Amir starts 3-nation Asia tour today

- Visit aimed at giving a new momentum and a strong impetus to the existing co-operation between Qatar and Korea, Japan and China in various fields

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The meeting between His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani and South Korean President Moon Jae-in focus on important issues. Further strengthening of bilateral relations between the two countries. South Korea’s ambassador Kim Chong Sook, in his statement to the media yesterday, said the two leaders will discuss a range of issues of common concern between the two countries.

Qatar has always been keen on developing its relations with the world’s three major powers - Japan, Korea and China - which are among the fastest-growing economies in the world.

Significant among these are the visits of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani to Seoul in November 2016, and the visit of former South Korean President Park Geun-hye to Qatar in December 2011, which was the first visit of a South Korean president to Qatar.

Qatar has also maintained close ties with China, its most important trading partner. Of late, Qatar has been keen on enhancing its relations with China during the visit of former Chinese President Hu Jintao in 2010 and also during His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani’s China tour in 2014.

Alfardan Group to open medical facility in Lusail

A l-Fardan Group has inaugurated its medical services in cooperation with Northwestern Medicine, an internationally-renowned US medical institution.

The Group unveiled the new project in Al-Burj Lusail, and will occupy 11,000 sqm over six dedicated floors. The facility’s medical staff and doctors will be a specialized team of multina- tional professionals, including many Qatari doctors.

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Qatar Scientific Club to take part in Kuwait exhibition

O ne Scientific Club will participate in an exhibition for inventions with Middle East countries, held today in Kuwait. The Qatar Scientific Club’s participation will be through 11 inventions. The most notable are: Dekka Al Thaan Islamic System, which can be used in Islamic clothing; Jumbo, which is equipped with GPS that can help locate the user in case he gets lost at sea. The jacket would then send a distress signal through GSM systems to Marinject, which would then send a signal to the closest Heliport. All Al Thaan Islamic System and Dekka Al Thaan can switch to English or Arabic.

Businesses need to submit excise tax returns by Jan 31

B usinesses that have excise goods in their stock will need to file excise tax returns on or before January 31, 2019, the General Authority for Excise Tax (GTA) has stressed.

Stressing the importance of filling out the return, the GTA said failures to do so will lead to the imposition of an initial fee that importers, producers, and traders will be required to pay on or before January 31, 2019. After this date, a fine of QR 250 per day will be imposed on those who do not submit excise tax returns.

Businesses that import or produce excise goods will need to file their returns on or before January 31, 2019. Any business that has excise goods in its stock must file an excise tax return list with the GTA.

Businesses that operate a tax warehouse must register with the General Authority for Tax Affairs. Accounting books and records, file tax returns, and pay the tax on a quarterly basis. There are no thresholds for excise tax remittance.

The law included a 50-day period from the end of the tax year for calculating, preparing, and submitting the excise tax return. Businesses that do not file excise goods or businesses that wish to register for excise tax return.

Over 2,500 assessed at high-risk genetic oncology screening clinic

Q ater's first high-risk genetic oncology screening clinic, la- tered at the National Center for Cancer Care and Research (NCCCR) – a member of Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) – has assessed over 900 patients with cancer since it opened in April 2019, a new report said.

Since it was established in 2013, over 1,000 patients have been assessed at the clinic, with around 10% diagnosed with cancer.

The clinic, which is part of the NC-CCCR Cancer Genetics and Genomics Medicine programme, provides genetic counseling and testing services to individuals who have a high risk of developing cancer or who have a history of cancer in their family.

The programme is the first of its kind in the region and was established to care for those who have a higher likelihood of developing cancer during their lifetime, a press release said.

The programme is supported by a multi- disciplinary team consisting of medical oncology, genetic counseling, and radiologic genet- ic oncology specialists, as well as a number of international genetic literature references.

Oncologists and Genetics at the NCCCR were the first to establish DMC as a leader in re- search in protein and genetically-related cancers and also as a model for enhanced cancer care in Qatar, and other countries in the region.

The programme and precision medicine mean that the Cancer Genetics and Genomics Medicine programme is becoming a prime of the care offered to pa- tients and their families in Qatar. Qatar is the first programme in the Middle East that
Three Indian schools allowed to have shift system from April

By Joseph Vergilas

The Indian schools have been granted permission to operate a two-shift system from the new academic year (2019-20), starting from April this year.

The MES Indian School, Ideal Indian School and Shantiniketan Indian School have been granted permission by the Ministry of Human Resources, to run two shifts provided they comply with its directives.

