

GULF BANK AND AL SADU SOCIETY HOLD EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Gulf Bank is pleased to announce its exclusive sponsorship of a year-long series of educational workshop in partnership with the Al-Sadu Society, a distinguished Kuwaiti institution. Entitled 'Fun with Textiles,' these workshops are designed for children to develop their skills in crafts and textile art techniques. The next session will be held on April 22, at Sadu House, followed by two more in May, and will resume in September and run until end of the year.

The workshops are free and open to children ages 6-12, although advanced registration is required. Each session is open to 12 attendees who will learn and develop creative skills in a relaxed and stimulating environment, with the assistance of professional bilingual instructors. The workshops are structured to ensure that it is fun, flexible and practical. Children will learn how to create modern, fun accessories for themselves. Additionally, the children will be able to explore the exhibits at the Sadu House Museum.

Laila Al-Qatami, Assistant General Manager

for Corporate Communications at Gulf Bank said: "In light of the fast-paced modernization of Kuwait Al-Sadu Society and its programs are important because they promote and preserve the beautiful traditions of Sadu weaving and handicrafts among the young generations. Gulf Bank strongly supports preserving Kuwaiti heritage, as well programs that are educational in nature. We are pleased to partner with Al-Sadu Society to encourage children to appreciate and understand Kuwaiti heritage and traditions. We thank our partners at Al-Sadu for their ongoing work and dedication to Kuwait, and we look forward to our ongoing partnership."

Sheikha Bibi Al-Sabah, Chair of Al-Sadu Society, highlighted the importance of preserving Kuwait's cultural heritage, saying, "One of Al-Sadu Society's objectives are to encourage everyone to experience our country's traditions, especially the younger generation. We are dedicated to documenting and promoting the rich and diverse textile heritage of Kuwaiti Bedouins, from the nomadic weaving of the desert to the urban weaving of the town. We are proud to

partner with Gulf Bank to deliver this year-long series of free children's textiles workshops."

During these workshops, children are given a guided choice of colors, designs and techniques, through which they will be able to develop their creative skills while having fun. Instructors will be present in each session to encourage children and teach them that crafts are a form of art. Based on Gulf Bank's sponsorship, all workshops are free of charge, and are divided into different and varied activities.

Al-Sadu Society started in 1978, as a private initiative, by a group of concerned Kuwaitis who wished to preserve a fast disappearing, yet intrinsic, cultural identity, the Al-Sadu Project was founded. It aims to promote and to celebrate Kuwait's cultural and textile heritage. Gulf Bank's sponsorship of Al-Sadu Society workshops comes in line with its CSR program that supports events and initiatives that are focused on promoting Kuwait's heritage and culture, supporting youth education, encouraging health and fitness, helping the underprivileged and empowering women.



LAPA PRESENTS 'SABILIYYAT ISMAIL' AT DASMA THEATRE

Within the activities of LOYAC's Academy for Performance Arts (LAPA), the 'Sabiliyyat Ismail' monodrama, that is based on a novel by Ismail Fahad Ismail and was recently presented in Kuwait at Dasma theatre, is currently representing Kuwait at the International Universities Monodrama Festival in Tunisia. The play is prepared by Fareah Al-Saqqaf, starred by actress Sherin Hajji and directed by Rasoul Al-Sagheer.



AUK RESTRUCTURES INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

The American University of Kuwait conducted a developmental revision-with the approval of the Private Universities Council (PUC) and the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA)-of its Intensive English Program, which aims to strengthen and advance students' English proficiency to succeed in the university. The previously 3-level program has been restructured so students will be able to complete the course in 2 semesters.

Students will be instructed for approximately 23 hours a week on reading and writing, in addition to oral communication, pre-

sentations and special topic courses. "The notion that we can achieve excellence through the continued capitalization of the latest pedagogical approaches to learning and instructional delivery is what distinguishes us locally as well as regionally. We take pride in the successful integration of best practices as it advances the mission of our institution, and most importantly, promotes and enhances the education and knowledge experience of our students. Our constituents expect nothing less," said Dr Rawda H Awwad, AUK Provost.

The mission of the Intensive English Program (IEP) is to pre-

pare students seeking admission to the academic degree programs of AUK by enabling them to gain sufficient mastery of the English language and successfully apply the critical thinking skills they need to excel both during and after their formal studies. The IEP achieves its mission by training non-native English speakers in specific uses of English for academic purposes, by providing quality English language instruction to all who have chosen English as their medium of communication for academic pursuits and by promoting international, intercultural, and self-understanding.



AL-FADHEL BIN AL-ABBAS ELEMENTARY BOYS SCHOOL HOLDS SPORTS CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony of sports activities and physical education in Hawally Education Zone for the school year 2016-2017 was held yesterday under the patronage of the Acting General Director of Physical Education for

boys Dr. Ahmad Al-Fayez Al-Hazza, and in the presence of senior physical Education Director for boys in Hawally Dr. Istiqlal Al-Raqam. The ceremony was held at Al-Fadhel bin Al-Abbas elementary boys school in South Surra.

