

This close relationship must be mentioned in history for the future generations to hold on to because it is the pillar of Kuwait's emergence and prosperity since its formation. And those responsible of creating the curriculums, especially in the English schools, should instill that relationship in the hearts and minds of our youth. Unfortunately, in those schools, our children learn more about the conquests of Richard the Lionheart than they learn about Saddam's invasion of Kuwait!

Therefore, if we wish to have a homeland for them and for us, we must strengthen the values of our culture and citizenship, along with rejecting religious extremism, and work towards the acceptance of different opinions. All this must be instilled in the hearts and minds of the young through the schools, the family, the mosque, and the social institutions.

And honestly speaking, as a writer who has nothing to do with policy, His Highness Sheikh Bu-Sabah is the most open to criticism and the most tolerant with his opponents. This only increases the love and appreciation that the people of Kuwait have for him.

I conclude here by saying: Bu-Sabah, you have honored us with your patronage and care, and in my name and Al-Othman's family, thank you very much for honoring us.