As Indian schools were finding it difficult to cope with the growing demand for a greater number of seats, this has come as a boon for many in the expatriate community in the country. The MES Indian School and Shantiniketan Indian School have already announced that they will launch the second shift from April while Ideal Indian School is still to make a formal announcement in this regard as the school is looking into the feasibility of the shift system.

The proposal of HE the Chairman of the Supreme Judicial Council Dr Hassan Lahdan Saqr al-Mohannadi attending the consultative meeting between the Supreme Judicial Council and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), was adopted by the international standards as the existing first shift.

The Indian schools have already announced that they will provide “great relief” to the parents who have been finding it difficult to cope with the fees, it is learnt.

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Ahlibank’s Al Rabeh savings scheme launched

Ahlibank has launched the 2019 Al Rabeh savings scheme, giving customers access to win prizes through 160 monthly prizes and four quarterly prizes of QR1mn each.

Tom Ihaik, Al Rabeh Savings Account Manager, said, “Ahlibank’s Al Rabeh savings scheme provides a safe and secure opportunity to save whilst also providing a chance to win cash prizes, according to Hassan Al-Thani, Operations Director – Al Rabeh Savings Scheme. “The co-operation of Ahlibank and Al Rabeh Savings Scheme with Ooredoo Qatar, in terms of our services, is another win for us and our customers as we are offering new services and promotions to our customers.

Ahlibank has always been looking at building long-term relationships with our clients by providing the right products and services and encouraging long-term savings culture.”

Ahlibank added, “The Al Rabeh savings scheme in 2019 adds further excitement as it produces four new winners each month, with the chance to be chosen in March, June, September, and December 2019. “There are other attractive prizes on top with a monthly cash prize of QR100,000, a monthly cash prize of QR30,000 each in January, February, and March.

Another attractive prize is the chance to win a trip for two to Lebanon, with a stay of 5 nights in luxury, with the total value of this prize is QR50,000.

The Al Rabeh savings scheme is truly a win-win scheme and prizes are distributed equally for our customers,“ El Feky said.

For more information on Ahlibank’s Al Rabeh savings scheme, visit ooredoo.qa, or call Ahlibank’s corporate Communications Manager, Mr. Kasim was confirmed as the lucky winner, collecting the star prize of QR5m.

“Ahlibank is delighted to provide such opportunities to our customers, “ El Feky said. “This step is part of our ongoing plans to serve our customers in the best way possible, and to implement the latest technologies in the field of our maintenance and services.”

NBK Auto, Mercedes-Benz hold groundbreaking ceremony for renovation of main service centre

Renovation work set to kick off at Al Mana station to improve customer service and quality of maintenance and repair services, and encourage long-term relationships with our customers.

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The new workshop will be equipped with the latest technologies in the field of car maintenance and services, to ensure the success by establishing solid, professional relationships with its customers, and by offering a great value proposition.

For more information on the renovation work, visit nbkauto.qa or call the NBK Automobiles Customer Service Centre.

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Experts to attend Qatar Biobank conference

Qatar Biobank, a member of Qatar Foundation, is set to bring together local and international experts on biobanking at the Qatar International Biobanking Conference 2019, which will take place from March 25 to 27 at Qatar National Convention Centre. This "The three-day conference, which is organised by the Qatar National Convention Centre will take place from March 25 to 27 at the Qatar National Convention Centre. The event will feature the latest developments in the global biobanking sector. Medical practitioners, health and genomic researchers, and the public are encouraged to register for the conference.

"The conference serves as an important platform for researchers, policy-makers, and healthcare providers to learn about the latest developments in the global biobanking sector," said Dr. Abdulatif Al-Attiri, board vice chairperson, Qatar Biobank and chairperson of Qatar Genome Programme. "Qatar genome programme is an opportunity for everyone to learn about the incredible progress Qatar has made in moving away from "one size fits all" approach to healthcare, with the aim of raising quality in biobanking in Qatar.

"The conference is designed to allow everyone to learn about the latest developments in biobanking, and international experts on biobanking will take part in valuable conversations," said Dr. Abdulatif Al-Attiri, chairperson of Qatar Biobank. "The conference is designed to allow everyone to learn about the latest developments in biobanking, and international experts on biobanking will take part in valuable conversations."}

Qatar Biobank has so far registered more than 18,000 participants. It collects data and biological samples from the local population in an effort to develop customized medical solutions to various diseases and health issues prevalent in the country.

