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SAUDI WILL HOST THE 10TH ARAB-CHINA BUSINESS CONFERENCE

The 10th Arab-China Business Conference in Riyadh will be hosted by His Excellency Khalid Al-Falih, the Minister of Investment for Saudi Arabia on 11-12 June. He will extend a warm welcome to a distinguished delegation comprising senior Chinese and Arab officials, as well as prominent business leaders attending the conference.



During the conference, participants will have the opportunity to delve into various investment prospects that hold mutual benefits. These include areas such as technology and artificial intelligence, renewable energy, agriculture, real estate, and strategic minerals, among others. Additionally, the event will highlight the exceptional support services offered by Invest Saudi, the Kingdom's premier investment promotion agency, showcasing its world-leading capabilities in assisting and facilitating investment opportunities.

The conference will be centred around the theme of "Collaborating for Prosperity," which will convene over 2,000 government officials and business leaders from China and various Arab nations. The objective of the gathering is to engage in meaningful discussions and explore avenues of cooperation that foster mutual benefits in the realms of economy, trade, and investment.

The conference will provide attendees with valuable insights into opportunities across various sectors, including technology, artificial intelligence, renewable energy, agriculture, and strategic minerals. They will have the privilege of hearing from distinguished speakers representing both government and private sectors. Additionally, participants will have the chance to take part in focused breakout sessions tailored to specific industries. Chinese investors, in particular, will have the opportunity to explore the exceptional support services offered by Invest Saudi, the Kingdom's esteemed Investment promotion platform.

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EUROVISION 2023

A total of 37 countries participated in the Eurovision Song Contest 2023, but only 26 advanced to the grand final. The event took place in Liverpool. Following the resounding victory of the Kalush Orchestra and their song Stefania last year, Ukraine was slated to host this year's Eurovision Song Contest due to the war. It was decided that the UK, last year's runner-up, would host the contest this year on Ukraine's behalf. After the success of last year's entrant Sam Ryder, with 466 points for his song Space Man, it was back to reality for this year's UK entrant Mae Muller.



The Eurovision Song Contest originated as a technical trial in television broadcasting, showcasing a live, simultaneous, transnational broadcast that has captivated Europe for almost 70 years. With its roots as a technical trial in television broadcasting, the Eurovision Song Contest has evolved into a captivating event that has enthralled Europe for nearly 70 years

With its roots as a technical trial in television broadcasting, the Eurovision Song Contest has evolved into a captivating event that has enthralled Europe for nearly 70 years. The inaugural edition took place on May 24, 1956, featuring seven countries competing: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. Austria and Denmark expressed interest in participating but missed the deadline, while the United Kingdom declined due to their involvement in their own contest that year.



The contest was won by bookies' favourite Loreen of Sweden, who also made history by becoming the first woman to win the contest twice. She triumphed on Saturday with her Song Tattoo.

In a surprising turn of events, the Princess of Wales, Kate, made a surprising appearance at Eurovision 2023. As viewers eagerly watched the grand final, they were delighted to witness a video featuring Princess Kate showcasing her remarkable piano skills. The footage showcased her instrumental piano performance, filmed within the elegant surroundings of the Crimson Drawing Room at Windsor Castle.



During her surprise performance, Princess Kate donned an elegant blue one-shoulder gown specially crafted by designer Jenny Packham. Complementing her attire, she adorned the Queen Mother's Sapphire and Diamond Fringe Earrings, adding a touch of regal glamour to her appearance at Eurovision.

In other royal news, newly released coronation photos, King Charles is seen alongside his heirs, Prince William and Prince George. The images capture a significant moment.



showcasing the future king, Prince William, and the next in line, Prince George, alongside their father and grandfather, King Charles

These photos symbolise the continuity of the monarchy and shows a glimpse into the future of the royal family.

CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Prince Turki Al-Faisal attended the Cannes Film Festival earlier this month.

Prince Turki Al-Faisal was seen wearing traditional Saudi attire, including the bisht. Several journalists captured photos of the prince, and some festival participants were eager to have commemorative photos taken with him.



Without fail, the red carpet at Cannes remains an annual spectacle that captivates fashion enthusiasts around the world. The 2023 edition was no different, as the prestigious film festival attracted a multitude of celebrities showcasing an array of fashion choices, spanning from the unconventional to the truly magnificent.

The continued triumph of the festival highlights its increasing significance in a global market where independent cinema faces challenges. Cannes has evolved into a revered institution for world cinema, serving as a crucial platform for filmmakers and an enduring symbol of the industry's heritage.

SAUDI ASTRONAUTS

Rayyanah Barnawi and Ali AlQarni, Saudi astronauts, concluded their eight-day mission on the International Space Station (ISS) and returned to Earth on Tuesday 30th May 2023. During their time on the ISS, they engaged in a series of scientific experiments. Barnawi made history as the first Saudi Arabian and Arab woman to venture into space, while AlQarni joined her in this remarkable achievement. Their journey began on May 22 as participants in the privately-launched AX-2 mission by Axiom Space.



Research findings indicated that heat propagation in space is slower compared to its speed on Earth. Barnawi, who made history as the first Arab woman to embark on a space delivered a poignant speech from space. Reflecting on the journey, she expressed the sentiment that "every story comes to an end."

FIRST EVER WOMEN'S POLO TOURNAMENT IN KSA

According to the Saudi Polo Federation, for the first time ever, a women's team from the Kingdom will participate in the event, competing against teams from Arab and international backgrounds. The tournament will be held in the Kingdom in November 2023, at the Al-Ittihad Academy Stadiums, located within the Nofa Equestrian Club Resort near Riyadh. This historic event marks a significant milestone in women's polo in Saudi Arabia.



According to sources reported that a Saudi women's polo team will be joining the tournament. The Saudi Polo Federation and the event's official partner, Al-Hawafir Sports Company, are collaborating with prominent stables in the Saudi cities of Dammam and Jeddah to provide support and assistance to the Saudi players as they prepare for the upcoming event.

According to Omar Zaidan, the president of the federation, efforts are underway to promote women's sports and enhance awareness of polo in alignment with the strategies of both the Saudi Polo Federation and the Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee. These initiatives aim to support and empower women in sports while also contributing to the development and recognition of polo



This isn't the first polo tournament to take place in the Kingdom, The Richard Mille AIUla Desert Polo took place in January. The tournament was a result of a collaborative effort between the Royal Commission for AIUla (RCU), the Saudi Polo Federation (SPF), and Richard Mille. These organisations came together to organise and present the prestigious tournament.

It is a truly unique event, as it stands as the world's only modern polo tournament of its kind.

TOP STORIES OF THE MONTH



On June 1, 2023, Jordan's Crown Prince Hussein tied the knot with Rajwa Al Saif, marking it as the most significant royal wedding of the year. Following the ceremony, the Jordanian royal family announced that Miss Rajwa had been granted the esteemed title of Her Royal Highness Princess Rajwa Al Hussein, as per a Royal Decree, in recognition of her marriage to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Al Hussein bin Abdullah II. The guest list included Prince William and his wife, Kate, and US First Lady Jill Biden.

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