bank. The departments included Consumer Banking, Products and Segments,

Corporate Communications, and Corporate Banking. Kids were presented with a simplified and child friendly brief on different aspects of working at the Bank. During the tour, each department had prepared a fun activity for the children, which varied from fun contests to questions and chats. Several Bank staff volunteered to accompany the kids during the tour, and the



children were presented with gift bags that contained an activity book and colours, and were entertained with 'movie time', where the latest animated children's movie were displayed.

Gulf Bank respects and recognizes its employees' personal lives and as such wanted to have a day where kids were able to see where their

parents work, see what they do, and meet their parents' colleagues and children. The Bank also believe that it is never too early to start making an impact on the minds of our youth, and this was an opportunity to expose young children to a work environment and provide an introduction to what the work life is all about. This day was so popular that it was featured on 88.8 FM Q8 Pulse radio.

EDUCATION





GULF BANK PROUD TO SPONSOR INJAZ - KUWAIT



Gulf Bank receives award for highest number of volunteers

Gulf Bank continues to be a lead sponsor of INJAZ- Kuwait, a non-profit and non-governmental organization that delivers educational programs on entrepreneurial and leadership skills to help youth build successful careers. The programs are designed to narrow social inequities, encourage social engagement, foster creativity, and develop generations of highly skilled individuals.

INJAZ forms part of the global network of Junior Achievement worldwide.

Through strategic partnerships with Kuwait's business and education sectors, and with the help of qualified





and dedicated volunteers, INJAZ delivers both Arabic and English language educational programs on entrepreneurial and leadership skills to high school and university students in Kuwait.

INJAZ connects corporate volunteers with their programs and Gulf Bank employees from various departments and backgrounds have enjoyed volunteering their time

to train, mentor, and encourage students. Volunteers, who undergo an orientation and training before they start their sessions, serve as real-world role models for the students. By sharing their knowledge and experiences they help further the students' learning.

This year Gulf Bank was honored by INJAZ for having the highest number of company volunteers.

GULF BANK AJYAL TRAINEES COMPLETE INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENT IN GERMANY



As part of its AJYAL Graduate Development Program, Gulf Bank recently selected its top three participants to complete a four-week internship and field training program at several leading financial institutions in Frankfurt, Germany.

The AJYAL training took place at

the following financial institutions: MISR Bank-Europe, KT Bank AG, and ICF Bank AG. The topics covered throughout the four-week program included Trading Global Markets, Frankfurt Stock Exchange and Financial Management. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the Kuwaiti Consulate in Frankfurt.



GULF BANK SPONSORS ANNUAL EDUCATION UK EXHIBITION IN KUWAIT



Gulf Bank was a gold sponsor of the British Council's annual Education UK Exhibition (EDUKEX) in Kuwait as part of its ongoing support of youth education. This high-profile event was attended by Mr. Grant Butler, Country Director of the British Council in Kuwait and Dr. Fawzan Al Fares, Head of the Cultural Office at the Kuwaiti Embassy in London.

With over 4,500 Kuwaitis studying in the UK, this event is an opportunity for Gulf Bank to play an active role in facilitating the promotion of education and to ensure prospective students think about a future career in banking upon graduation.

EDUKEX allows students to



get detailed information about educational programs, while highlighting relevant information on studying and living in the UK and types of undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as information regarding scholarships and financial aid, for the benefit of students and parents keen to pursue higher education in the UK.

GULF BANK AND MANPOWER & GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING PROGRAMME LAUNCH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT



Reinforcing its active role in supporting Kuwait's youth and the development of Kuwait's economy, Gulf Bank is pleased to announce that it has signed a strategic partnership with the Manpower and Government Restructuring Program (MGRP). This partnership will support the Recruitment Screening Program initiative, and offer career counseling, as well as guidance to Kuwaiti nationals seeking employment opportunities in the private sector.

Through this agreement, Gulf Bank will enrich the program by deploying its HR expertise and offering job seekers professional career counseling and guidance for each candidate based



on an assessment delivered through the Recruitment Screening Program. The program has been developed with the aim of analyzing and assessing character, strengths and weaknesses, and skill set, based on which a recommendation on the most suitable post and company environment is made for the job seeker.



GULF BANK AWARDED 'BEST TRAINING PLAN 2016' FROM THE MANPOWER & GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING PROGRAMME



Gulf Bank was honoured to receive the 'Best Training Plan 2016' award during the opening ceremony of the first Organizational Learning Conference organized by the Kuwaiti government's Manpower & Government Restructuring Programme (MGRP).

