

## Only team from the Gulf region

## AUK delegates attend Harvard National MUN in Boston

KUWAIT CITY, April 7: The Harvard National Model United Nations (HN MUN) is a student based association that is affiliated with intergovernmental organizations such as the United Nations and its agencies. Each February participants from around the world meet in Boston, Massachusetts, to take part in a 3-day conference. This year, a team of six students from the American University of Kuwait (AUK) travelled to the United States to take part in the 61st annual event, where they came together with the 3,000+ students from 68 countries to participate, and the only team from the Gulf region.

AUK's MUN team is composed of Yasmine Abdulwahid, Mohammed Al-Saeed, Nourah Al-Sulaiman, Rolf Braathu, Ali Kelkawi and Paola Sedas, with Dr Gholam R. Vatandoust, Associate Professor History, as their Faculty Advisor. Attending HN MUN provided the AUK students with an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the rules of parliamentary procedures, such as making procedural and substantive motions, writing and presenting resolutions and working within the norms of international diplomacy; it gave them the opportunity to measure themselves internationally against the world's best and the brightest.

## Preparation

Yasmine is the Vice-President of the AUK chapter of the Model United Nations. She said that she felt grateful



AUK delegates with Dr Gholam R. Vatandoust

for the support AUK has provided the team with in preparation for the trip. "I'm also very proud of my delegates who came along and provided their time and effort to represent our country and our university," she added. Her teammates expressed similar sentiments. Paola Sedas, one of AUK's international students commented that

"on the whole, it was an experience I do not regret, in spite of the snow storm, and I would encourage all young debaters to attend international conferences to get a real life exposure of what a career in Politics or International Relations would be like."

At HN MUN, the AUK team represented Poland. Yasmine Abdulwahid,

Vice-President of MUNAUK, and fellow student Rolf Braathu, assumed the roles of committee members of the World Health Organization. Paola Sedas and Nourah Al-Sulaiman were part of the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee of the General Assembly, while Ali Kelkawi and Mohammed Al-Saeed were members of

the Futuristic Commission on Space Development under the Economic and Social Council. Professor Gholamreza R. Vatandoust of the International Relations department served as the academic advisor for the team.

That was not the first time the team participated in an international MUN conference. In November 2014, a team of 13 students travelled to Bahrain to participate in the Bahrain Universities MUN conference with Dana Taqi, Senior Coordinator for Alumni Affairs, as advisor. The conference took place in the Sheraton Hotel, Manama, and was open to participants from universities within the GCC.

Ali Kelkawi, the current transitional Student Council Vice President at AUK, was part of the Economic and Social Council representing Canada. His commission sponsored a resolution on the prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and Agricultural Development and Food Security. Ali received an honorable mention for his performance and debating the resolution on Juvenile Delinquency.

Nourah Al-Sulaiman participated in the General Assembly representing Indonesia. She was a co-submitter of a resolution that was finally approved, and won a Diplomacy Award for her work. Rolf H. Braathu, also represented Indonesia, but in the International Atomic Energy Agency, focused on the peaceful use of nuclear power. He also won a Diplomacy Award for his

engagement in drafting a resolution that was approved.

"The major problem facing most universities is funding, particularly from economically pressed countries," said Dr. Vatandoust. "Limited numbers of scholarships are available for individuals and delegates. By bringing students together from across the world and having them engage in the art of negotiations and diplomacy, the real goal is to help build human capital for the future of the international community."

Model UN is a long standing tradition for many universities where credit hours are granted for preparation and competition at the annual events. MUNAUK is registered as a student club. Over the past 5 years, the club has been funded and endorsed by the Office of Student Life and supported by the International Relations Department which, according to Dr Vatandoust, aims to support MUNAUK both financially and academically in order to prepare the team for future competitions.

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](http://www.auk.edu.kw)



A photo from the event.

