

illuminating their paths of courage, sacrifice, and hard work, and a role model they can follow in the foundations of wise leadership. If the man's legacy was written down properly, then I would not be exaggerating by saying Kuwait's museum would not be enough to hold his full legacy.

Sheikha Mona: A few years ago, I was standing in a library, and what grabbed my attention were the three books you wrote about your grandfather. At that moment, I felt the great love and attachment you have towards this man, an intimacy which was clearly reflected in your writing out of filial devotion to your grandfather without sparing any time or effort. This was what made me pay attention to the legacy of my own father, who was your grandfather's dear friend, and I soon found myself following your foot steps in publishing that legacy. Thus emerged the Al-Othman School book and his book of verses, as well as five books yet to be published which document an important era in the history of Kuwait based on the archives of Al-Othman family records.

In this respect, I call upon all Kuwaiti families who still retain old documents belonging to their ancestors to work on turning them into books that preserve the history of this country. Let our heritage be a guiding light for this generation that has lost its compass, and is almost losing its identity in an overwhelming tide of greed, materialism, and extremist ideology.

Sheikha Mona, you excelled in this work and you have maintained a heritage which was almost lost. And because I see in you the same ingenious spirit you inherited from your grandfather, I hope that you will use the special knowledge and position you possess to carry on the responsibility of maintaining the entire heritage of Kuwait and her men and women.

So for you I send the sincerest greetings and appreciation.