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## THE CENTER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AT AUK INTRODUCES FIRST EXECUTIVE MINI MBA PROGRAM

The Center of Continuing Education (CCE) at the American University of Kuwait (AUK) announced the graduation of its first group of professionals from the Mini MBA Program. The program was launched in November 2016 in partnership with BEYOND Consulting and Training, (a company based in Lebanon that offers professional development services in the MENA region. The objective of the program was to train professionals on a wide spectrum of competencies that grant them competitive advantages within the Business market.

The Mini-MBA Program is designed to provide professionals with the essential theories, practices and techniques needed to succeed in their professional roles. Over a 5-day course, the program provides an experiential overview of five key areas in business operations; strategic planning, finance functions, marketing strategies; leadership roles and human capital.

Buthaina Al-Khubaizi, Director of CCE, explained that the CCE/BEYOND Executive Mini MBA Program does not only provide a comprehensive understanding of each of

the five key business competencies, but also identifies their interdependencies. Khubaizi explained that the idea of offering a Mini MBA Program was inspired by the success of the Emerging Leaders certificate program, which CCE has been running for three successful years. "Through both programs, CCE tries to offer opportunities for business managers and emerging leaders to reflect and recalibrate, allowing them to disrupt old patterns and discover new approaches to management and leadership," she said.

The CCE Executive Mini MBA Program is designed for professionals who wish to gain the business skills offered in traditional MBA programs without the time and costs incurred by pursuing an MBA degree. The program employs techniques and methodologies that are typically covered in MBA programs, while utilizing David Kolb Experiential Cycle learning model (heavy emphasis on practice, simulations, role-plays, case studies and video-taping exercises drawn from the real work environment, and job realities and situations.)

The Mini MBA Program was conducted by instructors who are experts on the different business domains including, organizational strategic planning, leadership styles and behaviors, accounting and finance, marketing strategies, and human resources management.

Upon their completion of the Mini MBA Program, the participants received professional certificates from CCE at a graduation ceremony held on the center's premises in November. Following the ceremony, Khubaizi announced the launch of CCE's "Emerging Leaders" Certificate Program 2017, which is expected to start mid-February 2017. The "Emerging Leaders" program was developed in early 2014 to offer an introductory model on leadership and cover subjects such as Communication in the Workplace, Building and Leading High Performance Teams, Conflict Resolution, Exceptional Customer Care, Creative Problem Solving, Motivational Leadership, Achieving Successful Results, Human Intelligences and Wellbeing and Carving the Leader Within.



Course Instructor Joseph Maalouf



## CANADIANS IN KUWAIT CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

Canadians in Kuwait (CIK) a social networking organization for Canadian expat community in Kuwait celebrated Thanksgiving for its members and guests with a grand event with pomp and color at Holiday Inn Hotel - Salmiya. Ishtiaq Malik - CIK President welcomed dignitaries, members and guests on behalf of CIK.

He thanked Ambassador of Canada - Martine Moreau, US Ambassador Lawrence Silverman and his wife Victoria. Ambassador of Sri Lanka - KandeepanBala, Catherine Deri, Lieutenant-Colonel and Commanding Officer for joining CIK Thanksgiving.

Ambassador of Canada to Kuwait Martine Moreau addressed the audience by greetings Canadian community in Kuwait with season's greetings and appreciated CIK

for holding this event. Meanwhile, US Ambassador Lawrence Silverman addressed the gathering and wished season's greetings. Catherine Deri, Lieutenant-Colonel and Commanding Officer in her speech also wished season's greetings.

CIK shares Canadian culture with other expats communities in Kuwait, utilizing the talent and efforts of its members. CIK's top agenda is to promote Canada's national traditions and events in Kuwait. The Past one year was very active, CIK had conducted several successful events for its members to enjoy their time in Kuwait. The membership to CIK website is proven to be very informative with weekly news updates and is beneficial to its members.



## IISM OBSERVES ENGLISH WEEK



India International School, Mangaf observed English week with a week-long innovative celebrations. India's first Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore and his contribution to the literary arena was the theme.

The activities commenced with an Inter House Quiz Competition on Tagore's life. Special assemblies were organized by all the sections. The three facets of the English language - prose, poetry, and drama - were authentically presented, followed by choral recitation of 'Where the mind is without fear' and a reverberating and meaningful presentation of the Indian National Anthem.

'Give me the Strength', a poem in praise was musically composed and sung. 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' was presented as a ballet and 'Kabuliwala' was enacted in the form of a skit. Children of class I and II performed a song and zealous English games were played in the assembly to enhance the beauty of the language.

The celebration was concluded with an Inter House Debate Competition by class X on 'Demonetization of 500 and 1000 Indian Rupee Notes'. English week not only provided a platform for the students to showcase their talent but also enhanced their knowledge bank and boosted their self-confidence. The effort taken by the English Department was well appreciated by the School Director, Principal, Senior Vice Principal and the Vice Principals.