## Visual Arts students of AIS visit CAP

The Visual Arts students of the American International School Kuwait (AIS), grades nine to twelve, visited Contemporary Art Platform (CAP) in Shuwaikh to view the retrospective exhibition of Sami Mohamed and meet the artist. For the students — some of whom had never entered

an art gallery before — this was an unprecedented opportunity to see internationally acclaimed artwork and meet Kuwait's preeminent realist sculptor. The show includes over 120 bronze, marble and alabaster sculptures, drawings, installations and other work. The extraordinarily con-

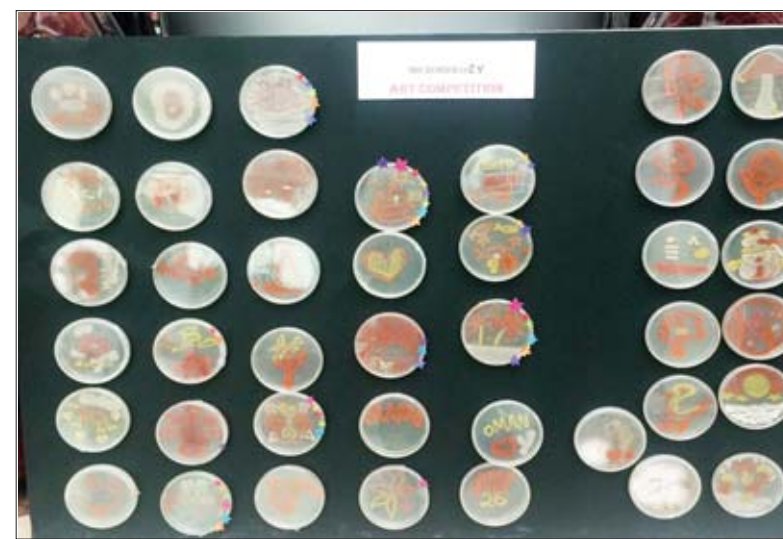
ceptual curation of the exhibition is the handiwork of Abed Al Kadiri, CAP's director. Along with Alia Um Saif, CAP's program director, Sami Mohamed provided the students with a personal guided tour of his life, his work and his artistic philosophy. This is only one of several art field

trips AIS students have taken this year to Kuwait's museums, galleries and cultural landmarks, led by art teachers Mrs Angie Hani and Bryn Barnard, to infuse classroom instruction with real-world experience. The American International School offers the International

Baccalaureate, which prepares students for acceptance at the world's top English-language universities. Graduates of the IB visual art program have gone on to earn top positions in the art, film and fashion worlds. AIS is located in Medan Hawally.



A photo from the event.



Photos from the event

Artwork by microbiology, biochemistry students and research assistants.

## Faculty of Science Guidance Program holds Microbiology Art Competition

This year, for the first time, the Microbiology Program (Dept of Biological Sciences Faculty of Science Kuwait University) incorporated an art competition in their annual exhibition which displays numerous beneficial roles of microorganisms in nature as well as industry. Microbiology-related pencil drawings and bac-

terial culture artwork produced by undergraduate students from the department were displayed and judged by 8 microbiology staff members. The 2014-2015 microbiology student advisor (Dr D. Al-Gharabally) stated that she would formally like to thank all the participants of this competition and added that many stu-

dents as well as staff members showed interest in the microbiology artwork. Therefore, she hopes that the Faculty of Science can organize an annual art exhibition in which students from each department can participate and display artwork related to their scientific major. Pure cultures of different coloured bacteria

were used to draw on nutrient agar plates. The colours of the different bacteria chosen developed within 24 hours as the bacterial cells divided and formed visible colonies. Below are examples of bacterial culture artwork produced by students and research assistants with varying levels of microbiology experience.

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to support less fortunate children in the Indian subcontinent and heightened awareness of the work done by CRY, which is an international organization, that believes that every child is entitled to basic rights of survival, protection, devel-

opment, education and participation.

A colourful souvenir will be published and released to mark the occasion, which is open to all for placing their adverts.

Delicious breakfast, lunch and snacks will be available throughout the day, along with raffle draws and other games for children. "With CRY, Everybody Wins". For more details & game rules, visit the FOCC website <http://www.focc.kwt.org>. For further info, contact: Abu Halifa: 66204295; Ahmadi: 23985216 / 99578073; Fahahel: 99364073; Jleeb Shuyoukh — 97226589; Kuwait city

22437684; Salmiya: 66810338.

## KDA Mahilavedi art festival:

Mahilavedi, the female wing of Kozhikode District Association (KDA), Kuwait ventures the second edition of the Art & Feast Festival on 10th April 2015 at Indian Central School Abbasiya, with an assortment of competitions for women and children. The prime aim of the event is empowering women and children among the expatriates residing in Kuwait. Boosted by the mass support and encour-

agement being received from people from all walks of life, with great sense of responsibility and privilege they dedicate this program to the expatriate community of Kuwait in general. This mega event is expected to be inaugurated by the renowned Malayalam playback singer and anchor Mrs Chitra Iyer in the presence of eminent women personalities involved in social, cultural, commercial and educational fields in Kuwait.

