أكد رئيس غرفة التجارة والصناعة، محمد الصقر، عمق العلاقات الاقتصادية التي تجمع الكويت وكاندا، لافتا إلى أن “كندا تعد واحدة من أهم الشركاء التجاريين للكويت، وتحتل المرتبة 25 للكويت، وتحتل المرتبة كلام الصقر جاء خلال استقبال الصقر السفير الكندي في الكويت لويس بيير إيموند، حيث شدد على “ضرورة بذل مزيد من الجهود لزيادة حجم التجارة الباردة والشراكات الاستثمارية”.

وشدد على “ضرورة التعرف على مرئيات القطاع الخاص الكويتي، حول كيفية زيادة حجم الاستثمارات في المجالات التجارية والاقتصادية في كندا”.

من جانبه، ثمّن السفير الكندي جهود الغرفة في سبيل توطيد العلاقات بين البلدين الصديقتين، مؤكداً “الحرص على تعميق العلاقات الإقتصادية والتجارية، بهدف ترسخ وتعزيز وتنمية التعاون الاقتصادي والتجاري، لما فيه تحقيق المصالح المتبادلة لقطاع الأعمال في الجانبين، من خلال شراكات استراتيجية تفتح أفناً اقتصادية جديدا”.

المصدر (صحيفة الراي الكويتية، Edited)
The Jordanian Parliament Discusses the 2021’s Budget of Reduced Expenditures

The Parliamentary Finance Committee of the Jordanian Parliament approved the two draft laws of the state budget and government units for the fiscal year 2021, while controlling spending and reducing the budget deficit, by reducing expenditures by 148 million dinars (207 million dollars), without this step having any impact on the level of services that offer to citizens.

The committee recommended that the budgets of the Ministries of Health, Education, and Labor should be supported and given priority, with the aim of raising the efficiency of the health sector and ensuring the continuity of providing high-quality health services to citizens.

The House of Representatives will hold a session today to discuss the decision of the Finance Committee on the draft General Budget Law and the Government Units Budgets Law for the fiscal year 2021, and vote on them chapter by chapter. In this context, the head of the committee, Dr. Nimer Al-Sulayhat, affirmed that "despite our awareness that this budget is the most difficult in the history of the country, we have endeavored to find a balance equation between the citizen's health and safety and the protection of the national economy." He explained that the budget amendments took into account the focus on advancing the national economy and removing it from the current recession, raising growth rates, contributing to addressing the problems of unemployment and poverty, improving the citizens' standard of living, easing their burdens and not charging them with any new taxes.

Source (Al-Araby Al-Jadeed Newspaper, Edited)
The UAE is the 1st in the Arab Region in the "PCI"

The UAE was at the top of the list of Gulf countries in the “Productive Capacities Index” issued by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development "UNCTAD", which measures the performance of countries in achieving their national development goals, and their commitment to the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations.

The UAE ranked 21st globally with 42.3 points, followed by Qatar in 29th place globally with 47.6 points, to 47.3, and Denmark with 46.1 points, while Saudi Arabia, which came in 63rd globally with 34.7 points, while the Sultanate of Oman ranked 64th in the world with a score 34.6 points, whereas Kuwait ranked last in the Gulf and 74 globally out of 193 countries, with 33.9 points.

On the other hand, the United States topped the global list, after achieving 50.5 points, followed by the Netherlands with 48.2 points, Iceland by 47.9 points, and Luxemburg with 47.6 points, along with Germany by 47.3 points, while the United Kingdom came in sixth place with 46.1 points, followed by Denmark with 46.1 points, Hong Kong with 45.8 points, Ireland with 45.5 points, and Japan, which scored 45.2 points.

Source (Al-Rai Newspaper-Kuwait, Edited)
The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics revealed that the general consumer price index for the total of the Republic reached 110.2 points for the month of January 2021, recording a decrease of -0.4 percent from December 2020.

The Statistics Authority report attributed the most important reasons for this decline to the drop in the prices of the vegetable group by -20.4 percent, the ready-made clothing group by -0.1 percent, the transportation services group by -0.6 percent, and the hotel services group by -0.6 percent, despite the increase in the prices of the fruit group by 5.4%, and the meat and poultry group by 5.2%, due to the increase in the prices of the birds group by 10.3%, as the prices of white poultry increased by 13.4%, as a result of the increase in the prices of the dairy, cheese and eggs group by 0.6%, and also the rental group calculated for the dwelling increased by 0.3 percent.

The annual inflation rate for the entire republic recorded 4.8 percent for January 2021, compared to 6.8 percent during the same month of the previous year.

Source (7Youm Website, Edited)