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Commercial Bank announces winners of Diners Club promo

Commercial Bank, one of the leading issuers of credit cards in Qatar, recently announced the winners of its Diners Club Credit Card promotions.

Three lucky Qatar Biobank staff members won a combined total of 80,000 reward points. The grand prize of 30,000 reward points was won by Waqar Waheed Khan, second prize of 20,000 reward points went to Su Su Aung, and the third prize of 10,000 reward points was given to Ali Khahen Samani. The promotion gives customers spending with their Diners Club Card between September 1 and November 30, 2018 the chance to win up to 15,000 reward points. It was designed to encourage Diners Club cardholders to continue using their cards in a unique learning journey.

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Alfardan Group ventures into health sector

He said with the opening of Alfardan Medical with Northwestern Medicine, Qatar’s medical system would be strengthened.

“Alfardan Group has a long and successful history of more than 100 years in the region, and I am confident that our combined expertise and experience will lead to a prosperous future for the region,” said Khan.

“This new collaboration will set a benchmark for healthcare in Qatar, the Middle East and GCC countries and beyond,” said Ravi. “Northwestern Medicine will provide world-class medical care and create a new chapter in the Group’s history.”

Khan added: “With the opening of our new medical centre, we are committed to providing the highest quality and the most advanced medical care to patients in Qatar. Our unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation will continue to be a hallmark of our organization. We are excited to offer our patients the latest in medical technologies and treatments in a comfortable and welcoming environment.”

Alfardan Medical with Northwestern Medicine (AMNW) will operate in Lusail as the flagship hospital and will provide services in various medical specialties, including cardiology, cardiovascular surgery, oncology, pulmonary medicine, gastroenterology, endocrinology, obstetrics, gynecology, urology, plastic surgery, ophthalmology, dermatology, pediatrics, neonatology, oncology, internal medicine, emergency medicine, critical care, general surgery, orthopedics, neurosurgery, and neurology.

The new hospital will also offer a range of innovative treatments, including minimally invasive and robotic surgeries, clinical trials, and personalized medicine.

Alfardan Medical with Northwestern Medicine will focus on providing the highest level of care and will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including a comprehensive diagnostic imaging department, a state-of-the-art operating theatre, and a dedicated intensive care unit.

The opening of Alfardan Medical with Northwestern Medicine is part of the Group’s ongoing efforts to enhance the quality of medical care in Qatar and the region. The Group is committed to investing in the development of world-class medical facilities and services, and to providing the latest medical technologies and treatments to patients in the region.

Alfardan Medical with Northwestern Medicine (AMNW) will be located at Lusail in the new developing Lusail City. The new hospital will be the first of three medical facilities to be established by the Group in Lusail, with the other two planned for the future.

Alfardan Medical with Northwestern Medicine (AMNW) will be located at Burj Alfardan in Lusail (design).
Amir’s visit will bring strong ties between the countries: Qatar envoy

The meeting between His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and South Korean Prime Minister Lee Jae-yong in Seoul on Saturday has come at a significant time, according to an announcement by the State of Qatar on Sunday.

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His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani will further strengthen the relationship between the State of Qatar and the Republic of Korea to a new level.

South Korea is once again looking forward to welcoming the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani to the State of Qatar and the Republic of Korea.

“His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani’s visit to the country marks the beginning of a new phase in the relations between the countries,” the envoy said.

“Through such exchange of visits by the heads of state of a couple of years ago, there is already a strong basis of co-operation in various areas. Chang-mo added that the visit is an opportunity for Qatar and South Korea to work on the avenues of co-operation in various areas.”

Two-day Qatar-Korea Health Conference begins in Doha

The Qatar-Korea Health Conference (2018) kicked off yesterday under the patronage of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani.

The conference is organized by the Armed Forces Medical Establishment (AFME) and the Korean Agency for International Cooperation for Development (Koica). The opening ceremony was attended by the Chief of Staff of Qatar Armed Forces Lieutenant General Mohammed ben Khalid bin Mohamed Al-Attiyah, the Director General of the Armed Forces Medical Establishment, and Samsung Medical Center President and CEO Park Hoon-dae.

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Israeli settlers shoot dead Palestinian in West Bank

Palestinian woman sprays water to control the mother of 17-year-old Palestinian Ayman Harad, who was badly shot by Israeli troops on Friday while throwing stones at Israeli settlers, at her houseyard in the village of Silwad, 15 km northeast of Ramallah.

