

Central Bank of Kuwait Launches Sixth Edition of the "Cybersecurity Leaders Program"

As part of the Central Bank of Kuwait's (CBK) ongoing efforts to develop qualified national talent and strengthen the cybersecurity capabilities of the banking sector, the Bank continues to support initiatives aimed at enhancing the resilience of the financial and banking system against the risks associated with the rapid advancement of technology and the increasing reliance on digital information systems while minimizing their risks.

And as part of Kafa'a initiative launched by CBK in collaboration with Kuwaiti banks managed by the Kuwait Institute of Banking Studies (KIBS), the CBK Governor and Chairman of KIBS Board of Directors, Basel Al-Haroon, announced the launch of the sixth edition of the **"Cybersecurity Leaders Program"**.

This program targets Kuwaitis interested in the cybersecurity field, providing them the opportunity to refine their skills and enhance their capabilities. The goal is to establish a generation of technical professionals capable of developing appropriate programs to protect information systems in Kuwait's banking and financial sector, in line with best practices in the field of information security. The Governor indicated that this program crowns the fruitful cooperation between CBK, local banks, and the Institute of Banking Studies within a comprehensive set of initiatives aimed at developing and qualifying national cadres to lead this field.

The Governor added that the **"Cybersecurity Leaders Program"** will be implemented in collaboration with SANS Cyber Institute, one of the world's top cybersecurity training organizations, specializing in professional training and certification in this field. The program will last for three months and will conclude with a training workshop in collaboration with the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). This is a continuation of the developments and successes achieved by the program during the previous years in cooperation with the same

partners, to enhance cyber resilience in the banking and financial sector and all participating vital sectors.

As for the admission criteria and requirements, the Governor stated that applicants will be selected based on objective standards and must pass the required tests and personal interviews. Those interested in applying can review the program details and submit their applications as of Sunday, 16 August until Thursday, 24 September 2026, through the Kafa'a initiative website: www.Kafaakw.org.