



Tutoring Center staff during certification celebration

New certification helps advance peer tutors' professional skills

Tutoring Center at AUK receives CRLA certification

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 14: The Tutoring Center at the American University of Kuwait's Learning Support Services (LSS) unit, has been awarded the International Tutor Training Program Certification (ITTPC) - Level 1 by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA).

ITTPC certifies tutor training programs in postsecondary educational institutions. Once granted CRLA certification, the tutor training programs each have the authority to recognize their tutors as having met the approved ITTPC tutor training program requirements. The purpose of the ITTPC program is twofold-first, it provides recognition and positive reinforcement for tutors' successful work from an international organization; second, CRLA's tutor training program certification process sets an internationally accepted standard of skills and training for tutors.

AUK Tutoring Center sought ITTPC certification to further advance peer tutors' professional skills, and in turn increase the quality of services offered to students. Learning Support Services Director, Hanouf Aljuhail explains, "The Tutoring Center was in a transitional phase a few years ago and its team was searching for ways to improve and diversify the services it offered to AUK students and faculty. Obtaining the CRLA certification was the first step in the right direction. As a certified center, we'll have access to various resources, trainings, and guidelines to take the Tutoring Center and its team of Peer Tutors to the next level."

Tutoring Center staff Sally Saleh and Nada Bedir began the certification process in summer 2016, during which they prepared a training program that met the CRLA requirements and the center's needs. The first cycle of the training program was held during the Academic Year 2016-2017, consisting of 11.5 hours of training, which included 7 hours of trainer-led, interactive, live, real-time (TILR) training, and 4.5 hours of assigned individual reading.

Eighteen students who work as peer tutors at the Tutoring Center have completed the training, and are now certified as CRLA ITTPC Level 1 Tutors. Following this achievement of Learning Support Services, the Tutoring & Writing Centers held an LSS Open Day to celebrate with the AUK community and award certificates to peer tutors who have completed the training.

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Photos from the event

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KIFF anti-drugs campaign: As part of the Fraternity fest, Kuwait India Fraternity Forum (KIFF) is conducting Anti-Drugs Campaign among Indians living in Kuwait. According to the available statistics of Indian Embassy, 60% of the convicted Indians in Kuwaiti

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KUWAIT CITY, Feb 14: Bhavans Kuwait celebrated the 11th Annual Day under the theme 'Tarang' in the presence of the Chief Guest HE the Ambassador of India to Kuwait, K. Jeeva Sagar.

The guests of Honor were Ambassador of Guyana to Kuwait, Dr Shamir Al Ally, Dr Maryann Beebe Ally, N.K. Ramachandran Menon, Chairman Bhavans Middle East; Mrs Sudha Ramachandran, Sooraj Ramachandran, Director Bhavans Middle East; Krishnadas Menon, Director Bhavans Kuwait; T. Premkumar, the Principal, Indian Educational School Kuwait; Mahesh Iyer, Principal Smart Indian School Kuwait; Mrs Rathi Raveendran, Principal, Jack & Jill, Kuwait, and Master Sreeram Sooraj Ramachandran in addition to other dignitaries.

The event began with the recitation of verses from Holy Quran followed by the Kuwait National Anthem. The day of magnificence unfurled with the prayer song rendered by the school choir. The ceremonial lamp was then conjointly lit by the Jeeva Sagar, the Ambassador of Guyana, Dr Shamir, Dr Maryann, Menon, Sudha

and Sooraj. An invocation dance of classical fusion performed by the talented Bhavanites was the outlier of the cultural fiesta of the evening. The audience could feel the divine touch as they swayed and reeled in a devotional trance.

The gathering was welcomed by Miss Meghavarnika, Head Girl. The bouquets of love, respect and appreciation were given to the guests



A photo from the event

and special invitees by the school's supreme council members.

The school annual report was delivered by T. Premkumar, Master Sreeram Sooraj, son Sooraj Ramachandran, and grandson of Ramachandran, Chairman Bhavans Middle East delivered the keynote speech, expressing his wish to be a part of the Bhavans family, Kuwait. He extolled the phenomenal achievements by the

students of IES in both curricular and extracurricular activities.

After the report, the visual extravaganza unfurled. The happening arena transformed into a fairyland where fairies and elves sang and danced to the magic tunes of the 'Sandstorm,' newly-christened band of Bhavan.

Bhavan's seasoned and skilled artists drew a motivational story through a skit, depicting a young girl's miraculous fight to survive, to defy death and to live. The thought provoking stories told by the young Bhavanites through different style of dances and a mime ran down the heart of every enthralled audience in a million little ways. After the breathtaking cultural show, the chief guest, the Ambassador of India congratulated the performers for their sheer brilliance.

In his speech, he emphasized on the importance of the roles of teachers and parents in the lives of children. He stressed on the need to inculcate the right values in our children at home and at school quoting his experiences from his life, and strongly cast his notion that parents must be able to convince their children, the reason why they should become a doctor,

lawyer or any other professional rather than brood over the sinful thought of turning them into cash cows.

He added that, being parents and teachers it is our responsibility to watch each step of our children and mould them to be the citizens of the world.

Parents of Anshika an outstanding outgoing student of IES received the Bhavans 20g Gold Medal for her astounding performance in the class 12 CBSE examination with a staggering score of 97.4 percent in the science stream, topping the Bhavans group of schools in the Middle East and also being a topper in Kuwait. She is also the recipient of the G.V. Memorial cash award.

The day of dream ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Miss Malavika Mavath, the Cultural Secretary Girls, IES Kuwait, followed by the Indian National Anthem. The emcees for the day were Miss Chrisa Oommen, Miss Sana Parkar, Miss Yogitha Babu and Master Evan Sunil. Thus, another eventful historic day in the life of every Bhavanite ended on a high note, paving way for another exceptional academic year.