

Kuwait Ambassador to India urges increase in India-Kuwait trade

Kuwait Ambassador to India H.E. Fahad Ahmad Al-Awadhi urged increase of trade between India and Kuwait through boosting investments.

He made the call while inaugurating the commercial operations of NAPESCO India, a subsidiary of NAPESCO International Petroleum Services Company (Kuwait) at Special Economic Zone of Chennai.

According to a company press release delivered to Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), the Ambassador said: "Trade links between Kuwait and India are centuries old and are getting stronger due to significant imports and exports of crude oil and other commodities. Up to 10 percent of Indian oil demand is supplied by Kuwait. I would like see more of Kuwait-Indian partnerships in all



fields of business." Ambassador Al-Awadhi lauded the initiative of NAPESCO (Kuwait) for being the first private sector to start business in India as the Oil and Gas industry in Kuwait could utilize the manpower and technical skills of India. He added that investments from Kuwait have great potential and should be encouraged in future and "it is a good step forward for the oil and gas industries as their demands are always on the raise." Chairman of the company Khaled Hamdan Al Saif appreciated, in his welcome address, the immense faith in technical skills of the Indian engineers and organizations.

CEO of NAPESCO INDIA Ramesh Babu presented the objectives of the company, its service domains and future plans. The event was attended among others by Director of Ramboll India Private Limited (oil and gas) Balaji Swaminathan and Managing Director GSH Energy, Asia Arun Kumar.



RunQ8 garners support for children's rehabilitation center

RunQ8, one of Kuwait's most prominent charity sporting events, had yet another successful year with around 1,800 people taking part in the fifth edition of the race. Organized by the Fawzia Sultan Rehabilitation Institute (FSRI), the annual race took place on 28 November at Marina Crescent.

RunQ8 aims to raise awareness and funds to support the Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center (CERC), FSRI's non-profit pediatrics facility, providing specialized and multi-disciplinary treatment and support for children with disabilities. The Center provides comprehensive programs that include physical therapy, speech therapy, psychology and occupational therapy.

This year RunQ8 was held in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior, in addition to support from

RunQ8's founding partner Agility and a number of other major local organizations.

The 10km race proved to be an exciting challenge for the competitive athletes and avid runners amongst the participants, with the fastest runner completing the race in less than 35 minutes. Wendy Ulrich came in first in the women's division, with Abigail Bartholomew and Nadya Mayahi rounding up the top 3 in that category, in second and third place respectively. Amongst the male participants, Greg Ziembinski nabbed first place followed by Mohammed Abdullah and then Kedir Amino Abdo. As for the youth category, Helga Quint came in first amongst females, with Abdulmohsen Al-Ali placing first amongst the male participants.

However, the race was just as fun and exciting for everyone else

who chose to walk, jog or even take a stroll to show their support for the great cause. Families and friends of participants lent their support by gathering at the RunQ8 race village where a mix of local vendors and businesses had set up booths, offering snacks, beverages and much more. The race village also featured a number of fun activities throughout the day, including yoga, holistic fitness and a CrossFit demonstration.

All proceeds from the race go towards enabling CERC to continue providing highly specialized quality care to children in Kuwait, who otherwise may not get access to the care they need. Majority of the raised funds from RunQ8 are used to help children and families suffering from financial difficulties, providing them treatment at a subsidized lower cost, or even for free in some cases.

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