

## GUST AND AUK STUDENTS WIN DEBATE LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS



**S**hrouded under a competitive atmosphere, the Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) and the American University of Kuwait (AUK) students won the semi-finals of the Debate League for Institutions of Higher Education (DLIHE) in English, after competing against KU and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training students last Wednesday.

The teams corresponded on the subject "The Council believes that one vote should be applied to all elections". The winning teams will compete in the Final Championship Debate League for Higher Institutions in English under the patronage of KU's Acting President, Prof Hayat N Al-Hajji with the support of the Ministry of State for Youth Affairs and the Qatar Debate Center, amidst the presence of a number of educational institutions in Kuwait, under the slogan "Express Yourself and Persuade Others".

Furthermore, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Abdulraheem Al-Theyab explained that KU, represented by the Deanship of Student Affairs, has always been keen on developing the Debate League initiative in English and Arabic clarifying that the launch of the first edition of the league was met with broad participation by institutions of higher education who not only demonstrated their extensive skills in the English language but also signified their mature communication skills.

Moreover, he explained that a university education should not be confined to the classroom, but must run parallel with the development of creative skills. Nevertheless, the Head of the Higher Committee for the first DLIHE in English, Makkeya Al Sayegh, explained that the Deanship of Students Affairs is keen on organizing such activities to allow students' to showcase their capabilities as well as providing a chance for them to express themselves in many languages. The FCDLHI in English will be held Wednesday, April 22nd 2015, in Sheikh Abdullah Al-Jaber Theater at Shuwaikh campus.



## SWISS BELHOTEL PLAZA KUWAIT HOSTING ICE HOCKEY CHALLENGE CUP OF ASIA 2015



**S**wiss Belhotel Plaza Kuwait will be the hosting accommodation of the Ice Hockey Challenge Cup of Asia 2015. Teams from Singapore, Malaysia, Oman, Kyrgyzstan, India and Kuwait will be participating in the 2015 IHF Challenge Cup of Asia, an annual international ice hockey tournament held by the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF). This year's tournament will be held from 18 to 25th of April at Kuwait City's ice skating rink.

"We are extremely proud to have been chosen to host the teams during this edition of the tournament. Being the official hotel for multiple sporting events in Kuwait city, the Swiss Belhotel Plaza Kuwait will be working with the organizing committee to provide the best service and accommodations to keep up the good reputation of Kuwait and its importance on the Asian map for hosting such big sports events" said the Public Relation Manager of Swiss Belhotel Plaza Kuwait Mohammad Jawhar.



## PALESTINIAN CULTURE EXHIBITION AT BAYT LOTHAN

**T**he Palestinian Culture Center holds the first of its two annual exhibitions for 2015 at Bayt Lothan. The show includes a large collection of textile-based traditional handmade cross-stitches as well as pottery from Hebron, posters and books about Palestine in English and Arabic. It aspires to reaffirm the Palestinian national identity by its handicrafts and support education and families.

The Palestinian Culture Center is a non-profit organization that was established in Jordan in 1993. It aims to preserve the rich heritage and culture of Palestine, help empower women and their families in the refugee camps

become while becoming economically independent and to sustain the needy Palestinians in their homeland and in the Diaspora.

This year was an active year for the center due to the effects of the global financial crisis which placed a further strain on the poor. Furthermore, the on-going violence and warfare in Gaza, Jerusalem and the rest of occupied Palestine, have made the situation in Palestine dire, and the need for aid even more urgent.

As a result, the center has worked to increase the salaries of the 550 or so women who do the embroidery work as well as pay for

their transportation (from the camps). We motivate the ladies by granting bonuses for excellent quality work. We also provide support to Palestinians in the homeland by providing financial aid to needy families, health care, and university scholarships.

Some of the Center's past accomplishments include the support of some of the vital institutes such as Al-Maqased hospital in Jerusalem which was established in 1968 with substantial financial support from The State of Kuwait. The Center is also working on providing the necessary financing of the Water Desalination Project in Gaza for producing potable water

and assisting Gaza area hospitals that were bombed by Israel, such as Alshefa Hospital, to produce and store oxygen for medical purposes.

### Exhibition Highlights

Traditional cross-stitch embroidery of dresses, linens, shawls, cushions, table runners, cards, frames, coasters, belts, purses, bookmarks and more like a Food sale of traditional Palestinian food such as thyme, sumaq, baked goods and other traditional plates and a recital of Palestinian folklore "Dabkah" will be performed on and Thursday at 6:30 PM

Palestinian embroidery using needle and silk thread is a manifestation of the Palestinian identity as it has evolved over the ages. An age old art, Palestinian ladies, young and old, would spend hours embroidering their trousseau, dresses, shawls and cushions. The dresses are famous for their flowery designs and bold natural colors of indigo and red. Symbols of the ubiquitous cypress trees surrounding the orange groves, roses, jasmine and the famous olive tree are typical motifs in these dresses. The exhibition will be held at Bayt Lothan, Salmiya for 4 days starting Monday the April 27th till the 30th.

### FIRST K-POP YOUTH FESTIVAL IN KUWAIT

**T**he Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Kuwait is organizing the first K-Pop Youth Festival in Kuwait as part of the K-Pop World Festival 2015. 'K-Pop World Festival 2015 invites all K-pop fans around the world to participate. Preliminary rounds will be held in each region, including Kuwait to award one vocalist(s) and one performance team. Selected 2 finalists in Kuwait could be invited to Korea in Oct for the final competition if they pass additional rounds.

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## QUALITY NET SPONSORS MATH CONTEST

**Q**uality net, the top provider of internet and information technology services in Kuwait, announced its sponsorship of Al-Khwarizmi Mathematics contest for fifth grade for school that was held on April 16, 2015 at Lubabah bint Al-Hareth, in Hitteen area. The event was organized by the mathematics technical supervision in Hawally educational area. Quality net sponsored the event for the fourth consecutive year.