

## Visit of the Ambassador of Kuwait

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Kuwait, situated between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, is one of the world's most important oil producers. On 10 June 2025 Mayor of Kraków Aleksander Miszalski met with the Kuwaiti Ambassador to Poland, His Excellency Saad Abdulaziz Mohammad Al-Mehaini, to seek economic cooperation opportunities.

The Ambassador mentioned the similar, difficult histories of both countries, which at one point in their histories lost their independence. He also emphasized Poland's growing attractiveness – in 2024, 5,500 Kuwaitis visited our country, and this year that number will be almost 6,000. This is certainly supported by direct connections from Kuwait to Balice Airport, operated by Jazeera Airways. Currently, there are three flights per week, but their frequency may increase.

To further strengthen these statistics, mayor Miszalski suggested analyzing the possibility of cooperation between tourist offices that could prepare special offers for tourists from Kuwait. "We are already prepared for this," said the president, handing the Ambassador a promotional brochure "3 days in Kraków" in Arabic. He expressed his satisfaction with the fact that there has been a significant increase in the number of tourists from the Persian Gulf region visiting Kraków in the recent years.

President Miszalski also openly addressed the possibilities for economic cooperation. He mentioned the significant investment potential of our city, especially in Nowa Huta, on areas located on the former metallurgical plant grounds. The investment areas there, operated by "Kraków – Nowa Huta of the Future," may be an interesting offer for Kuwaiti capital.

The Ambassador also expressed interest in investment opportunities in the private sector – for example, in hospitality or the wellness industry.

Besides its courteous character (this was the Ambassador's first visit to the south of Poland after assuming his diplomatic mission in January 2025), the meeting also presented opportunities to establish cooperation with another partner from the Persian Gulf region. Kraków will prepare a package of offers which – as declared by the Ambassador – will be sent to Kuwait.