The conference was held under the patronage of H.E. Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, and is focused on effective training for employment and career advancement in the private sector.



During the opening ceremony Gulf Bank's efforts and its long-lasting commitment towards the training and development of Kuwaiti youth was awarded.

GULF BANK SPONSORS GULF UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CAREER FAIR



Gulf Bank participated in the Gulf University of Science and Technology (GUST) 19th Career Fair as a diamond sponsor. The Career Fair, aimed at connecting GUST students and alumni with potential career opportunities.

Gulf Bank was present to liaise with GUST graduates, students,

and alumni and to offer them the opportunity to apply for internships, full-time, and volunteer positions on the spot. The Bank will offer its services, market insights, advice, collect CVs, help students apply online for possible job opportunities, and conduct on-site interviews with candidates.



GULF BANK PARTICIPATES IN THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF THE MIDDLE EAST CAREER FAIR



Gulf Bank proudly participated in Kuwait University's Career Fair, which comes in line with its commitment to attracting young Kuwaiti talents by being the employer of choice. During the fair, Gulf Bank was represented by a team from its Human Resources department at its dedicated booth.

Students interested in working in the banking sector got the chance to receive in-depth knowledge about the Bank's renowned program AJYAL, a graduate development program dedicated to developing a cadre of holistic bankers for the Bank and for Kuwait. They were also invited to have informal open discussions with the Human Resources team regarding banking generally, as well as the banking career opportunities.



Gulf Bank was pleased to participate in the American University of the Middle East (AUM) Career Fair, an initiative which reflects the Bank's commitment to attracting top Kuwaiti talent and its dedication to helping fresh graduates build successful careers in the banking sector.

GULF BANK SPONSORS THE NATIONAL AND LIBERATION DAYS CELEBRATIONS OF IDEAL EDUCATION SCHOOL



Gulf Bank was proud to be a sponsor of the National and Liberation days' celebrations of Ideal Education School, which provides education, and support services for students with special needs. The event included a play about Kuwait featuring the story of the 1990 invasion and liberation. Attendants were amazed by performance that special needs students carried out on stage. The event also featured national anthems and songs



performed by the students who were delighted to raise Kuwaiti flags on the entire stage. The day was concluded by a competition around Kuwait's history and local proverbs.



GULF BANK SPONSORS AL BAYAN BILINGUAL SCHOOL'S ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION



Stemming from its belief in supporting youth's talents, Gulf Bank was a sponsor of Al Bayan Bilingual School (BBS) K-12 2017 Annual Art Exhibition, for the second consecutive year. The three-day event was held at the school premises under the auspices of Sheikha Al-Zain Sabah Al-Saud Al-Sabah, Under Secretary of the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs.



Students, their families, members of the school's faculty, and representatives from Gulf Bank attended the opening ceremony. The Annual Art Show showcased art by students of all grades, selected by art teachers based on criteria in line with the grade level of the submitted art. Gulf Bank is strongly committed to supporting youth and educational

initiatives to help empower our next generations.

The Al Bayan Bilingual School was established in 1977 as the first bilingual school in Arabian Gulf area. The school's vision is to prepare students for effective participation and leadership in Kuwait and the rapidly changing world.

COMMUNITY SERVICE





GULF BANK SPONSORS THE 29TH MEMORIAL JOURNEY FOR PEARL DIVING



Gulf Bank successfully concluded its platinum sponsorship of the 29th Memorial Journey for Pearl Diving, for the 8th consecutive year. The journey is organized each year by the Committee of the Marine Heritage of the Kuwait Sea Sport Club, under the Patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

The Pearl Diving Memorial Journey is one of the initiatives that Gulf bank sponsors on an annual basis.

The sponsorship forms a key part of Gulf Bank's long-term commitment to preserving the heritage and continuing the traditions of Kuwait's unique past. Recreating a journey each year helps to remind young Kuwaiti generations of the difficulties and challenges faced by their forefathers in earning their living, along with a message urging these generations to uphold the traditions and values their ancestors developed during that time.



GULF BANK AND AL SADU SOCIETY PRESENT SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN



Gulf Bank was pleased to be an exclusive sponsor of a year-long series of educational workshop in partnership with the Al Sadu Society, a distinguished Kuwaiti institution. Entitled 'Fun with Textiles', these workshops were designed for children to develop their skills in crafts and textile art techniques.

The workshops were free and open to children ages 6-12, although advanced registration is

required. Each session was open to 12 attendees who learned and developed creative skills in a relaxed and stimulating environment, with the assistance of professional bilingual instructors. The workshops were structured to ensure that it is fun, flexible and practical. Children will learned how create modern, fun accessories for themselves additionally, they were able to explore the exhibits at the Sadu House Museum.



