

Exhibition preserves 1990 invasion stories for future generation

AUK and CAP launch first Oral History Exhibition in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, May 20: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) collaborated with the Contemporary Art Platform (CAP) to launch an oral history exhibition titled, “Voices from the Occupation: The Unearthing of Memory and History through Storytelling.”

Held at the CAP exhibition hall, it featured snippets of recorded interviews from AUK’s Oral History and Documentation Project (OHDP) archives, showcasing the personal experiences of individuals who lived in Kuwait during the Iraqi occupation. The exhibition provided visitors with the opportunity to get a glimpse into the experiences of those who lived through the occupation, preserving their stories for future generations.

AUK librarian, Ms. Asma Al Kanan, emphasized the significance of fostering community engagement and collaboration through this project, “Seeing the narratives of the OHDP program come to life bringing various segments of our community together in an interactive platform is enchant-



Group photo with Dr. Rawda Awwad, Ms. Asma Al Kanan, Ms. Eman Al Awadhi, and library staff.

ing. I’m proud of the library team and the level of support extended by the AUK administration.”

The OHDP team, Reem Alali and Abdulaziz Almahmeed, stressed that such exhibitions and interinstitutional collaborations are a natural progression of oral history projects around the world.

KIPCO senior vice president of Communications and Investor Relations, Ms. Eman Al-Awadhi, expressed her views on the significance of the exhibition, “Ever since its inception, KIPCO has been a primary supporter of the OHDP program. Education is an integral part of our portfolio, and we recognize that AUK offers a diverse range of programs that can position the institution at the forefront of academia globally. Our unwavering support for AUK is rooted in our belief that educating Kuwait’s youth and equipping them with essential skills is critical. The program’s significance stems from the realization that Kuwait has undergone several historical events, underscoring the paramount

importance of preserving history. Notably, the availability of documented information in this region is comparatively limited, thereby emphasizing the significance of oral history in preserving Kuwait’s past.”

The exhibition will also host a variety of cultural events and talks on oral history and the 1990 occupation. Visitors can attend these events to learn more about the exhibition and the importance of preserving oral history.

To listen to the oral history interviews, visit the OHDP website: <https://oralhistory.auk.edu.kw/gallery>

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and coeducational liberal arts institution of higher education. The educational, cultural and administrative structure, methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning. The language of instruction is English. More information on the American University of Kuwait can be found at [www.auk.edu.kw](http://www.auk.edu.kw)

Students showcase talent

ICSK Junior holds assembly to celebrate Foundation Day

KUWAIT CITY, May 20: “Celebrating the legacy – where learning and growth has been in full display for 64 years.”

It has been said and believed since long that for any great work to be done, it is important to have the right foundation. It forms the platform on which the future stands. It’s a day when the past, present and future of the institution come together, taking vows to uplift the institute. On this occasion a special assembly was conducted in ICSK Junior on 7th May 2023 in which students showcased their talents with great enthusiasm and zeal.

Principal Mrs. C. Sheeja addressed the assembly and shared the contribution and the humanitarian vision of our founders. She also promised and sought assurance from the students and teachers that they would keep setting new benchmarks with every passing year and strive to strengthen the school’s proud legacy with even more enhanced performance. She appreciated the sincere effort put in by the students and teachers to make the event memorable.

The event set in motion with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran along with a prayer song. It was followed by an apt thought for the day offering tribute to the institution with a great legacy. There was an excellent speech by the student about the foundation day, 64 years of making a difference, learning, a lifetime of success.

A birthday is incomplete without a birthday song and they didn’t miss the opportunity of singing it melodiously while also displaying the historical view of ICSK, in a short presentation the young ones dressed as heads of the institution of all the branches stole the show. The celebration dance following the birthday wishes was enjoyed by all.

The energy and passion of the students was visible in the performances that they put up. The celebration was complete with the cake cutting ceremony. The staff members and students cherished the moments, and vowed to collaborate their efforts for the glorification of the school.

Assembly concluded with the pledge and the singing of the Indian National Anthem.



A photo from the event.

Pakistani ambassador graces event

Pakistan Women’s Forum hosts Eid Milan Dinner

By Mah Rukh Omer

KUWAIT CITY, May 20: Pakistan Women’s Forum, Kuwait held Family Eid Milan Dinner on May 11.

H.E. Malik Muhammad Farooq (Ambassador of Pakistan to Kuwait & Chief Patron of PWF) graced the event as a Chief Guest.

Mrs. Tehreem Ilyas (Head of Chancery), Mrs. Sabiha Arain (Honorary Advisory) with her husband Ubaid Arain, Mrs. Nighat Amjad with her husband Pir Amjad, PWF members with their families and friends also dignified the event with their presence.

This was the first family event in the tenure of 22-24. It was an enlightening yet vibrant gathering, where all the guests were gratified to meet and they got to know each other.

Event began with a warm welcome and briefing of event from Mrs. Nighat Tariq (President PWF). Then 5 raffle draws were held by Mrs. Arusa Haris (Treasurer PWF)



HE Malik Muhammad Farooq, Pakistani ambassador with PWF members

for the guests to jazz up the event. Following the raffles a delightful dinner was served. Guests relished dining and conversing with each other for a while, after which next 5 raffle draws were also announced.

Winners received their raffle prizes through H.E. Malik Muhammad Farooq (Ambassador of Pakistan to Kuwait) followed by his brief address to the guests.

In the address, H.E. paid his grati-

tude to PWF for being invited to the event and appreciated the efforts of PWF’s Executive Board on organizing such a dynamic event. He also recognized the efforts of PWF and other Pakistani organizations working in Kuwait to present a soft image of Pakistan to the world.

A special token of appreciation was presented to H.E. Malik Muhammad Farooq by PWF Team.

Mrs. Nighat Tariq paid an exclusive vote of thanks to all the guests and to the sponsors for raffles – Elegance Couture by Sana, KAAL Concept Store, CELT Institute, Basketry by Arusa and Sayila’s for the wonderful brownies.

She also thanked Shahi Qila Restaurant for their good service and delicious food.

At the conclusion of the event, feedback was received from the guests, who highly appreciated PWF’s efforts in organizing the event and expressed their desire to take part in future events as well.



Photos from the event.



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ICSK Amman conducts leadership training programme

The leadership training programme of the newly elected school senate, was held at ICSK Amman on 13th May and it aimed to develop leadership skills and foster personal growth among the students. The camp provided a range of activities, workshops, and team-building exercises designed to enhance leadership qualities, communication skills, and problem-solving abilities.

The chief guest of the day, Azharuddin Amer Mohammed, Honorary Secretary, ICSK Board of Trustees and an Investment Banker by profession, provided valuable insights on leadership qualities and responsibilities of a good leader. He inspired the students to develop their own leadership journeys. The second session for the day was on the topic ‘Leading by Serving’ which was effectively handled by the school counsellor, Mrs. Sara Sony Idiculla. She emphasized on how to be a leader by build-

ing self-confidence and valuing themselves and others.

Group discussions on Crisis Management Situations and table topics session were also held and the best speakers were awarded. The Senate organised the camp under the support and guidance from Principal Mr. Rajesh Nair, Vice Principal Dr. Mary Isaac, Senate Advisor Mrs. Sumitra Nandakumar and the House mentors.

The event was efficiently anchored by the senate

members, Mahadev. K and Anushka Panwar and the welcome speech was delivered by the Student Senate President, Sakina Taizun. The vote of thanks was proposed by the Student Editor, Sherwin Sterlin.

The leadership camp provided an immersive and transformative experience for participants, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to become effective leaders.