

AOU PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES AMIR ON NATIONAL DAYS

Prof Moudi Al-Humoud, President of Arab Open University (AOU) has extended her heartfelt congratulations to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on the 10th anniversary of his ascension to power, the first anniversary of naming him "Humanitarian Leader", the 55th anniversary of Independence Day, and the 25th anniversary of Liberation Day.

This came in a speech delivered by Al-Humoud in a ceremony held by the University for honoring all organizing committees of "the Small and Micro Enterprises in the Arab Countries: Reality and Aspirations" conference, which was organized by the University in cooperation with various local and regional bodies under the patronage of HH the Amir of Kuwait during 28-29 October 2015.

Al-Humoud said that on these national days, we recall the high positions of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and what has been achieved from developmental plans and strategies in our country, recalling also all late Kuwaiti rulers and their contributions in building Kuwait, praying to Almighty Allah to protect it and prevail development and prosperity under the wise leadership of HH the Amir

and HH the Crown Prince and also to prevail security and peace over the Arab world.

Al-Humoud said this ceremony came as a recognition of the role of the organizing committees in the success of the conference. She also extended her gratitude to all bodies that participated in organizing the conference. In particular, she thanked Arab Urban Development Institute, Arab Gulf Program for Development (AGFUND), Kuwait Banking Association and Arab Fund of Economic and Social Development.

She also thanked all sponsors and media institutions, which always shed light on the University's achievements, activities and programs that serve the common interest of Kuwait and all the Arab World. At the end of the ceremony, shields and certificates were presented to the members of the committees by Al-Humoud in addition to Dr Mohammed Ali Mirgani, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs, and Prof Mustapha Achoui, Vice President for Affairs of Planning, Research and Development.



AUK SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LOYAC

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) and Lothan Youth Achievement Center (LOYAC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance and benefit student participation in personal and profes-

sional development programs. The MOU will enable students to pursue internships, attend workshops and seminars, volunteer, and support various community outreach programs. In addition, participating students will be able

to receive certification from LOYAC. Based on the agreement, AUK students can start exploring opportunities with LOYAC. Placement will be done based on students' interview skills, majors and overall fit for vari-

ous jobs and companies. By establishing this MOU, students will be exposed to a wide spectrum of experiences and training that will prepare them for their chosen professional careers and personal development. This is not

the first time AUK partners with LOYAC; the two parties signed their first MOU in summer 2007, whereby AUK granted internship credits to AUK students employed by the LOYAC Summer Program.

BHAVAN HOSTS AN EXUBERANT AND EXCITING SCHOOL CARNIVAL

A carnival is perhaps the most colorful and the most fun filled event of the school calendar. It is an occasion of togetherness, glee, and jollity. Bhavan's Winter Carnival was indeed a perfect instance of this universal truth. The IES (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan) Winter Carnival was celebrated in the most joyful fashion. The students, the parents, and the visitors thronged the carnival venue braving the chilly weather. The nip in the air, paved way for music, dance, games, mouthwatering delicacies, and many an exciting competitions.

The carnival was declared open by the chairman, Bhavans Middle East NK Ramachandran Menon amid cheers and clapping at 10 o'clock in the morning on Friday, the 29th of January. Since then, the mercury of excitement and merriment rose steadily and eventually exploded with the raffle coupon draw at night. The non-run of the mill stalls attracted many a visitor. Float the ball, Nut Tree, Blindfold box, Laser Point, Lucky Locks, Drive the Car, Photo Booth and Fishing the Beads were some of the very many stalls that attracted droves of onlookers.

Green Corner was a unique stall that introduced and sold many varieties of flowering, and non-flowering plants and garden accessories. Bingo was another zone of public interest. The young and the young at heart partook in the Bingo game. The basement of the building hosted the most wanted as well as the most visited stalls of the carnival. The Magic Show by Prof Vindrake was immensely popular among the children. The Deal or No Deal stall was also flooded by the gamers. The Entertainment cum Gaming zone of the carnival, the 'Star Wars' was visited by the young movie buffs.

Quizzes based on Bollywood and Hollywood movie clips witnessed huge participation. The Xbox and the Sony PlayStation game stalls in the basement were also crowded with virtual gamers. One of the major attractions of the carnival was indeed the 'White Elephant Stall'. The generous contributions of Bhavanites helped the White Elephant stall retain the No 1 position this year as well. The white elephant stalls offered brand new cutlery, crockery, kitchen gear, pre-owned pianos, dvd players, hi-fi music systems, clock radios, computer accessories, toys, dolls, CDs, gaming consoles, books of fiction, and many more.

The Bouncy Rides were agog with laughter and mirth. The young children jostled to slide down in the rides. The tattoo

corner, face painting corner, hair coloring stall, cake and pastry zone, instant portrait corner and the Juke Box were some of the most popular zones of interest at the Bhavan's Winter Carnival. The wintry breeze was driven away by the piping hot sizzlers at the food kiosks. Marshmallows, Indian and Arab Veg and Non-Veg food stalls were indeed a gourmand's delight. The mouth-watering traditional Indian dishes and the delights of the desert were relished by the food connoisseurs.

The Bhavanites performed flash mobs within the carnival premises. The performance of the lithe and lissome dancers of IES was indeed a visual treat for the visitors. Some of the visitors and parents also danced to the electrifying tunes. The auditorium was packed with cheerful throngs since morning. Baby Shows and Cultural Programs won plaudits. The Talent Show and Fashion Show also garnered great admiration from the onlookers. The winners were given away prizes and medals. The DJ Show was the most sought after attraction of the Winter Carnival. Hundreds of music aficionados danced merrily to the tunes causing the auditorium to reverberate with the loud and exhilarating music.

The excitement reached a crescendo with the raffle coupon draw at night. T Premkumar, the principal of IES announced the names of the raffle draw winners. The Bumper Prize was a round trip ticket to Singapore. A 24 Ct Gold Coin weighing 10gm, a 32" LED TV, a Canon DSLR, Android Smartphones, tablets, Apple products, a Samsung Digital Camera, a WD External Hard Disc, Kenwood, Daewoo, Panasonic and Sharp white goods, and an Italian Dinner Set were bagged by the fortunate of the lot. The names of the winners have been published in the school web portal.

T Premkumar, the principal of IES thanked the major sponsors viz. Al Ahli Bank Kuwait, Abbott Nutrition, Journeys World Travel agents and a host of IES parents for their gifts and generous gesture. He also thanked the staff and students for their sincere efforts and contributions without which the carnival would not have been a grand success. An awesome and a thrilling carnival of the academic year 2015-2016 came to an end. The continuous massive exodus from the carnival venues after the raffle draw stood testimony to the popularity of the IES Bhavan Winter Carnival - the only school carnival that offers a cent percent pure carnival experience in the country.



Pakistan Embassy

Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Kuwait in collaboration with Management of Zahra Consumer Co-operative Society (Jamaiyya) is organizing a 10-Day "Made in Pakistan Festival" starting from 7th February till 17th of February, 2016 in the premises of Zahra Co-op. The event is sponsored by Pakistan Business Centre. The Pakistani community is cordially invited along with their families to attend this 10-day event.