GULF BANK SPONSORS 'PERSPECTIVES ON GENDER EQUALITY' SYMPOSIUM

Gulf Bank sponsored the 'Perspectives on Gender Equality' symposium, held under the Patronage of H.E. Hend Al-Subaih, Minister of Social Affairs and Labor, Minister of State for Economic Affairs.



The name Soroptimist means 'best for women' and it is a world wide service organization that works to better the lives of women and girls around the world. The Kuwait chapter was chartered in 2015 by Soroptimist International of Europe and joined over 3,000 Soroptimist clubs located in over 135 countries and territories working together to educate, empower, and enable opportunities for women and girls. Soroptimist were further recognized by the Kuwaiti government a non-governmental organization working to help women in Kuwait.



The 'Perspectives on Gender Equality' Symposium discussed local and international implications of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals with regard to women and girls. The three goals underpinning the event were: ensuring healthy lives and



promoting well-being at all ages; working to achieve gender equality and empowering women and girls of all ages; and promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.



GULF BANK PARTICIPATES IN THE WORLDWIDE EARTH HOUR MOVEMENT



For the eighth consecutive year, Gulf Bank participated in Earth Hour, an international initiative led by the World Wildlife Fund. Gulf Bank switched off its unnecessary lighting in several of its branches across Kuwait joining the movement to shine the light on the need for action on climate change.

The Bank has a policy to use energy considerably, and since year 2009, it has consistently encouraged its staff to turn off any unused systems and lights to save electricity, while ensuring that the safety and integrity of the Bank's operations and security systems secure.

GULF BANK CELEBRATES 'GERGEAN' WITH CHILDREN IN KUWAIT



Gulf Bank continued its annual tradition of celebrating Gergean with children across Kuwait. The major portion of the Bank's Gergean activities were carried out in partnership with the Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospitals (KACCH) with the intention to bring laughter and smiles to hospitalized children.

Gulf Bank staff volunteered their time to visit children in seven hospitals over the course of one week. The volunteers distributed Gergean bags and engaged the young patients in a series of fun

activities such as games and coloring; face painting; henna, hair braiding; in addition to a variety of other activities. The visits to hospitals are considered an important part of supporting hospitalized children and their families.

This year, Gulf Bank was also happy to provide Gergean bags filled with candies and a coloring/origami books to other Kuwaiti institutions such as: Nayef Palace, the Dasman Diabetes Institution, the Ideal Education School, and the Kuwait Center for Mental Health.



GULF BANK PARTNERS WITH SAVECO, LOYAC, AND KUWAIT FOOD BANK TO DONATE FOODSTUFF BOXES TO FAMILIES IN NEED



On the occasion of the Holy Month of Ramadan, Gulf Bank distributed foodstuff boxes to families in need across Kuwait.

This was the second year Gulf Bank partnered with Saveco and LOYAC in this initiative, and this year the Bank was pleased to also work with the Kuwait Food Bank. The foodstuff boxes, assembled by teams from Saveco and Gulf Bank, include

essential non-perishable food items, sufficient enough to cover each family's needs for approximately one week. Distribution of the boxes carried out by the Kuwait Food Bank and LOYAC's community service program to previously identified families around the country.



GULF BANK SPONSORS 'WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY' FORUM ORGANIZED BY KUWAIT UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S RESEARCH AND STUDIES CENTER



Gulf Bank sponsored the 'Women and the Economy' forum, organized by Kuwait University's Women's Research and Studies Center. The event took place under the auspices of H.E Dr. Mohammad Al-Fares, Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education, at Kuwait University's College of Social Sciences in Shuwaikh.

The forum, which was attended by high profile individuals from Kuwait, the Gulf and other Arab countries, shed light on the significant role women play in developing a country's economy. It also addressed the important role which organizations play in providing training programs that encourage women to join the workforce, and more importantly,



the nation's role in encouraging the diversity in the roles which women lead, by altering certain policies.

A series of workshops were also held during the two-day forum, which focused on the development of women's personal and social skills, and addressed topics such as how to choose the ideal career and how to create a balance between

work and personal life. Women and the sustainable development 2030 objectives were also one of the main topics addressed during these sessions.

The forum also featured an exhibition, in which Gulf Bank participated, among several other economic and social entities and public benefit associations.

