SMALL PROJECTS

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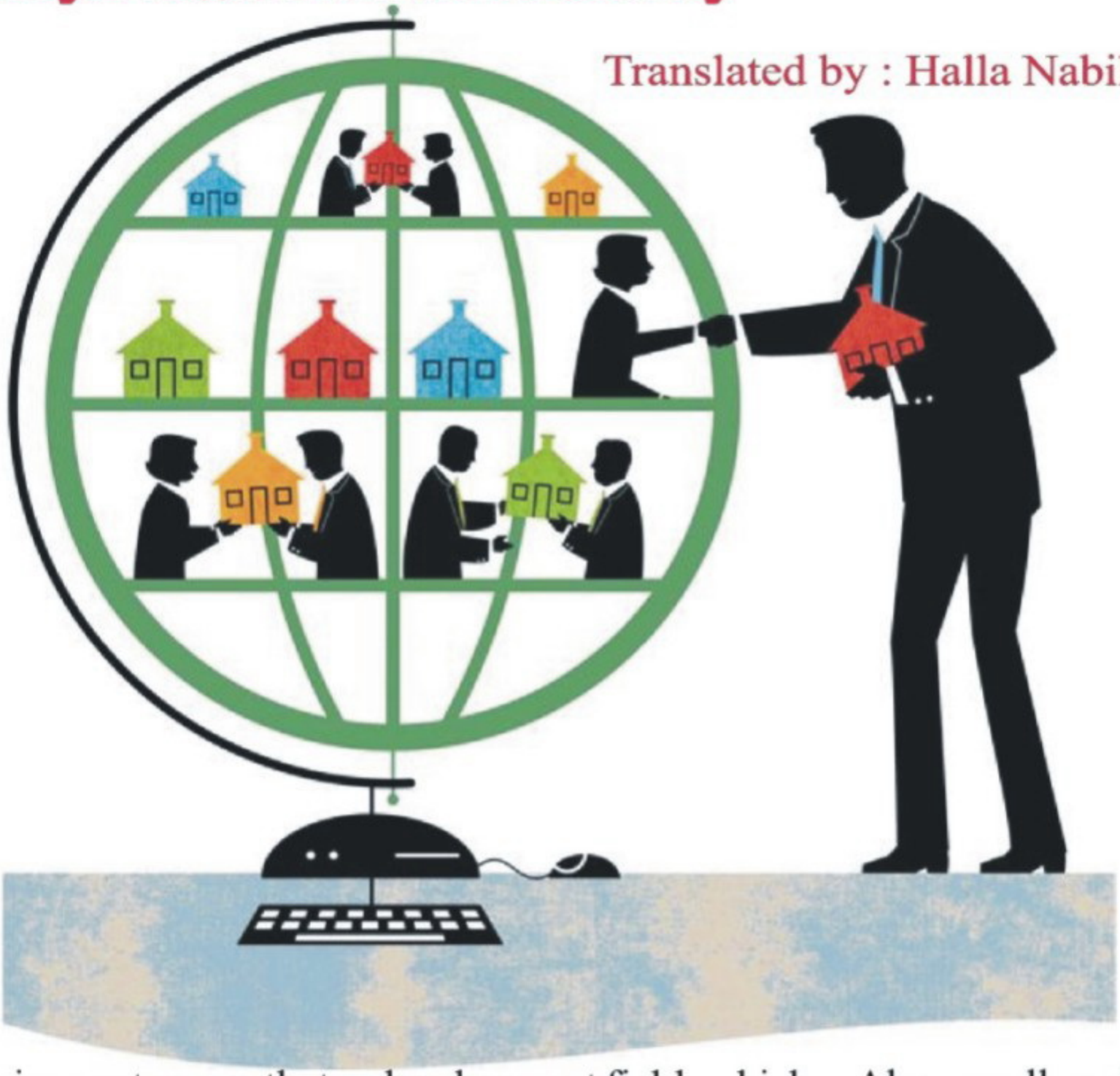

The circumstances that have passed in Iraq after2003 lead to a deterioration of industrial sector significantly, which requires serious attempts to promote it through the experiences of the world in industrial and economic development field, which rely mainly on small and medium projects , and not as prevalent it depends on large and huge projects, for example(Japanese experience), which is considered one of the richest experiences in the world.

Also small and medium enterprises are considered basic origin for jobs and faces the problem of unemployment as in the United States, which provides nine jobs opportunities out of ten.

S M Es are considered the real nucleus of huge institutions in America and one of main support in economic and social fabric as in Italy.

Small projects in Iraq had a great role in supporting the economy and providing support to It during successive periods of Iraqi state history, which was represented by spreading small and medium enterprises, which produced some goods needed by citizen in his daily life, such as (building materials, blacksmithing and carpentry shops that serve the construction sector, house Furniture accessories, as well as perfumes and vegetables shops, bread production, sewing, embroidery, shoes and leather bags production ,exchange shops , cigarette and some types of fabrics , soap and desserts production) that were spread all over the country as well as the manufacture of heritage that began to disappear at the present time to be replaced by imported materials that deplete the income of citizens, and the country of foreign currency ,that lead to stop domestic production, which was practiced by a large number of citizens, which increased the unemployment and the deterioration of national industries and this as a result of certain factors that Iraq is going through it now.

Proposals

1- Develop a clear strategy to support small projects by creating legal and regulatory environment conducive to the development of these projects.

2- Create a specialized institution to follow the development of small and medium-projects ,that providing technical and logistical support for these projects.

3- Support and promote investment in these projects because they are considered a fertile environment conducive to investment.

4- Create specialized banks that provide soft loans with few benefits for the establishment and development of these projects.

5- Support small business products marketing nationally and internationally through the exhibitions that promote the products of these projects.