

ACK STUDENT BAGS SECOND SPOT IN ARGANA'S 'ART COMPETITION'

A group of talented Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) students participated in a national art competition organized by "Argana Resorts and Hotels", in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Led by ACK's Student Activities Center, 8 students from the college competed against 33 others representing various universities and institutions in Kuwait.

Hala Al-Musallam, an ACK Marketing student, successfully picked up second place for her painting titled "Environmental

Sustainability" with its stunning technique and creativity. The competition was judged by a prestigious panel of well-known artists, curators and art collectors, whereby three winners were rewarded with cash prizes for their achievements.

Formed to promote and reward creativity, as well as to discover young talents, the competition provided students with the opportunity to design, express and challenge their own ideas through art while working under the theme of "The Power of Life".



AUK LIBRARY HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE



Asmaa Al Kanaan, Library Director and Thomas Vartanian, Naseej Kuwait Branch Manager introducing the new self-check kiosk.

The Library at the American University of Kuwait (AUK) held its' second annual Open House on Thursday, for members of the AUK community. Such events provide the library with an opportunity to introduce new technological features and resources that enhance the library experience, as well as a chance to meet with members of the AUK community and increase student engagement with the library. At this Open House, the Library showcased a new system, the first of its' kind in Kuwait, that enables library patrons to serve themselves when checking out library items; the 3M SelfCheck kiosk.

Ms Asma Al-Kanan, Library Director, explained that the idea behind holding an Open House is to create an opportunity for the Library to share new resources, showcase library-related technology, and educate users on ways to fully benefit from the library resources, on and off campus. "This year, we were pleased to unveil the 3M SelfCheck kiosk and were excited to show our visitors how easy the process of borrowing books has become. Our library is the first library in

Kuwait to offer this self-service facility, and that is something we are proud of," said Al-Kanan. The 3M SelfCheck kiosk will improve the customer service experience within the library. It will speed the circulation process, and allow users to borrow and return items when the circulation desk is closed or if the library staff is unavailable.

In addition to unveiling the SelfCheck kiosk, the AUK Library, in collaboration with academic publishers SAGE Journals and Emerald Database, held competitions during the Open House where visitors had the chance to win Kindle E-Readers, as well as vouchers. More than 200 people participated in the quiz contests to win the Kindle E-Readers.

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.



The AUK library staff.



Library staff with President Nizar Hamzeh.

CINEMAGIC: THE ACT OF KILLING

Saturday, February 22nd 2014 at 7:30 pm The Act Of Killing at CineMagic Kuwait Ltd, Salem Al Mubarak Street, Kuwait. One of the rawest and most intriguing films of the year, winning over 32 awards, and nominated for Best Documentary at this year's Oscars, The Act of

Killing is a terrifying but unmissable film. A documentary that challenges former Indonesian death squad leaders to reenact their real-life mass-killings in whichever cinematic genres they wish, including classic Hollywood crime scenarios and lavish musical numbers.

STAGE SET FOR 'KELI 2014'

The stage is set for 'Keli 2014', a two-day theatre festival of Gulf Malayali Diaspora, on Feb 25 and 26 at Khaitan Indian Community School Auditorium. The festival is held under the aegis of Kuwait Chapter of Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi (KSNA), a Kerala Government body. Three renowned theatre personalities from Kerala- Dr P V Krishnan Nair, T M Abraham and Santhoshkumar- will adjudge the five plays taking part in the competition. On Day 1 (Feb

25), two plays will be staged starting at 4.30pm. First play to be staged is 'Amme Mappu' by Kalpak Kuwait followed by 'Pashu' by Nirbhaya Theatre. On day two, three plays will be presented from 4pm onwards. They are 'Oru Kottukaranum Kure Thullakkaram' by Thanima Kuwait, 'Ushna Mekhalayile Penkutty' by Future Eye Theatre and 'Randam Bhavam' by Kala Kuwait. Entry will be free on both days. All art lovers are welcome.