



A photo from AUK's Return of the Wolf Pack event.

American University of Kuwait hosts Return of the Wolf Pack

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) hosted its first large-scale athletic event, Return of the Wolf Pack (ROW), after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions. The full-day event was organized by the Office of Alumni Affairs & Career Development (AACD) whereby alumni and student athletes competed against each other in the following sports: volleyball, basketball, futsal, and padel—all of which were won by the alumni teams.

This year's ROW saw the greatest number of athletes and spectators including 120 athletes and over 200 spectators. The equipment and vouch-

ers were sponsored by Decathlon Kuwait, and Taw9eel sponsored the prizes for the padel matches which consisted of a training bench with a rowing and cycling machine.

Many of the alumni that were in attendance contributed more than just their athletic skills; alumnus Ameen Al-Ahmad '07 participated as an athlete and entrepreneur, providing cold refreshments as part of his business, Frullato. Alumnus ShokryGarada '20 joined as ROW's official host whereby he motivated both athletes and spectators to create a lively atmosphere.

The event presented alumni with the opportunity to reconnect with AUK's community and re-establish bonds. Uros Lukic '12 shared, "It was amazing to be back here with my fellow colleagues and to witness the changes on campus throughout these years. Several alumni even asked if the event could be done twice a year."

Many of the participating alumni brought their family and friends for support and attendees expressed their excitement and anticipation for future events that will further enhance AUK's Wolf Pack spirit.



A group photograph including the collaborative team members



Interior Architecture student Nawal Al-Zuabi explaining her project to visitors.

Budding architects display adaptive reuse of spaces

BSK holds exhibition of KU students' projects



Philipine Ambassador Mohd Noordin Pendosina Lomondot (third from right) and Vice Consul Aaron Erick Lozada (extreme right) during the awarding of plaque of recognition.



Ooredoo CEO Abdulaziz Yaqoub Al-Babtain (centre) and Philippine Ambassador Mohd Noordin Pendosina Lomondot

Envoy's exemplary, indefatigable service recognized

Pinoy Arabia ME honors Ambassador Lomondot

By Michelle Fe Santiago

KUWAIT CITY, July 7: Pinoy Arabia ME, the leading and only duly licensed online Filipino radio station in Kuwait, awarded a Plaque of Recognition to Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Mohd Noordin Pendosina Lomondot on July 3, at the Ooredoo Tower during his guesting on "Xpress2DMax," hosted by Maxxy Santiago. The award was given in recognition of Lomondot's support to Pinoy Arabia ME and for his exemplary and indefatigable public service to the Filipinos in Kuwait during his tenure as head of mission.

Lomondot ended officially his tenure as head of post on June 30, 2022, successfully hurdling all the challenges from the diplomatic row between Kuwait and the Philippines to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as reviving and boosting the bilateral and trade relations with the host country and overseeing the general welfare of

the Filipinos in Kuwait.

"We would like to commend Ambassador Lomondot for a job well done. Thank you very much for all your support to Pinoy Arabia. Thank you for taking care of the Filipinos in Kuwait. On behalf of the Pinoy Arabia ME family, we wish you all the best on your next adventure," stated Ben Garcia, Pinoy Arabia ME General Station Manager.

Garcia along with Pinoy Arabia ME Co-founder and anchor Maxxy Santiago, presenters Mark the Spark and Rosie handed the Plaque of Recognition to Lomondot in the presence of Vice Consul Aaron Erick Lozada and Philippine Embassy staff Frances Jamisola.

In turn, Lomondot thanked Pinoy Arabia ME for being the embassy's media partner in information dissemination especially during the lockdown in Kuwait at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping the Filipinos in Kuwait updated at all times.

He also extended his heartfelt gratitude to Ooredoo for its free Internet installation during the Mobile Consular Services at the Disabled Sports Club in Hawally and Al Sahel Sports Club in Abu Halifa that served thousands of Filipinos for their passport renewal during the pandemic.

"Thank you very much Pinoy Arabia! Special thanks also to Ooredoo for its help and support during the Mobile Consular Services, under the stewardship of Ooredoo CEO Abdulaziz Al-Babtain, our best friend. Alhamdullah, I was able to complete my tour of duty here in Kuwait. This is not goodbye because there is no such thing as goodbye. Goodbye is only felt in the heart. Mabuhay tayong lahat! Mabuhay ang Pinoy Arabia!" quipped Lomondot.

Lomondot along with his spouse Noor Jarifah Tagorano-Lomondot headed back to the Philippines on July 5, 2022.

Collaborations

Importantly for BSK, those of our students that are considering university courses in architectural and interior design related studies were able to discover, first hand, the processes involved in adaptive re-use of an existing building. We hope to strengthen our relationship with the College of Architecture through future collaborations."

Dr. Lamis Behbehani explains that "the collaborative effort was an attempt to enable engagement between two renowned educational communities and a furniture specialist manufacturer for highlighting the possibilities of reuse and renewal of existing buildings in Kuwait. An issue that is of particular importance today due to the increase in demolition of existing iconic and historic Kuwaiti buildings."

She explains further that "such engagement also enables students to be better prepared for real life scenarios by providing sustainable alternative solutions to new construction amid a global climate crisis."

Architect Nermein Nabil adds that "all the students worked hard to develop the project throughout the review period until the final presentation was done in an impressive manner, making each project unique. Many thanks to Dr. Lamis for her great efforts with the students, and for giving us this opportunity to be part of reviewing the projects."



Exhibition held at BSK campus.