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A cake is being cut to mark the occasion.

UN celebrates 66 year-founding in Kuwait

The UN celebrated its 66th birthday in a ceremony held at the immaculately-designed UN House on Thursday, with the attendance of senior Kuwaiti officials, world diplomats and UN personnel.

"On this day, we are reminded of the role the United Nations plays in attaining peace, stability and development in the world," Kuwait's State Minister for Planning and Development Affairs, Abdelwahab Al-Haroun said in his opening speech of the event, marking the Oct 24 celebration of the anniversary of the UN Charter.

"We also value the role of the UN Development Programme, in providing continuing technical assistance in order to achieve the required levels of

development, particularly sustainable development.

"We have outlined a plan; the development plan, and a long-term strategic goal to achieve HH the Amir's vision in transforming Kuwait into a financial and trade centre by 2035," he added.

On behalf of the UN agencies employed in Kuwait, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Kuwait, Dr. Adam Abdelmoula said that since Kuwait joined the international organisation in 1963, the UN has taken it upon itself to "assisting Kuwait build a better and brighter future and a thriving environment for the Kuwaiti people." "Together all UN agencies in Kuwait

are working to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. This year alone, we have touched upon all the relevant MDGs for Kuwait and took essential steps in their realisation," he said.

On the role of these agencies, he said: "The UNDP upholds the ideals of human development through its work on gender rights, youth, good governance, a sustainable environment, and economic and social development.

"The ILO (International Labour Organization) office continues to support its Social Partners to promote opportunities for decent work in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity.