

SPEND 2015: HANDCRAFTS EXHIBITION, HEALTH CARE SEMINARS

Malankara Cultural Association (MCA), Kuwait in partnership with IOMF Kuwait is presenting a totally unique event under the banner "SPEND 2015". The acronym SPEND stands for Strengthen families, Promote learning, Empower women, Nurture compassion and Develop talents, and we do strive to create a change in the society by living to the spirit of the program.

As reflected in their motto, it is a totally unique and novel approach to creating awareness in the community about the value of education and better personal health for every individual. MCA and IOMF have concentrated specifically in four major areas of health care by giving prominence to fighting Cancer, Diabetes, Coronary and Kidney Diseases with awareness and to support Education and Health Care among the most needy and underprivileged individuals. SPEND is also beginning of a campaign to promote better health by caring for the environment we live in.

The Organizers realize that many people are prone to obesity, which is the root cause of major illnesses including Diabetes and Hypertension and is supplemented by Coronary and Kidney diseases. Our disrespect to the environment we live in is a major cause of Cancer, which is a modern day threat to our well-being.

Members of MCA and IOMF are keen to see a change in our life style by giving due respect to the environment we live in, and they are all out to promote cleanliness of surroundings as a slogan calling for change in attitudes. They do support the "Keep Kuwait Clean" as well as "Swatch Bharat" initiatives.

The approach of the organizers is totally unique and simple, work hard, promote learning and produce works of art by bare hands using once own inborn talents, spread knowledge and understanding with a view to empower and emancipate the weaker side including women of all stature. Members have been meeting regularly since last one year, in small groups to share and promote their talents and at the same time creating beautiful works of art which are remarkable testimonials of their own passion for a compassionate way of living.

A better future

The Organizers are very keen to take their message to students of all ages as they are the promise of a better future. While trying to identify, honor and promote the artistic talents in young students, they try to attract their attention towards the Health Care Seminars which are being conducted for Students and Parents by

prominent Medical Specialists in Kuwait.

With the above in mind, on the sidelines of SPEND 2015 Handicrafts Exhibition, the Organizers plan to conduct a "Students Art Exhibition", exclusively for Students aged 8 to 10, with a view to promote their artistic talents and to create awareness in health care. Students from Schools in Kuwait are welcome to participate in the "Students Art Exhibition" by registering their names at www.facebook.com/SPEND2015 till 28th January 2015. Their paintings will be displayed in public at the "SPEND 2015 Handicraft Exhibition and Health Seminars" on the 30th January 2015 at Carmel School, Khaitan from 12:30 to 6:00 pm.

The themes for the paintings by students shall be "Nature in its vibrancy" or "Life in action". Paintings shall be done using water color, acrylic or oil medium and should be of A3 size, or mounted on A3 size paper or Canvas. Selected best paintings will be awarded Cash Prizes of \$150, \$100, \$50 each, gifts of Handicrafts and/or Certificates of Merit. Special raffle draws with attractive prizes for students participating in the exhibition are also available.

A variety cultural program by different music, band and dance groups in Kuwait is also planned for the day. A large assemblage of people including Sponsors, well-

wishers, special invitees and guests other than general public are expected to attend the program, which will be inaugurated by H E Sunil Jain, Indian Ambassador to Kuwait.

Works of art

The most exclusive feature of the exhibition is that sponsors of SPEND are received at the exhibition and are given an opportunity to own and take home the works of art that members of MCA and IOMF have created, by spending numerous hours of work. While they worked, learned and shared their talents, their sponsors stood along with them for a campaign of better health and education for the socially backward and underprivileged.

As a proof to say the world, that the organizers care for the community, several of their members are registered postmortem organ donors or even living organ donors. Finally, SPEND is only a beginning with no end in the foreseeable future, because they do believe in spreading the value of education which is indeed an unending process that creates meaning for human life.

The organizers thank you for your support in spreading the word of SPEND with its full meaning and essence.



Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait participated in the kick off ceremony of Hala February of Kuwait on 16 January 2015. The Embassy set-up a stall based on Bangladeshi culture, history and heritage on the occasion. H E Major General Mohammad Ashab Uddin, ndc, psc (retd), Ambassador of Bangladesh visited the stall at 02:00 pm. He expressed appreciation of the rich cultural history of Kuwait and bondage between two brotherly nations.

LO'JO ENTERTAINS AUDIENCE IN AL-QURAIN FESTIVAL



Lo'Jo band members played with their violin, drums and bass Monday entertaining audience with a Caribbean flavor blended with North African singing, in an event held on sidelines of Al-Qurain Cultural Festival.

The France-based band is known for performing a

blend of world music with strong North African and French folk elements. The band was formed in 1982 and has since performed in many parts of Europe and outside the European continent. The band's hit was through its 1998 Mojo Radio album. The Boheme De Cristal album was recorded in Bamako, Mali, in 2000.

They were involved in the organization of Desert Music Festival in Mali in 2001.

Al-Qurain Cultural Festival consists of over 50 activities. The festival, held under the auspices of His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, due until January 24. — KUNA

'TWO-MINUTE POSITIVITY' LAUNCHED

Sheikha Entisar Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah, Head of the Nowair Initiative and Lulwa Publication House, announced launching the 'Two-minute Positivity Program', which aims at teaching school students how to be positive in every aspect of their life through five two-minute exercises. The program stems from the Nowair positivity tree, that consist of kindness, simplicity, making difference, gratitude, joy, honesty and alertness, Sheikh Entisar explained.



Sheikha Entisar Salem Al-Ali Al-Sabah

HONDA ALGHANIM CELEBRATES HALA FEBRUARY 2015 FOR THE 2ND YEAR IN A ROW

The growing excitement for the impending Hala February celebrations was exuberantly expressed during the carnival held next to the iconic Kuwait Towers on Friday, January 16, 2014 to signal the launch of the Hala February festivities. As one of the main sponsors of the festival, Honda Alghanim proudly showcased a selection of Honda cars and motorcycles, Honda Alghanim furthered the celebratory spirit by holding fun activities with the crowd who attended the festive event.

The streets were decorated end to end with thousands of colored balloons forming the Kuwait flag, patriotic music blasting through speakers, exciting contests and folkloric performances and more. The enjoyable event was a fun-filled, family-friendly occasion that attracted more than 15,000 people. Blending perfectly into the excitement was the Honda Alghanim 5-car display featuring the Kuwaiti flag on the windshield in addition to a 2 flagship motorcycles. Honda promoters gave out hundreds of branded and patriotic giveaways as well as balloons

Additionally, thanks to the excellent reputation of Honda cars, Hala February organizers will be giving out 4 Honda Pilot SUVs as part of the festival raffle draw throughout at all participating outlets.

Honda Alghanim, the sole distributor of Honda automobiles, power products, marine and motorcycles in Kuwait is committed to providing customers with flexible payment solutions, as well as offering comfortable amenities in its new service center located in Shuwaikh. Honda Alghanim Service Center provides efficient and cost-effective services at all times. The waiting lounge offers customers a wide array of amenities such as an electronic gaming area, digital satellite channels, free wireless Internet access as well as relaxing massage chairs. Honda Alghanim's customers will also enjoy excellent customer service, quality maintenance options and competitive prices on genuine spare parts, all of which are provided by a team of professional and highly skilled technicians. For more information call 1822777.