Coalition misfires strike kills 42 in IS Syria holdout

C alifran missile strikes have killed 42 people including 13 children in several raids on Friday but the group had targeted in eastern Syria, a war monitor said. The strikes from the Russian-led coalition targeted the small town of Baghuz as part of a military operation to drive IS off its last patch of territory in Syria, according to the monitor. It said 42 people had been killed by the coalition's air strikes, including 13 children.

Dubai mansion explosion injures three

Three people were injured in an explosion at the grounds of a building in Dubai.

Tender deadline extended for public works in Ramallah

The Palestinian Ministry of Public Works on Thursday announced an extension of the tender deadline for the tender for the construction of a 10,000-square meter public facility in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Palestinian protesters clash with Israeli army

Palestinian protesters clashed with Israeli soldiers on Friday as Israeli forces swept through the West Bank town of Hebron.

Three Palestinians killed by Israeli forces

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Government Tenders

For more details please refer to the unified website of government procurement

https://monaqast.mof.gov.qa

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Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) | 87-2019 | Replacement of Package Units for various buildings at OU | QAR 1,400 | 20/02/2019 | 12 Noon

University of Jordan | 10/2019 | Printing and Publishing Services for Jordanian Students | QAR 6,500,000 | 20/02/2019 | 12 Noon

Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy | 40001665 | Provision of Event Management Services | QAR 160,000,000 | 20/02/2019 | 12 Noon
President Donald Trump has brought a temporary end to the longest government shutdown in US history by signing a stopgap bill, dropping his previous insistence on including funding for his border wall along the Mexico-US border. The announcement came after an unusually swift retraction and apology from the Daily Telegraph, a British newspaper owned by media tycoon and UK’s First Lady’s father, Donald Trump, which published an article falsely asserting that the First Lady, Melania Trump, cried on election night. The newspaper – after an unusually swift retraction and apology – issued a lengthy point-by-point correction. The article also wrongly claimed that Mrs Trump’s father was not a fearsome presence and did not control the family. “We are sorry Mrs Trump’s father was not a fearsome presence and did not control the family,” the newspaper said in a statement retracting the piece. “We also wish to retract claims Mrs Trump’s family were not haunted by past affairs.”

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Indonesian rescuers are looking for more victims of a deadly landslide and floods in the eastern part of Sulawesi island, authorities say.

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Chinese regulators are stepping up efforts to target “malicious mobile apps” that infringe on users’ rights, the agency said.

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Ireland dismisses suggestion it should quit EU and join UK

By Lisa O’Carroll
Gulf Times

Ireland has dismissed the suggestion made by its neighbour the UK that the country might want to quit the EU and unite with the UK. The Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, said the suggestion was “misguided” with a combination of idxnt and ridicule.

The idea, which was floated by David Cameron in his 2015, was intended to keep Ireland in the EU in exchange for treaty changes. It was dismissed by Mr Varadkar as “misguided” with a combination of idxnt and ridicule.

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Merkel calls for ‘zero tolerance’ of hate, anti-Semitism

Czechs 'musher' wins 300km dog sled race

Bureaus

UN human rights inves- tigator Agnes Callamard said the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi yesterday by a 15-member Saudi team sent shockwaves around the world, as the United States, United Kingdom, the EU and others condemned Riyadh.

"I have requested access to the Saudi consulate in Istanbul and a meeting with the ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in London," Ms Callamard said in a statement.

"I have also made a request to conduct a similar country-visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia." The Saudi mission in Geneva and government sources in Riyadh have not responded to broader questions about the investigation.

A Saudi public prosecutor's spokesman said last year that 21 suspects had been indicted and referred to trial.

The prosecutor said this month it was seeking the penalty for five of the 21 defendants.

"I cannot conceive of this inquiry to be meaningful, and a number of others, towards those who were involved, towards those who were found to be guilty for their criminal accountability." Ms Callamard said that she had requested a meeting with the UN human rights council, a committee of countries that has authority in such matters.

"It is hoped this will help ensure that the UN can continue to provide new avenues for the prevention of the same type of atrocities in future, in other cases, including of jour- nalists and human rights defend- ers, and accountability for their killings," she added.

The European Union called on Riyadh to allow the UN inquiry to access the consulate, which Ms Callamard said was "absolutely" necessary for her work.

"This young people have al- ways defended press freedom and their right to express in- formation, and they have paid a very high price," the EU's high representative for foreign affairs, Josep Borrell, said, according to the director of the EU's press office.

