

# What's On

## Bakri conveys message of Palestinian cause through visual storytelling

### American University of Kuwait hosts talk by Palestinian Culture Center

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) hosted a talk by the Palestinian Culture Center. The talk was presented by IT engineer and researcher, Tarek Bakri, who is most famous for his project "We Were and Still Are...Here" that documents Palestine through visual storytelling.

During the talk, Bakri detailed his main mission of creating bridges that connect Palestinians of all ages from around the world with their homeland through collecting and authenticating their stories. He uses his platform to take comparative pictures and videos of prominent sites, houses, and villages.

Commenting on the successful outcome of the event, Bakri said, "Visual storytelling is a new technique and strategy that we are constantly using to convey messages about the Palestinian cause. This event really highlighted the role of youth as initiators, and I would like



Tarek Bakri during his presentation.

to extend my sincerest gratitude to AUK for hosting our talk."

Emphasizing the importance of preserving Palestinian identity and raising awareness, Bakri discussed how film and photography have

a unique and powerful ability to capture emotions and convey messages in a way that can transcend language, culture, and time; making them essential tools for both artistic expression and social commentary.



General photo of the audience

The event concluded with a Q&A session in which the audience asked thought-provoking questions, instigating engaging dialogue and discussion. Through hosting events and spokespersons of this caliber, AUK

continues to promote positive social change and foster community engagement around shared values and goals.

Bakri is the recipient of the 2018 Jerusalem Award for Culture and

Creativity and has held several exhibitions and seminars in Palestine, the Arab World, and Europe. To learn more about Bakri's initiative, visit his website: <https://tarekbakri.com>



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A flyer of the event.



Photo of students participating with a faculty member

#### AU team secures 7th place

### AU students shine at the Asian Arabic Debate Championships

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23: The Australian University (AU) was successfully represented by its Debate Club Team during the 2nd Asian Arabic Debate Championship held in Muscat-Oman, with AU being one of the four Kuwaiti universities participating in the competition.

This year's Asian Arabic Debate Championship is the second edition of an international debate competition first organized by the Qatar Debate Center in 2020. The competition seeks to spread the culture of dialogue in the Arabic language amongst native speakers and non-native speakers alike, and to motivate students to raise the levels of civility, scientific approach and language in discussion and debate cultures.

AU team consisted of students: Abbas Al Saleh, Faisal Al Balool, Ayah Al Sarraf, and Dalal Al Refai managed to secure 7th place in the competition becoming the only Kuwaiti team to

reach the quarter-finals of the championship, noting that the tournament featured 5 rounds between teams representing 42 universities from 18 Arab and Asian countries.

Commenting on the students' efforts, Ms. Rola Mourdaa, Manager of the Teaching and Learning Center at AU, highlighted the dedication of the students and their preparation with familiarizing themselves with logical arguments and keeping up to date on important global topics.

Furthermore, noting the benefits of the competition for students, Ms. Mourdaa said: "It was such a rich experience where students got the chance to attend professional practical workshops, huge networking opportunities with other students from different universities from various countries and be exposed to amazing contemporary topics that widens the scope of students' critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills."

## Conference explores problems faced by dyslexic learners

### AUK hosts 8th KALD Int'l Annual Conference

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 23: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) hosted the 8th Kuwait Association for Learning Differences (KALD) International Annual Conference. The conference, titled "Practical Solutions for Dyslexia," is accredited by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA).

Through this conference, educators and specialists gained a better understanding of the problems that dyslexic learners face, including the appropriate methods and resources to help support them within the context of their learning environment.

The conference was the first of three sessions that will lead to achieving and receiving a qualification from BDA. Presenting at the conference were Lynn Lovell, BDA Head of Professional Practice; Kayleigh Chang, BDA Professional Level Tutor; and Dr. Huda Shabaan, assistant director at the AUK Counseling Center, and KALD Conference General Coordinator Development and Schools Evaluation Consultant.

The KALD conference gave all attendees the opportunity to complete the level 2 BDA accredited program, comprising of 3 days of training. Candidates can later apply for the level 5 BDA accredited



AUK president, Dr. Rawda Awwad, with conference members

program, after which they can upgrade to the BDA level 7 Diploma in Dyslexia Assessment and Intervention that will enable them to

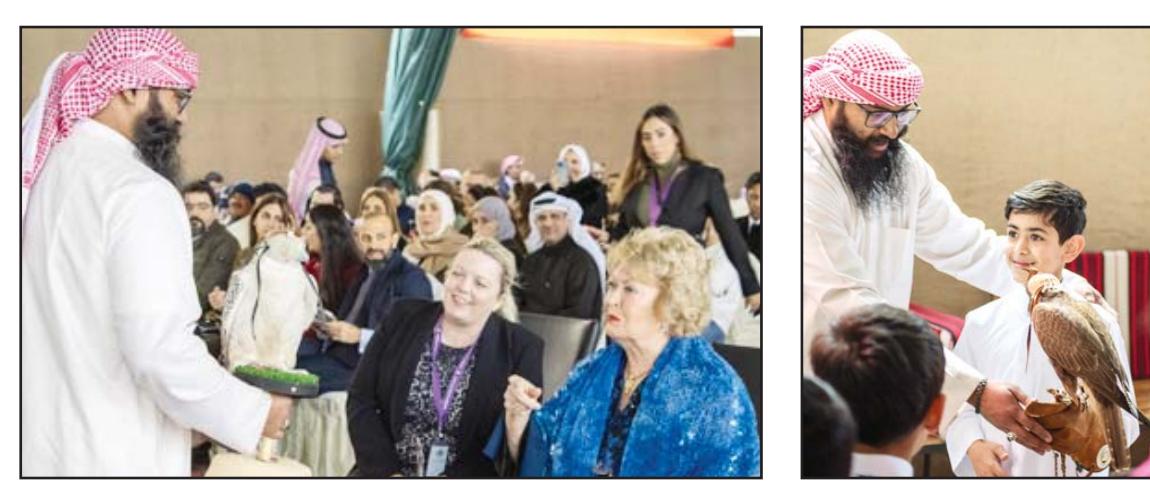
formally diagnose dyslexia, gaining an Assessment Practicing Certificate (APC).

In attendance were education pro-

fessionals, specialists, and those with an interest in dyslexia and looking to attend training or build towards an accredited outcome.

## Schools celebrate their love for Kuwait

### BSK, TSK host impressive National Day celebrations



Photos from the event.

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Music

بيتهوفن وشوبان  
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Faisal al-Bahra

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Yarmouk Cultural Centre

7pm  
7pm

A flyer of the event.