The various competitions are as follows: 'little stars' (1-3years), fancy dress (3-6 years), folk dance (6-12 years), light

music (10-18 years), cinematic fusion dance (10-18 years: team of 7), nadampattukal / folk song (men & women: team of maximum 10: above 18 years), veg / fruits carving (10-18 years: team of 2), salad dressing (above 18 years team of 2), paper jewellery making (10-18/above 18 years) and payasam / kheer preparation (above 18 years).

Registration is open to all women and children of expatriate communities residing in Kuwait. The online registration form is available at our website ([www.kdakuwait.com](http://www.kdakuwait.com)). Registration can

be done through the following phone numbers 97462488; 66655315; 69641956; 66998412 and 97896263.

April 11

**TIES Center events:** TIES Center announces following events for the month of April:

## Family Day and Second Hand Shop

Don't miss the Grand Opening of the Second Chance Charity Shop at the TIES Center's Family Day on Saturday, April 11. Local artists will offer calligraphic and cultural works, children will enjoy outdoor fun as well as a painting class, and a traditional dinner will be shared at 7pm. Saturday, April 11 @ 4-8pm

**What is etiquette?:** What is the definition of etiquette? How important is it? What do you know about the history of etiquette? What are the types of etiquette? What is the etiquette for men and women? Join us to find out more and share your thoughts.

Tuesday, April 14 @ 7 pm.

**Jinns and magic:** What are jinns? How do they affect people's lives? Is there anything that we can do to protect ourselves? The goal of Satan and his followers of Jinn is to mislead mankind into disbelief and sins. Join us as we explore the mysterious world of Jinns and magic.

Wednesday, April 15 and 29 @ 6:30 pm.

**The Seven Corners of Life:** Join this interactive workshop to learn all about how to organize and structure your day for a successful life. The Life Principles Organization helps the community by offering suggestions on how to enhance the spiritual, psychological, educational, vocational and physical levels of its members.

Tuesday, April 21 @ 5-8pm - Seven Lessons for a Great Life

## Weekly Kids' Club

Children ages 5 to 10 are welcome to join us on Thursdays from 7- 8:30. They will enjoy fun and educational activities, make new friends, and are welcome to bring their own playthings!

Every Thursday in April @ 7- 8:30pm - Call to Register

## The Life of Muhammad (pbuh)

This special series will focus on the life and times of the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). You will learn all about his life, from his birth to his death.

Every Thursday in April @ 7pm

## Painting with Acrylics (beginners)

This workshop is targeted towards absolute beginners who would like to learn how to paint using acrylics. This workshop will cover color theory and different acrylic painting techniques.

Every Sunday in April @ 6-8 pm - Call to register - Price: 25KD

The TIES Center is the social and educational hub for English Speaking expats in Kuwait. For more information, please call 25231015 or e-mail [info@tiescenter.net](mailto:info@tiescenter.net) or visit [www.tiescenter.net](http://www.tiescenter.net).

## CS 20 children's Programs:

● **CAW Tots:** Children 3.5 - 5 (Must be potty trained)

The second session starts in less than a month. To make sure your child doesn't miss out, register now.

Spring Block: Imagine That! will concentrate on imagination and how that is important in both creating and seeing art.

April 11 - It's a ... what?

All sessions start at 9:30 am at the Amricani Cultural Centre.

Note: Registration is required; class size is limited to 10 children

To register, email:

[info@damuseum.org.kw](mailto:info@damuseum.org.kw)

● **Amricani Minis:** Children ages 18 months - 3 years old and a family member

General description and schedule Gallery-based storytelling programme designed to support developmental goals as defined by the National Art Education Association (USA) and introduce children (and families) to the Amricani. Each session will include story-time and a related activity designed to foster creativity.

Upcoming sessions: April 14, May 19.

All sessions start at 10 am at the Amricani Cultural Centre.

Note: Registration is required; class size is limited to 12 children. To register, email: [info@damuseum.org.kw](mailto:info@damuseum.org.kw)

**P.S.A Spring Festival:** The Premier  
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