"What we cannot allow is that the EU, its member states or the people of Europe be denied the right to know what happened, because nobody has the right to silence us."

"This is a very high price paid by young people, who have always been at the forefront of freedom of expression and press freedom."

Ms Callamard, a 62-year-old Swede who was appointed UN special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, said a country like Saudi Arabia "cannot be permitted to get away with murder."

"It is not just a matter of demonetising the Yemeni president, it is a matter of justice for the people killed by the Saudi-led coalition," she said.

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Pope defies migrants, marginalised at Panama meeting

Thirty-four people were confirmed dead and nearly 500 missing, many feared dead, in a Brazil dam disaster a day after an earthquake hit a mine in southeast Brazil.

The dam burst near the city of Brumadinho, in the state of Minas Gerais, spilling mud onto buildings, vehicles and roads with a deep, treacherous river of mud.

Dozens of helicopters were used to help the search for the missing, and a state of emergency was declared.

The tragedy comes after another large dam collapse in Brazil in 2015, which killed at least 19 people and injured hundreds.

The Brazilian government has said it is investigating the cause of the dam failure.

Italy's Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte called the disaster "a tragedy of the highest order" and offered condolences to the families of the victims.

The Pope, who arrived in Panama City yesterday, called for compassion and solidarity in the face of the disaster.

"We are all called to respond with compassion and solidarity, with brothers and sisters in need, with those who suffer," he said.

The Pope has previously spoken out against the marginalisation of migrants and the need for a global solution to the migration crisis.

"We must not be indifferent to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, to the pain of families," he said.

"We must be a Church of the poorest, a Church that is open to everyone, a Church that is close to the marginalized and the excluded."
Dying man in UK appeals for visas to see kin one last time

PM’s performance so far seen as ‘good’, poll finds

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How committee formed to reform Punjab police force

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Pakistan, as well as the U.S., have launched a renewed offensive against the Taliban in the northwestern region of the country, where the insurgents have been based. The offensive, which began on Sunday, follows a series of attacks by the Taliban in the past week, including one that killed at least 15 people in the city of Peshawar.

The Taliban have been fighting a war against the Pakistani government since 2001, and the U.S. has supported the government's efforts to defeat the group. The Taliban have been responsible for thousands of deaths and injuries in Pakistan, and the country is still reeling from the aftermath of the attacks.

Pakistan has called on the international community to support its fight against terrorism and has called for a united front to combat the threat. The country has also called for increased sanctions against the Taliban, including a ban on weapons and funds.

The Taliban have responded by saying that they will continue to fight and that they will not be intimidated by the international community. The group has also called for a peace process to end the conflict.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif said on Sunday that the country was ready to talk to the Taliban if they are prepared to abandon violence and negotiate a political solution.

"We are willing to talk to them if they are serious about peace and are prepared to give up their violent ways," Asif said. "We will not negotiate with those who continue to kill our people and destroy our society."
Satisfaction with state institutions up: survey

By Catherine S Valente

P ublic satisfaction with the Duterte administration reached a high for 2018 in the fourth quarter of 2018, according to the latest Social Weather Statistics (SWS) survey released on Friday.

The four-point rise in “household satisfaction rating of the House of Representatives” jury is due in large part to gains in Mindanao. Visayas, combined with steady scores in Metro Manila and Balance Luzon.

The SWS conducted, survey from Dec 16 to 19, 2018 via face-to-face interviews in 1,440 adults nationwide, found 51% of Filipinos satisfied and 17% dissatisfied with the performance of De- uterte’s Cabinet.

The results yielded a net satisfaction index of “good” at +33, ranking in second place among the major state institutions. “The four-point rise in the overall satisfaction rating of the House of Representatives was also due to increases in Mindanao and Balance Luzon, with steady scores in Metro Manila and Visayas,” said the study’s senior author and SCP president, Bernadette Herrera.

The SWS said the net satisfaction was very high in Metro Manila, up 24 points from September 2017 to 41 in December.

The survey also found 75% of respondents dissatisfied with the performance of the Senate, registering a six-point drop from last year’s peak of 69.

By Javier J Ismael

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The proposals of Leyenda and Mocatel were higher than the leaders-approved proposal, which was 14 years old. For- eigners, child-providers, and social workers opposed the proposals which they said did not fully develop an adap- table, workable, and progressive law.

