



Prof. Fiannaca at the French booth.



(From left) Professor Joseph Fiannaca, Ambassador Christian Nakhle, President Nizar Hamzeh, Francois Brossard, and Dr Rawda Awwad are pictured.



FRENCH AMBASSADOR VISITS AUK

LA FRANCOPHONIE INTERNATIONAL WEEK CELEBRATED



The ambassador visited the French class.

On the occasion of the International Week of La Francophonie, the Department of Arabic and Foreign Languages at the American University of Kuwait (AUK) invited the French Ambassador to Kuwait, Christian Nakhle, along with the embassy's Cultural Counselor, Francois Brossard to launch an exhibition of scrapbooks created by students from a French class of Professor Joseph Fiannaca, AUK Senior Instructor of French Language and Literature. The exhibition took place at the AUK Library, and was attended by Dr Rawda Awwad, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Asma Al-Kanan, Director of the AUK Library.

Upon their arrival to AUK, the Ambassador and Cultural Counselor met with AUK President Dr Nizar Hamzeh, and Dr Awwad, where they discussed possible collaboration opportunities, including the possibility of offering a French Minor at the University. During the meeting, the Embassy expressed its commitment to provide support should the minor be created.

Following the meeting with the President, Dr Awwad accompanied the visitors in a tour in the AUK Library where Al-Kanan showed them the collection of French resources available to the AUK community prior to launching the students' exhibition. The exhibition showcased scrapbooks creat-

ed by students from Professor Fiannaca's Intermediate French class as a final class project. The project required the students to construct scrapbooks based on characters they created who spend one month in a French language institute in a city in France. Each student was required to select a different city and institute, conduct research on them, and create diary entries and postcards to family and friends, among other scrapbook staples.

"The purpose of this project and such assignments was to give our students the opportunity to express their personal and artistic skills, as well as their French reading and writing skills," said Professor Fiannaca. As part of their visit, the Ambassador and Cultural Counselor were invited to attend one of Professor Fiannaca's classes. During the session, they interacted with the students and informed them about the variety of activities organized by the French Institute of Kuwait, and finally take some time to participate in a quiz on La Francophonie.

The International Organization of La Francophonie presents one of the biggest linguistic zones in the world which organizes political activities and actions of multilateral cooperation that benefit French-speaking populations. This year, the International Week of La Francophonie coincided with AUK's own annual International Week.



NBK WELCOMES THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS ON BANKING FAMILIARIZATION TOUR

National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) welcomed a group of students from The Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) at the bank's head office in a banking familiarization tour. NBK Public Relations team took the visiting group of students on a tour of the bank's various departments, including the main banking hall. NBK

staff then presented to the students a brief lecture on the importance of saving, the services that NBK provides to its customers, the multi-benefits of Al-Azraq and Al-Shabab accounts and the importance of Public Relations within the banking sector. At the end of the visit, the students expressed their gratitude for having

the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the banking industry. As part of its corporate social responsibility program, NBK regularly hosts students on field trips from both public and private schools in Kuwait and provides them with information about the banking industry and career opportunities.



BANGLADESH COMMUNITY HOLDS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Bangladesh community in association with the Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait organized Independence Day Cup Football and Ha-Do-Do Tournament 2014 at Nadi Al-Naser Stadium [beside the 6th Ring Road close to national stadium] at 2:00 pm on Friday, March 21, 2014. The final match of Ha-Do-Do was held with lots of enthusiasm among the players and the community people present at the playground. The Bangladeshi traditional national game [Ha-Do-Do] took place between Narail Club and Jenaidah Club. Narail Club emerged as the champions of the tournament with a score of 21-5. The final match of the football tournament took place at the stadium between the Bangladesh Shapla and the Nobabgonj Club. Bangladesh Shapla won the match 3-1.

Major General Mohammad Ashab Uddin, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Kuwait was present at the tournament venue as the

chief guest. He enjoyed the games and presented prizes to the champions. Brig Gen Mohammad Nasimul Gani, Defence Attache, SM Mahbulul Alam, Counsellor (Political) and Head of Chancery, KM Ali Reza, First Secretary (Labour), MA Jalil, First Secretary, and Mohammad Sakawat Hossain Patwary, Sonali Bank Representative (SBR) were also present at the tournament venue to enjoy the matches. A large number of Bangladeshi community people in Kuwait witnessed and enjoyed the matches with a very joyous and cheerful mood. The tournament took place in a very friendly and congenial atmosphere. It enhanced integrity and solidarity among the Bangladesh community people in Kuwait. It was very interactive and engaging. It symbolizes an extraordinary cohesiveness and bondage with unique fellow-feeling within the community. It was a successful and meaningful arrangement with the patronization of Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait.



WARBA BANK'S TEAM VISITS WARBA ISLAND

As part of its social activities organized to underline its responsibility for preserving the environment, Warba Bank organized a visit for its voluntary youth team to Warba Island. The visiting team, inclusive of Retail Banking staff, organized a clean-up campaign on the island and planted a number of trees, with a view to preserve the environment and protect Kuwait's natural landmarks against pollution.

This visit falls within the activities of Warba Bank's Call Centre voluntary team, and aims to strengthen the social partnership and patriotism, in addition to raising environmental awareness. Warba

Bank's team also expressed their appreciation for the coast guard's efforts in ensuring the security and protection of all Kuwaiti coasts.

On behalf of Warba Bank's Management and the entire staff, the Call Centre team offered sincere thanks and gratitude to the Coast Guards Department, represented by Major General Sheikh Mohammad Al-Yousef Al-Sabah, the Ministry of Interior's Assistant Undersecretary for Border Security Affairs, and all the officers and officials, for their warm reception and generous hospitality towards Warba Bank team during the visit.