

What's On

Ahmadi governorate celebrates Kuwait's national anniversaries



Within its programs to celebrate the national anniversaries, Ahmadi governorate organized the 'Um Al-Khair' Festival 2018. The event was attended by a large number of sheikhs, mayors, dignitaries, governorate and KOC officials. Speaking on the occasion, Ahmadi governor, Sheikh Fawwaz Khaled Al-Hamad thanked all the festival sponsors including the Ministry of Information, KOC, Mustafa Karam Co, CBK, Al-Seyassah, Annahar, Al-Kuwaitia newspapers, the Sarmad media network and the festival's supreme committee for their efforts.

Al-Hamad also organized a concert on Friday, February 16 for Kuwaiti and Saudi singers in addition to special ceremonies to be held on February 25 and 26 when volunteers are expected to distribute candies to all celebrators at the Chalets areas. Al-Hamad also called for avoiding negative phenomena such as foam and water spraying during the festivities and settle for the exchange of roses and candy.



GUST examines developments of media usage in Middle East

Gulf University for Science and Technology's (GUST) Global Studies Center (GSC) hosted a lecture last week on the views and perceptions of the media's influence on regional and global change. The session was led by Dr Nele Lenze, visiting assistant professor from the National University of Singapore, and current faculty member in the Department of Mass Communication and Media (MCM) at GUST, to introduce her newly published book "Media in the Middle East - Activism, Politics, and Culture." The lecture was attended by HE German Ambassador to Kuwait, Karlfried Bergner, faculty members, university students, and the general public.

The talk also introduced the main themes of the edited volume, which illustrates how the increase in Internet connections and mobile applications have resulted in an emergence of indispensable tools for information acquisition, dissemination, and activism. It uncovered the views and perceptions of leading scholars with expertise in Middle Eastern studies with regards to the media's influence on regional and global change. Dr Lenze also touched on the media aspect of a variety of subjects including economy, digital news, online businesses, gender-related issues, social media, and film.

Visiting Professor at GUST's MCM Department, Dr Nele Lenze, said "What I find most interesting in Middle Eastern media is the variety of outlets that are available online and offline. The rapid developments in media accessibility and connectivity in the region has encouraged a high number of young media users and producers in distributing cultural content. The subject is of high interest to the public since the majority of the young generation are engaged with the commercial, political, and cultural media outlets."

Dr Nele focused on aspects of economy, digital news, online businesses, gender-related issues, social media, and film. She also looked into the details of media's role in political movements throughout the Middle East. The GSC continuously hosts discussions that stimulate research, and aid in the development of our students and faculty's experience



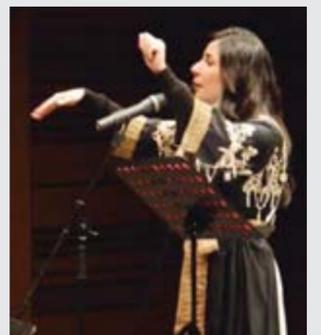
on campus. It is a leading center in research on global studies, and a vehicle for engaging both internal and external communities through events and lectures on relevant issues.

Head of the Global Studies Center at GUST, Dr Martin Rosenstock, said "We continually try to find new ways of enhancing the GUST academic experience by organizing events that bring together great minds and present unique viewpoints to learn from. The GSC provides the university with another outlet to showcase its prowess in contributing to academic research." The center was established with the mission to conduct cutting-edge research on cross-national political, economic, social, cultural, and environmental issues of critical importance, and share research output and information regionally and globally. The GSC seeks to foster public understanding of global issues and support the policy-making processes of concerned states.



LOYAC concert 'To Kuwait With love'

The Arabic Heritage Choral of LOYAC's Academy for Performance Arts (LAPA) is preparing a concert titled 'To Kuwait With Love' to celebrate the upcoming national anniversaries. The concert is due to be held tomorrow (Tuesday, 20th February) in collaboration with NCCAL art Abdul Hussein Abudl Redha theatre where the 40 singer choral headed maestros Yousif Para and Nisreen Nasser are set to perform several national and traditional Kuwaiti songs. Speaking on the occasion, Nisreen Nasser stressed that



LAPA is keen on training youth on traditional singing and music all year long giving them chances to develop their talents. Nasser also said that LAPA was currently preparing to launch a busy singing season within the three coming months.



TIES announcement

You are cordially invited to our Tafseer class (Divine Wisdom from the Last Testament) today at 7:00 pm. In this class, we will focus on Surat At-Tahreem (The Prohibition), verses 7- 8. We will examine the various

plots of the hypocrites to undermine Islam, how Allah (SWT) shamed them and how the believers will mock them on Judgment Day. We will also note the different threats that Allah (SWT) issued against the disbelievers, the motives behind them, and the polytheists' reaction to them. Finally, we will discuss the importance of repentance, Allah's (SWT) happiness when someone repents, and why Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) would repent more than 70 times a day although he was sinless.