

Al-Ofan's work displayed at 2017 AUK President's Art Exhibition

AUK student artwork qualifies for semifinals of 2017 Adobe Design

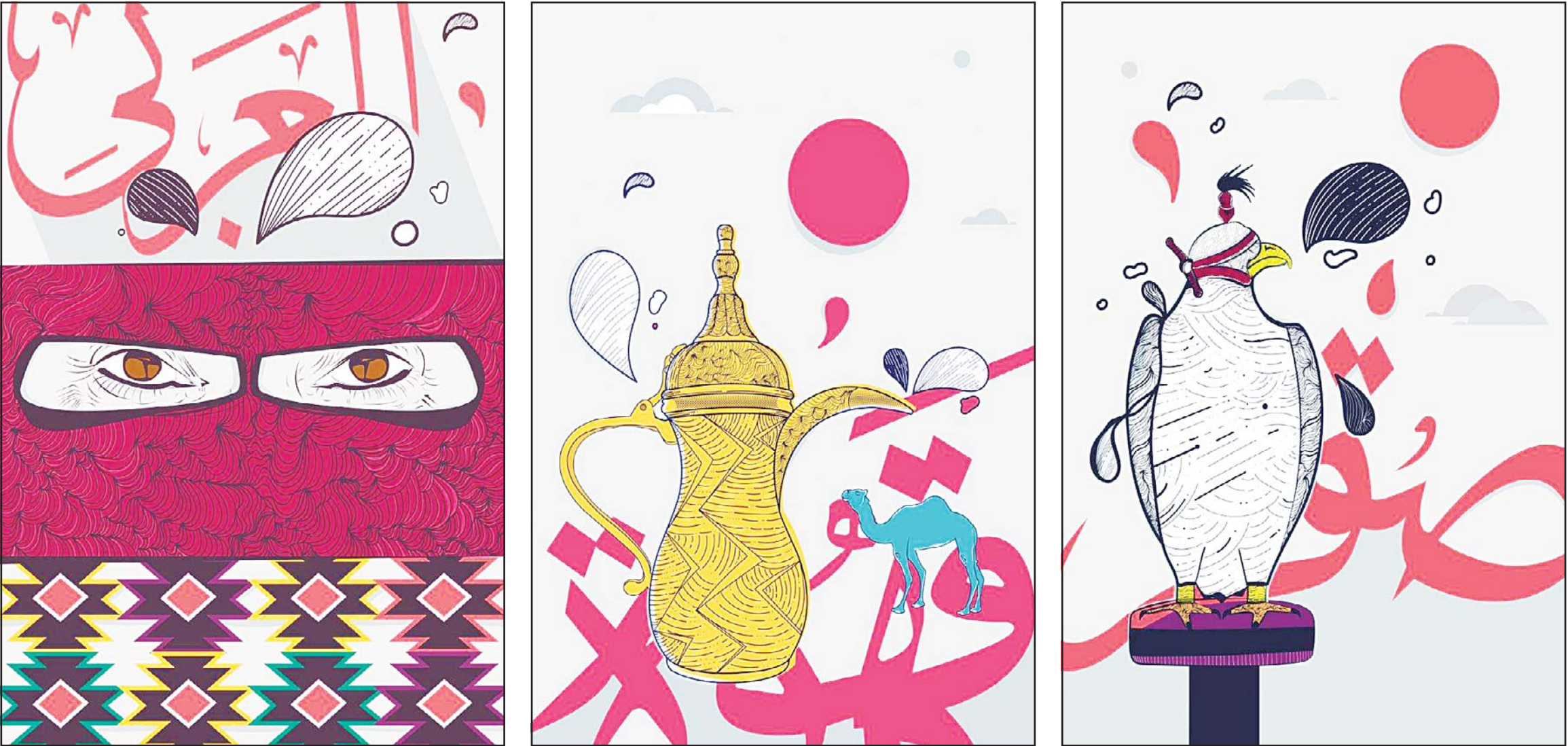
KUWAIT CITY, Oct 15: Artwork created by a student from the American University of Kuwait (AUK) has qualified for the semifinals of the 2017 Adobe Design Achievement Awards. Shaikha Al-Ofan, a student in the Department of Art & Graphic Design at AUK, was selected as one of the 642 semifinalists, out of a total of 2,444 entrants, who have had their artwork enter the semifinals.

Al-Ofan's submission to the competition featured a set of three posters, each representing her interpretations of imagery traditionally associated with the Gulf region, which she created in a Digital Imaging course offered by Professor Joo Won Lee, Assistant Professor of Art & Graphic Design. "I have always believed in the great artistic potential of our students. This achievement is a proof of my belief. I look forward to the continued maximization of the potentials for our students' further success," Lee expressed.

The Adobe Design Achievement Awards is considered to be one of the most leading digital design competitions, and it is organized by Adobe Systems Incorporated and sponsored by acclaimed global design institutions, such as the International Design Council.

Al-Ofan's collection of posters, which she collectively called Gulf Culture, has been selected and displayed at the 2017 AUK President's Art Exhibition.

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and co-educational 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



Artwork by AUK student Shaikha Al-Ofan

BSK



Photos from the event

BSK Reception students welcome new sensory play equipment

The Reception outdoor learning environment at The British School of Kuwait (BSK) has been transformed into a new sensory play environment, with activities focusing on refining the students fine motor skills and developing their emergent writing skills. Students are also encouraged to describe and discuss the activities with one another to develop their communication skills.

The equipment purchased includes wooden outdoor "Texture" kitchens to be used with wet sand and salt dough. Texture kitchens are popular in outstanding early years settings in the UK as they stimulate communication and imaginative play. They encourage joint planning where children work together to come up with a plan, negotiation with joint discussions that lead to an agreed end result and problem-solving, taking time to think together or alone to solve a problem or issue.

Bamboo weaving wigwams for weaving ribbons, support developing fine motor skills and help children to identify and create patterns, whilst a selection of wall mounted blackboards develop emergent writing skills.

Miss Jessica, class tutor for Reception 8, says "The students were very excited to explore our outdoor area. It has sparked their interests, inspiring new creative ideas; alongside developing and extending their language. They have been able to form new friendships with children from other classes who share similar interests. It is wonderful to watch!"



Photos from the event

ICSK Amman pays tribute to Gandhiji

ICSK Amman celebrated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by organizing various programmes in the campus on Oct 2, 2017. The day began by remembering Mahatma Gandhi, reciting the slogans and his favourite bhajan 'Raghupathi Raghava Raja Ram'. The Students of Primary wing represented the school in the celebration organized by the Embassy of India. The participants dressed up in white traditional dress signifying peace since the day also marked International Day of nonviolence. They rendered a very melodious song 'Hume lana hoga....'

The KG section organized a Fancy Dress Competition 'Dress up as great Leaders' to mark the occasion. Students of class VI conducted a special assembly remembering the great leader. A cleanliness drive was organized for senior students to make them understand the value of labour. The dignity of labour, also known as the dignity of work, is the philosophy practiced by Gandhiji that all types of jobs are respected equally and no occupation is considered superior. They were guided by the teachers to clean their classrooms and school premises. Children happily and gratefully executed the tasks assigned to each class.

Principal Rajesh Nair in his address reminded the students to uphold the values and principles taught by Gandhiji. The programme kindled a feeling of patriotism among students and was a real tribute to Gandhiji, the Father of our nation.