'GULF BANK 642 MARATHON' SUPPORTS UNHCR'S #VOICES4REFUGEES



The annual 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon', partnered with UNHCR – the UN Refugee Agency to support its #Voices4Refugees campaign, which is an online awareness campaign launched by UNHCR with the belief that all refugees deserve to live in safety regardless of their religion, nationality or race, and should receive equal treatment for protection and assistance, and opportunities for resettlement. Moreover, this campaign urges to stand with millions of refugees around the world, including Syrian refugees, Rohingya refugees and other refugee communities to make their stories heard.

Through this cooperation, the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' aimed

to spread awareness throughout the community about the needs of refugees and calls upon community members to sign up to UNHCR's #Voices4Refugees campaign. UNHCR works around the world to ensure that everybody has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge, having fled violence, persecution, war or disaster at home. Since 1950, UNHCR has been protecting the rights and well-being of refugees all over the world, totalling more than 50 million since its establishment. They have provided vital assistance to save lives and build better futures for millions forced from home. Their work and advocacy helps transform broken lives by providing protection, shelter, access to healthcare, and safeguarding individuals.



GULF BANK SPONSORS THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF AL KHARAFI ACTIVITY KIDS CENTER'S SUMMER PROGRAM



Gulf Bank sponsored the closing ceremony of Al Kharafi Activity Kids Center's Summer Program 'Summer of Joy', at the center's premises in Mishref area. The fun filled event was attended by children participated at the thrilling summer program, parents, representatives of charity driven organizations and other guests.

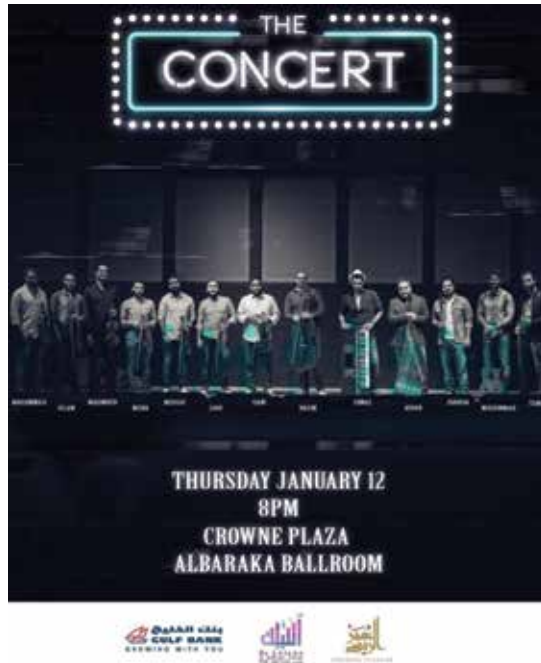
The event included games, competitions and entertainment shows. A number of charitable organizations have also taken part

of this event by showcasing their programs and activities through dedicated booths and had kids with special needs talking about these projects.

Gulf Bank is committed to support humanitarian causes through its corporate social responsibility program and will continue to support activities and initiatives which aims at inspiring people with special needs as an integral part of the Kuwaiti society.



GULF BANK SUPPORTS YOUNG TALENTED ARTISTS



Gulf Bank continued to support 'The Concert', a musical team founded in 2014 by five talented young people, carrying a noble message presented in a new and innovative artistic context.

The Bank sponsored their recital, held at the Crowne Plaza hotel, and included performance of the finest melodies on piano, flute, violin, clarinet and guitar instruments. 'The Concert' is about to introduce their first album this year.



GULF BANK CREATES SPECIAL SCULPTURE FOR OUR BELOVED KUWAIT



Gulf Bank celebrated the National Day and Liberation Day holidays of our beloved country. This year Gulf Bank commissioned a sculpture, exclusively crafted for this special event to commemorate the State of Kuwait. Displayed in front of Gulf Bank headquarters on Mubarak Al Kabeer Street, the sculpture says 'Kuwait' in Arabic, and is made of steel and wood. Everyone was invited to enjoy the sculpture

and to participate in the social media competition by posting their photograph of the Gulf Bank 'Kuwait' tribute sculpture.

Additionally, as in previous year, the Gulf Bank's headquarters on Mubarak Al Kabeer street lighted with the colors of the Kuwaiti flag lighting up the entire area. The Bank also installed flags around its entire building which complement the 'Kuwait' structure.

HEALTH AND FITNESS





'GULF BANK 642 MARATHON' PUTS KUWAIT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTING MAP



The 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' was an unprecedented success with 6,000 attendees and more than 130 nationalities represented in Kuwait's most exciting walk/run event. For the second consecutive year the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon' partnered with the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees), also known as the UN Refugee Agency, and its campaign, #Voices4Refugees.

