

Subaih honoured: The Middle East Excellence Award Institute declared on Wednesday that Kuwait's Minister of Education and Higher Education Nouriya Al-Subaih had won the seventh award for business-women and leaders as the top distinguished woman personality in the educational sector.

The institute's president, Ali Al-Kamali, said in a statement that Al-Subaih had been picked for the award in line with criterion of the establishment that takes into consideration the winner's accomplishments in the fields of boosting the women role in society, his leadership, innovation and role in education.

Al-Subaih and winners of the award in the other sectors will be honored at a reception to be held at the beach-located Burj Al-Arab Hotel in the emirate on Saturday. The gathering for the honorees will be attended by eminent regional and international women figures.

The institute in the past honored two prominent Kuwaiti women activists; Sheikha Hessa Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabab and the former minister of health, Dr Maasouma Al-Mubarak. (KUNA)



Al-Subaih

Five-year plan: The Secretariat-General of the Higher Council Planning and Development will soon work on Kuwait's five-year development plan in coordination with the World Bank, Korean Development Institute and United Nations Development Program (UNDP), a reliable source from the government told Al-Qabas.

The source added the three authorities — experts in development programs — will also work hand in hand with the Secretariat-General in laying down the foundation of the five-year plan, which will be presented to the Cabinet in June.

The Secretariat-General has also signed an

agreement with Korean Administrative Development Institute for the technical and information aspects of the project, said the source.

The Secretariat-General meets daily to discuss details of the project and its cooperation with foreign experts is seen as a positive step towards realizing Kuwait's development goals, the source concluded.

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45 firms in exhibition: Forty-Five local industrial companies will take part in the upcoming 2008 Industries Exhibition which will be organized under the patronage of Minister of Commerce and Industry Falah Al-Hajri, Kuwait International Fair said on Wednesday.

The exhibition, which will be held from March 27 to April 5, will attract a wide participation from leading local industrial companies known for their quality and excellence.

KIF Director Dhari Al-Abyaan told KUNA that participating companies will be provided special support from the Public Authority for Industry which will include an exhibition of the latest food products of all types. The exhibition is considered the biggest show to promote national products amid local competition to present the best in the industry, Al-Abyaan said.

The exhibition comes at a time when the industry's sector is getting a fair amount of coverage, particularly taking into consideration the 10th anniversary of establishing the organisation, Al-Abyaan added. (KUNA)

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KFAED loans China KD 10m: Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) said in Kuwait Wednesday it had signed a loan agreement with China at KD 10 million, about \$36.4 million.

The loan will help fund a project to rehabilitate the environment in the Chinese city of Chuzhou in Anhui region, KFAED said in a press release. (KUNA)