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**KGL Holding hosts 112th Philippine Independence Day for Filipino employees and business units**  
**KGL affirms commitment with \$1.2 billion investment, 75,000 jobs in Philippines**



Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Ricardo Endaya, KGL Holding Chairman Dr. Ali E. Dashti and company officials during the ceremonial cutting of the cake. (Source: Al Watan)

KUWAIT: Kuwait Gulf Link (KGL) Holding Chairman Dr. Ali Al-Dahsti recently hosted a dinner reception for the Filipino staff and personnel of the company. The occasion dubbed 'Celebrating Together' was held at Kuwait Hilton Hotel Resort. Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Ricardo Endaya with embassy and labor officials graced the occasion.

In his opening remarks Al-Dashti expressed his admiration to Filipino nationals working for the company for their industry, resilience, loyalty and commitment to excellence in performing their jobs. He also commended the Filipinos for their efforts and thanked them for their valuable contribution to KGL's successful business operations. He also extended his gratitude to the Philippine Embassy for its unwavering support to KGL.

"We are very happy to celebrate together with our Filipino colleagues their Independence Day as we highlight the long-standing and excellent bilateral ties between Kuwait and the Philippines," stated Al-Dashti. He further added that KGL's investment of 1.2 billion US dollars in the Philippines will generate 75,000 jobs for Filipinos.

In response, Ambassador Endaya thanked KGL for organizing such a momentous event which highlights the company's utmost concern for the welfare of its employees. "We thank KGL for providing Filipinos with good job opportunities and at the same time, giving them a second home away from the Philippines," he pointed out.

Endaya explained that KGL's investment in the Philippines is one biggest from the Middle East and that businessmen and investors refocused their attention to the Philippines considering that the country has stayed economically stable amidst the global crisis and that the country' manpower industry is the best in Asia for their professionalism, quality education and the strategic location of the country as an ideal international hub for logistic services.

Philippines signed an agreement with KGL Investment Company signed an agreement with Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC) for KGL Investment's vehicle 'The Port Fund' to develop a large mixed-use aviation

oriented logistics complex on a 167 hectare site inside the former US Military base at Clark Field, Pampanga. The agreement was signed in the presence of the outgoing President Arroyo in 2008.

In a press statement, Chairman of KGL Group of Companies of Kuwait and Board Member of KGL Investment Company Saeed Dashti, explained, "Our business plan calls for the development of a master planned mixed use Logistics and Business Center of Excellence which will be known as Global Gateway Logistics City (GGLC). It will host business enterprises and operations with priority given to aviation and logistics related businesses, including warehousing, distribution, transportation, light industrial, manufacturing, business offices and complimentary commercial and retail operations".

Furthermore, the project will be developed in two stages that will include on the first stage will be an immediate investment of \$30 million by The Port Fund to develop the infrastructure of the area including roads, street lights, fencing, landscaping, sidewalks, utilities and access points. The second stage will see the development of a logistics park with facilities and buildings representing over \$1 billion in construction costs".

"The Philippines is the ideal location for any international company from the west, as well as Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Australia, all of whom are looking for offshore operations, distribution centers or manufacturing sites because of higher labor and land costs in their own respective countries, and perhaps more importantly today, because it positions them on the door step to China, rapidly becoming the world's largest economy", stated Vice Chairman and Managing Director of KGL Investment Company Marsha Lazareva.

Lazareva added that the Philippines has assumed its leadership position over Thailand, Malaysia, Viet Nam and Indonesia because of its reputation for providing reliable English speaking workforce that is highly educated and internationally recognized with nine million Filipinos working overseas. Hence the Philippines has emerged as the best location for more industrialized nations to locate their off-shore manufacturing, logistics, and distribution centers and warehousing in addition to other back-room management and business activities such as accounting, record keeping, engineering, animation, information technology, programming and other administrative functions.

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Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Ricardo Endaya (third from right), and KGL Holding Chairman Ali E. Dashti (third from left), during the ceremonial cutting of the cake.

## **'Celebrating Together'**

KGL Holding organized an event last week dubbed 'Celebrating Together' at the Hilton Kuwait Resort to celebrate the 112th Philippine Independence Day with all Filipino employees at KGL Holding and its Business Units. The auspicious occasion aimed at fostering camaraderie and unity among KGL employees. Spotted during the celebration were Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Ricardo M. Endaya and KGL Holding Chairman, Ali E. Dashti along with other KGL Executives and Philippine Embassy personnel.

The programme kicked off with an invocation entitled "Panalangin Sa Pagiging Bukas Palad" led by Christine Delos Santos that was followed by the singing of the Kuwait and Philippine National Anthems.

"We are very happy to celebrate together with our Filipino colleagues their Independence Day as we highlight the long-standing and excellent bilateral ties between Kuwait and the Philippines," stated Dashti in his wel-

come remarks.

He also lauded the Filipinos for their industry, resilience, loyalty and commitment to excellence to performing their jobs. "We are honored to have over one hundred talented and hardworking Filipino employees who have exhibited utmost professionalism in their jobs," he cited, thanking them for their valuable contribution to KGL's successful business operations. He also extended his gratitude to the Philippine Embassy for its unwavering support to KGL.

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Endaya and Dashti led the ceremonial cutting of the cake that was followed by the dinner reception.

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stated Ali E Dashti in his welcome remarks. He also commended the Filipinos for their industry, resilience, loyalty and commitment to excellence to performing their jobs. He thanked them for their valuable contribution to KGL's successful business operations. He also extended his gratitude to the Philippine Embassy for its unwavering support to KGL.

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