This event remains the only road race in Kuwait to have three of its longer distance categories accredited by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS), meaning they serve as qualifying events for major international marathons. Due to high demand, the three distance categories (5K, 10K, and 21K) were sold out days before the event,



with many marathon runners from overseas joining the race.

The strong support received from the Kuwait government for this event is part of what made this world-class event flow so smoothly, sincere appreciation is extended to the Ministry of Interior, the Public Authority for Sport, the Kuwaiti Municipality, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Cultural Center, and the Ministry of Information for their backing. This year the event received platinum sponsorships from Zain and Chevrolet Alghanim, and many other additional sponsors. The companies and non profit organizations who had space in the village area, brought even more life to the 'Gulf Bank 642 Marathon.

Popular radio station 88.8FM Kuwait Pulse and their hosts were

broadcasting live at the event. The leading social media influencers also made special appearances during the event. But the biggest surprise was the attendance of Kuwait's soccer legends at this sporting event. We thank Mr. Saad Al Hooti; Mr. Fathi Kameel; Mr. Jasim Yacoub; and Mr. Salah Al Hasawi for coming out for the day and inspiring everyone.

Gulf Bank also had the village area buzzing with their always fun, 'Catch the Cash' game. This game is exclusive to Gulf Bank and the crowd was eager for their chance in the money box. Teams of two persons, who correctly answered questions posed the MC, were able to get in the box and catch as much cash as they could within the time limit. There were more than 20 booths in the village which added fun to the event.

GULF BANK STRATEGIC SPONSOR OF KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL JIU-JITSU OPEN 2017



Gulf Bank was the strategic sponsor of the second edition of the Kuwait International Jiu-Jitsu Open (KIJJO). The event welcomed Jiu-Jitsu talent and players of all belt levels who showcased their skills and athleticism on the mat.

The event, which is part of the world Jiu-Jitsu calendar, took place over two days at the Ice Skating Rink during November. There were over 41 registered academies participating

from Kuwait and the Middle East region. The competition saw record participation in the men's categories and for the first time women's competition was added.

Designed to elevate the country to the next level of athleticism by providing a dynamic platform for the youth to explore and grow, the event was held under the supervision of a global judging panel from the USA and Brazil.



WORLD HEART DAY 2017



To mark World Heart Day, Gulf Bank hosted the Kuwait Heart Foundation and held an event entitled "Share the Power", which was held to raise awareness of the importance of early detection and regular checkups. The Kuwait Heart Foundation offered Gulf Bank employees free medical checkups that include assessing heart function, checking blood

pressure, blood analysis for sugar and cholesterol level, measuring weight and height, in addition to measuring body mass index. The Kuwait Heart Foundation also offered counseling and raise awareness of heart diseases, a leading cause of death, in addition to prevention methods.

GULF BANK SPONSORS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Gulf Bank sponsored the 'Women Football Tournament' to encourage women to lead an active and healthy lifestyle by playing sports. The tournament was open to female football players in Kuwait and the GCC . Held over the period of two weeks, the 'Women Football Tournament' included 120 players from Kuwait

and the region who competed over 20 games and scored a total of 104 goals. The games were held at the Sheik Jaber Stadium and attendance was high. The tournament was organized by Eighty Percent which is a socially drive sports company established by three Kuwaiti women in 2014.



GULF BANK SPONSORS 'BE INSPIRED' 2017/2018 FITNESS SERIES



Gulf Bank was proud to sponsor the second edition of 'Be Inspired' series that took place on the grounds of the beautiful Sahara Golf Club and appealed to fitness enthusiasts in Kuwait.

The 'Be Inspired' series was created by Inspire Sahara, a fitness which has a great mixture of professional equipment and expert trainers. This year's series includes four different events which run from October 2017 and January 2018. The events

included a triathlon, a run race, a Mud Run, and will include the winners' competition.

or the first time in Kuwait, the 'Be Inspired' series included a point system which meant that participants collected points for each event in which they participated based on his or her ranking. Then top five winners from both the male and female categories were invited to compete in a fifth final special competition.



GULF BANK ENCOURAGES ITS EMPLOYEES TO TAKE PART IN SPORT ACTIVITIES TO CULTIVATE TEAM SPIRIT



Gulf Bank proudly took home the Kuwait Banking Club Football cup, after an exciting finale against Boubyan Bank. The renowned tournament, which Gulf Bank has won for the sixth time, was held under the patronage of Mr. Majed Essa Al Ajeel, President of the Kuwait Banking Association and was attended by officials from both banks.



Gulf Bank encourages its employees to take part in sport activities to cultivate team spirit and to lead active and healthy lives. Gulf Bank management celebrated the Triumph of its Soccer Team after the event.





