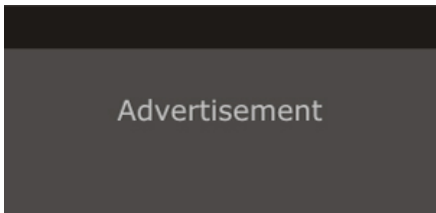


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## U.N.-Habitat office opens in Kuwait



Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon expected to visit soon: FM

KUWAIT: U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon will be visiting Kuwait shortly at a time when the country will be marking the national day to open a U.N.-House in the suburb of Mishref, said the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Sabah Al-Sabah on Thursday. Addressing a ceremony on Thursday for the opening of the regional bureau of the U.N.-Habitat in Kuwait, he said the event highlighted the expansion of this international endeavor since its inception in 1978 and noted that its functions would cover Kuwait and the rest of the GCC states.

Kuwait's hosting of the regional bureau, he explained, was the result of a March 23, 2004 agreement enabling the bureau to carry out its activities with international organizations, civil society institutes, the private sector, the Arab Towns Organization (ATO), in addition to organizing regional and international workshops to further development and progress in the Middle East and beyond.

For the first five years in the life of the bureau, Kuwait will be chipping in 100,000 Kuwaiti dinars annually to help cover its operating expenses, he said while stressing that Kuwait was looking forward to benefit from the bureau's expertise on development programs.

Besides the opening of the U.N.-Habitat bureau on Thursday, Kuwait is poised to also open by the start of next year a U.N.-House building, under whose roof will be gathered the offices and bureaus of a wide number of U.N. agencies and organizations whose activities will not pertain to Kuwait but to the whole region, said Arab Towns Organization Secretary General Abdulaziz Al-Adsani, in a speech at the ceremony.

He referred to the close cooperation between ATO and the U.N. on reaching a consensus on the role of Arab cities in confronting development challenges in housing, environmental concerns, and education.

Resident U.N. Development Program Coordinator Valerie Cliff, in a similar address at the ceremony, underscored the U.N.-Habitat bureau's keenness on partnering with ATO on expanding sustained development programs in the region.

Based in Nairobi, Kenya, the U.N. Human Habitat Program, she said was sponsored by the U.N. General Assembly to assist cities in providing adequate housing and a modicum of an acceptable standard of living to their dwellers. -KUNA

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