



## IWG BEGINS ACTIVITIES FOR NEW CULTURAL SEASON

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As part of the cultural activities of the International Women's Group (IWG), a traditional and entertaining event was held yesterday at Crowne Plaza Hotel and was attended by IWG members. The event begins International Women's Group's (IWG) activities for their 2016-2017 cultural season which is chaired this year by the Russian ambassador's wife Elena. The event was part of the regular events and activities held by IWG members. "These activities include different celebrations and events like visiting traditional places," Narjis Al Shatti, IWG member told the Kuwait Times. "Other cultural activities include those presented by the diplomats' spouses from their home countries' cultures." Shatti added that there will be many future activities for the IWG members. "IWG will visit Oman this year. We also plan to host cooking workshops that will start this month; the first one will be hosted by Ruby Tuesday." She said that representatives from South

African embassy will teach the members how to cook traditional African cuisine. Shatti noted that there will also be monthly painting workshops held by the spouses of the Egyptian and Hungarian Ambassadors. The workshops will be in collaboration with the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters in Abdulaziz Hussein Cultural Center in Mishref. The IWG will also organize in winter sports activities for its members at public parks. For his part, Ambassador of South Africa to Kuwait M P Bon said that the South Africa embassy is happy to share the beauty of humanity in Africa with members of the IWG. "It is my pleasure to be invited to such an event in which we can share our traditions and culture. I hope you enjoy our cultural event that will show you what South Africa has to offer," he said. The event included a performance, where the band presented a traditional drum show. This event aims to strengthen the relations with other members, where the wives of new ambassadors meet with other members to exchange information about their countries, tradition, food and culture.

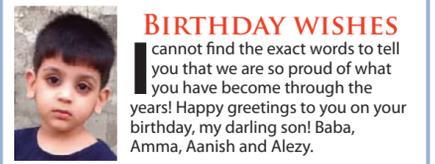


## ACK SECURES ISO 9001:2008 CERTIFICATION

As part of its commitment to providing quality education and training, the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) is proud to announce that it has been awarded ISO 9001:2008 Certification, the most widely accepted international standard for quality management systems, as per its Quality Manual scope of "Provision of Higher Education and Corporate Training". ACK is now the first and only private higher education provider in Kuwait that has received the ISO 9001:2008 certification, under its quality policy of adopting a continual improvement approach to ensure quality service to its students, trainees, and stakeholder while delivering services

through effective management of its resources and operations. The main benefit to staff members, students and future graduates of ACK in securing ISO certification means the College aims to be a customer-focused organization, ensuring students and trainees' satisfaction by delivering services and support to meet their needs and expectations while maintaining regulatory requirements. Mr Sager Abdullah Al-Sharhan, Acting Chief Operations Officer said: "We are delighted with this achievement as we aimed to acquire the ISO certificate to fulfill the requirements of all stakeholders. By receiving ISO certifica-

tion, ACK ensures continual improvement, as well as better results & learning outcomes". "We are very proud of ACK team members for achieving ISO 9001:2008 certification," said Director of Quality Management at ACK Mrs Amal Al Shihabi. "ACK has always been known for its high level of quality and proven academic performance by our students at the professional, academic and post-graduate level. Achieving this certification, ACK is also ensuring its processes are at par with international Quality Management Systems and will ensure ACK is achieving its educational objectives for excellence."



**BIRTHDAY WISHES**  
I cannot find the exact words to tell you that we are so proud of what you have become through the years! Happy greetings to you on your birthday, my darling son! Baba, Amma, Aanish and Alezy.

## VISIT OF VIBRANT GUJARAT GLOBAL SUMMIT DELEGATION TO KUWAIT

A 16-member business delegation from Gujarat led by Dr Rajiv Kumar Gupta, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government of Gujarat and Managing Director, Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. (GNFC) is visiting Kuwait from 9-10 October 2016. The delegation comprises senior officials from the Government of Gujarat and number of prestigious representatives. The visit of Gujarat Delegation aims to promote the "Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2017", to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 10-13 January 2017, and seek active participation from Kuwait at the Summit. The delegation members will explore trade and investment opportunities in Kuwait, including collaborations and tie-ups with businesses and enterprises of Kuwait. During the visit, the Gujarat Delegation would, inter alia, meet the Undersecretary in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Kuwait; CEOs of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, KOC, KNPC, PIC, KPI; and Director General, Kuwait Ports Authority. KPMG, Kuwait would organize a networking event for the Gujarat delegation with the participation of the members of Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC), Kuwait.