



## INDIGENOUS ATMOSPHERE AT THE TENT OF THE SHERATON KUWAIT



**T**he coral ballroom at the Sheraton Kuwait hotel is decorated with the finest decorations for the holy month of Ramadan with its charming designs and historic interior style reflecting the greater Maghreb, boasting a distinctive atmosphere to welcome you for iftar, ghabqas and suhour in a traditional Ramadan ambience. Our chefs are keen to prepare a variety of dishes for an experience not to be forgotten.

A rich buffet with a variety of delicacies from around the world including salads, appetizers and main dishes, delicious shawarma and many types of sambossek, kebbe and jumbo shrimps, a corner for refreshing drinks like jallab and tamer aldin and many others, in addition to a health soups corner specially prepared for iftar and suhour, and distinctive kind of sweets and beverages. A dedicated smoking area has been set up and inspired by the meetings of friends and family. The Sheraton Kuwait hotel's tent boasts its pioneers of families, friends and business people to offer its luxurious services mixed with loud tunes offering a distinctive and pleasant atmosphere.



## ACK, KFAS HOST SPHERE



**O**n May 3, 2017 the second Symposia of Private Higher Education; Road to Excellence (SPHERE) was convened in the premises of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. The one day symposium was held under the Patronage of the Secretary General of the Private Universities Council (PUC) and wasco-organized and sponsored by the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) and the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS). The Proceedings included an opening session in which representatives of PUC, KFAS and ACK participated.

Dr Waleed Al-Kandari the Deputy of the Secretary General at the PUC highlighted that the PUC has taken a number of steps to encourage the private universities to enhance their research and developments activities. Dr Adnan Shihab Eldin in his address asked the private universities to link their research and development plans with national plans. Furthermore, the Chairperson of the Symposium Dr Mohammed Al-Rumaihi emphasized that the private universities should have an active role in research through cooperation with the national stakeholders and international partners.

Four "Technical" sessions where keynote presentations were discussed. Their topics were: Research and Development in Private Universities in the GCC, presented by Prof Hilal Al-Hanai, secretary General of The

Research Council of Oman. Best Practices in promoting Research and Development in private Universities, presented by Prof. George Najjar, Provost-Lebanese American University. Role of Research and Development in supporting excellence in higher education, presented by Prof. Abeer Al-Bawab, General Director of the Scientific Research Support Fund (SRSF) in Jordan. Market-Driven Research and Development, Presented by Prof. Abdalla Al-Najjar, Chairman-Arab Science & Technology Foundation, UAE.

The sessions were chaired by: Prof. Tariq Aldowaisan, Prof. Moudi Al-Humoud, Prof Mustafa Marefi; and Prof Esam AlAwadhi respectively. At the beginning of each session the Chairperson of the session gave an introduction for a few minutes followed by 20 minutes for the speaker and 25 minutes for comments from the floor. A final discussion session composed of the main speakers was conducted by Prof. Adnan Badran, Chancellor of University of Petra and Chairman of the board of Trustees of University of Jordan.

The scholars contributing to the symposium were affiliated to public and private universities and colleges. In addition, a good number of participants came from national research and development centers and agencies. At the closing, the participants expressed appreciation for the joint event and urged ACK and KFAS to continue this endeavor.

## ARPAN, KUWAIT HOLDS FAREWELL MEETING

**A**rpan, Kuwait hosted a farewell meeting in honor of P A Menon who is leaving Kuwait for good after serving in the country for 40 years. He has been working in the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) as chief accountant. Menon, currently the Advisory Board Chairman of Arpan, is the founder member of the association. He has also served Arpan as its president.

The meeting was presided over by Arpan president Suresh K P while General Secretary Rafi Padiyath wel-

comed the gathering. In addition to the Arpan members, Menon's associates in the erstwhile organizations OMWA and UMA, friends and well-wishers attended the farewell meeting. The speakers, while elucidating the multifaceted qualities of Menon as an expat social activist, listed the contributions he made in the Indian socio-cultural arena in Kuwait, particularly in promoting Indian culture and heritage in the country.

They also spoke about his impeccable leadership qualities and the

philanthropic services he rendered to the society. Those delivered felicitation speeches included Mohan Iyer, Krishnan K Pillai, Ganesh, Mahadevan Iyer, Sam C Vilanilam, Rajan Daniel, Sam Painummoodu, S A Labba, Shivadas Mullassery, Joy Mudakkatt, Manoj Mavelikkara, Binu P G, Sajeev (Sarathi), Saji Janardhanan (KALA Kuwait), Subbaraman A R, Rajeshwari Subbaraman and Sajeev K Peter. Anil Attva coordinated the function while Venkatakrishnan delivered a vote of thanks.



## GREETINGS



**K**halid Fawzi received greetings and best wishes on the birth of his grandson Fares. Congratulations to him and his family.

**M**erna Gergis Shaker completed her high school with flying colors achieving a 93.3 percent of the total marks in the science section. Merna attributed her outstanding performance to hard work and persistence. She stressed that time management and organization were major factors since day one. She also stressed that both her family, namely her mother, and her school helped her by providing the ideal atmosphere for studying.