Leyenda said that the Senate’s main aim is to be released from prison.
No-deal Brexit may cause economic chaos in Europe

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Falling glass as far away, from distant atmospheres, deep blue hordes. But our physical distance from the rest of the world also gives New Zealand a special understanding of commu- nity and connection with the rest of the world. For us, international partnerships mean more than export markets and economic ties. They are commitments to human rights, open society, and the idea that we are all in this together. Trade, social justice, and other dimensions crucial to our survival can be even more important than the principles on which they are based. In this context, it’s impossible to consider the question of what New Zealand means to the EU as a narrow one, focused on short-term issues.

This sense of connection has roots in the US too. New Zealand is, after all, an island nation. Here we have the idea that one CDU regional leader is even more influential than their foreign counterparts. But since her protege, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, took over the CDU leadership in December, Merkel was a lame duck. She was unable to give up the CDU leadership, after all, because of low physical activity, his participation in exergaming group, and "Nickelodeon Fit" prompt kids to in many cases, kids grow bored and move around less than they used to.

Unfortunately, most preschools do not offer the kind of structured and physical activity interventions in this study. In addition, the young children in the exergaming group were too small to rule out the possibility that the group was a factor in the findings. However, the results in this study suggest that children who are encouraged to participate in exergaming programs are more engaged and physically active than those who are not. This is important because physical activity is crucial for children's health and well-being. It is also possible that the children who were participating in exergaming programs were more active due to the fact that they were participating in organized physical activities, such as sports programs and fitness clubs, which are known to promote physical activity.

The prevalence of childhood obesity in the US has grown from 5% in 1976 to 17% in the past three decades, particularly because of new physical activity, the team wrote in the Journal of Sport and Exercise Medicine. "The prevalence of childhood obesity in the US is higher than in New Zealand, and the rate of increase in childhood obesity in the US has been faster than in New Zealand. Therefore, it is possible that the children in the exergaming group were more active due to the fact that they were participating in organized physical activities, such as sports programs and fitness clubs, which are known to promote physical activity."
A R Rahman to perform in Doha as part of Qatar-India Year of Culture

A R Rahman will perform in Doha as part of the Qatar-India Year of Culture 2019, Indian ambassador P Kumaran has said.

"Qatar Embassies is doing a series of programmes with A Rahman. He will be performing at Khalid International Stadium, Indian ambassador P Kumaran will be on 22nd and 26th, and Rahman will be coming with his troops," he said.

The Colour Run presented by Sahtak Awalan: Your Health First returned to the Qatar National Convention Centre yesterday. A "record-breaking turnout of more than 10,000 'Colour Runners'" were planning to open them in Al Khor and the Industrial Area. We are also planning to launch an online appointment system for embassy services to help save time for the applicants, "the Indian ambassador said.

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The president, in his address to the nation, said: "Republic Day is an occasion to reaffirm our commitment to freedom and equality across our society and among all our citizens. And above all, this is an occasion to celebrate India and the spirit of 'Azadi.'"

"This year is a little extra special. On October 2, we will mark the 150th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, who led us – and who inspired oppressed societies in Asia, Africa and elsewhere – to freedom from colonial rule. Gandhi remains the moral compass of our Republic. His teachings are the touchstones to measure our policies and initiatives. The 150th anniversary is not for Indians alone; it is a joy to be shared with the world," noted the president in his address.

"The human experience is built upon partnerships. Partnerships at home build a family. Partnerships at work build a business. Partnerships of different stakeholders build a country. Partnerships of the government and the people build our nation. And partnerships of nations build a better world. In this manner, partnerships are the thread knitting together family, nation and world – and leading to the treatment of the World as a Family," he high-

PICTURES: Sheau Othman

Indians celebrate Republic Day

The Indian community in Qatar yesterday celebrated the 70th Republic Day of their country with patriotic fervour and great enthusiasm.

By Joseph Varghese

Two sections of the gathering at the event.

"The Colour Run presented by Sahtak Awalan: Your Health First returned to the Qatar National Convention Centre yesterday. A "record-breaking turnout of more than 10,000 'Colour Runners'" were part of the Hero Tour, featuring an all-new Super Zone and Foam Zone as part of the 5k course. Because achievement, right communications offer for World Curling Medicine – Qatar, which marks the Qatar Health First campaign, said: "The event is so much more that it really inspires people to get active and move regular exercise part of their everyday routine, which is one of the core messages of Sahtak Awalan - Your Health First."

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Ambassador P Kumaran and his wife Ritu Kumaran cut a cake along with students to mark Republic Day.

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