



SULTAN CENTER CELEBRATED GURAIISH WITH THE ELDERLY

With an eagerness to share the customs and traditions of Kuwait with the Kuwaiti community, The Sultan Center Company (TSC) organized a Guraish ceremony for the elderly at Farah Care Center.

As part of Kuwait's past traditions, Guraish is still widely celebrated by Kuwaitis that marks the final feast before the beginning of Ramadan, whereby family members gather under an uplifting atmosphere of

compassion, affection, and gracious sharing. TSC wished to revive this ancient custom with them in hopes of greeting them on this Holy occasion with well-wishes and joy.

During the visit, a full entertainment program was held that brought joy and smiles to all who attended, including the revival of old Kuwait proverbs, traditional music and contests that revolved around sharing in the spirit of the season.

Lisa Al-Gharib - Marketing Manager

at TSC, commented on the visit saying "The Sultan Center is characterized by their social responsibility towards the community, through which we hope to embrace all segments of the Kuwaiti society. We wanted to celebrate the arrival of the month of Ramadan by reviving the Kuwaiti traditions with the elderly, and show our respect and appreciation to those who have contributed greatly to the society". The visit was a rewarding experience for all involved, she added.



DHL GIVES BACK THIS RAMADAN WITH 2,000 KG IN FOOD DELIVERIES

As a result of their desire to show compassion to the less fortunate during the holy month of Ramadan, employees of DHL Express, the world's leading logistics provider, collected donations and delivered over 2,000 kilos of dried food to underprivileged workers and their families in Kuwait.

After collecting food donations from colleagues and clients, members of the DHL Express Kuwait team packed a total of 160 boxes to distribute during the first week of Ramadan, each weighing 14 kilos. Included in the boxes were dry food items such as rice, pasta, lentils, flour, salt, canned foods, tea, cooking oil, dates and juice. All items were carefully chosen to help the workers and their families cook nutritious meals for Iftar and Suhoor, and to show solidarity and help them

enjoy the spirit of Ramadan.

Using DHL's equipment and delivery network, staff members loaded the boxes of food into DHL vans and drove to a remote area, Al Hasawi, to distribute them. The specially packed Ramadan food boxes were delivered and shared amongst 260 underprivileged street labourers and families, while an additional 30 boxes were donated to various disadvantaged homes in other locations across Kuwait.

Amr Tantawy, Country Manager, DHL Express Kuwait, said: "I am incredibly proud of my colleagues and the commitment they have shown to better the local communities that we all live and work in. I really admire their commitment and dedication shown by the team to get this initiative moving forward, as

it is our way of giving back to those that are less fortunate as part of our ongoing CSR activity during the course of the year."

The recent campaign comes in line with Deutsche Post DHL corporate responsibility strategy for each individual to act responsibly, and for the company to move to spread positivity in every environment and society in which they operate. The company focuses on environmental protection (GoGreen), disaster management (GoHelp) and education (GoTeach) and is an ardent supporter of employee volunteerism (Global Volunteer Day, Living Responsibility Fund). DHL Express across the MENA countries organized similar donation campaigns to help people in their communities enjoy the blessings of the holy month of Ramadan.



KKMCC NATIONAL AND KANNUR DISTRICT COMMITTEE HONORS FATHIMA JULAILA

Winner of Indian Rashtrapathi Award in "Bharath Guides Exam 2014-2015" and the top scorer of 10th class exam conducted by CBSE 2015, Fathima Julaila was honored by Kuwait Kerala Muslim Cultural Centre both national committee and Kannur District committee.

KKMCC national committee memento was given by Janab E Ahamed sahib, Member of Parliament and Former Union State Minister for External Affairs.

Fathima Julaila hails from Kannur district and she is the daughter of Kunhabulla, Secretary of KKMCC Kannur committee. Kannur KKMCC committee President Sayyid Ghalib Al-Mashoor Thangal also decided to present her a memento as a token of appreciation.

Advocate Sayid Mohamed Nizar Thangal, Vice President of Indo-Kuwait Friendship Society and the legal advisor of Kannur Dt Committee of Kuwait



Kerala Muslim Cultural Centre delivered the appreciation plaque.

The event was held in Perumba, Marhoom Shahul Hameed Nagar, Payyannur, Kannur coinciding with

the distribution of social security to a deceased member of the KKMCC. KKMCC is a household name with more than 10,000 members scattered in all part of Kuwait.

DR SOUAD ALI DISCUSSES KUWAITI WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) held a lecture by Dr Souad Ali, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern Studies at Arizona State University and Visiting Professor at AUK, to discuss the subject of her book-in-progress "Kuwaiti Women in Leadership Positions". The lecture discussed the advances made in women's issues in Kuwait over the last sixty years and the findings of the research conducted by Dr Souad for the book, which features interviews with leaders such as Founder and Chair of AUK Sheikha Dana Nasser Al-Sabah, former parliament members Dr Rola Dashti and Dr Aseel Al-Awadhi, CEO of Kuwait Energy Engineer Sara Akbar; Sheikha Hussah Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, Director General of Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah, former parliament member Safa Al-Hashem, among many other Kuwaiti women in leadership positions. The lecture was open to members of the AUK community and the public.

The lecture emphasized that, although the advances made in women's issues in Kuwait through the years have been widely commented upon, limited academic research has been published on their material effects. Dr Souad explained that Kuwaiti women received both the right to vote and to run in elections to parliament in 2005 - the first women in the conservative Arab Gulf bloc to do so. "In an unprecedented move in the region, the first

four Kuwaiti women were elected to the Parliament in 2009. Simultaneously, the critique of Muslim women scholars and feminists is creating new spaces in Islamic theology," she said.

The works of these scholars have raised significant questions about women's rights in Islam and the Quran.

Based on Dr Ali's book-in-progress, this study presents authentic perspectives by Kuwaiti women in leadership positions in different fields on their work, the usefulness of feminist identifiers and theory, feminist theology, and the dynamics of Kuwait's reform measures. "The study is significant in that it allows Kuwaiti women in leadership roles to speak for themselves producing new knowledge and perspectives on issues vital to the advancement of women's causes in their society," she added, further highlighting the fact that this constitutes one of the many strengths of the book and the fresh scholarship it contributes to the field of women and gender studies in the



Middle East.

Dr Souad is Associate Professor of Middle Eastern Studies at Arizona State University (ASU); Director of Arabic Studies, and was Head of Classics and Middle Eastern Studies from 2007-2014. An internationally acclaimed scholar, Dr Souad was an AUK Fulbright Scholar in 2009-2010.

UNIQUE LIFELONG PROMISE

Iqbal Hadi Zaidi, former Pakistani diplomat along with his wife Shireen checked in Room 306, Crowne Plaza yesterday (June 29, 2015) to mark and not celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. In 1985, when he was Administration Manager of EPIC Instruments Inc (a US company) in Kuwait, he decided to marry in Islamabad on June 30 and therefore he booked Room 306, Holiday Inn, Islamabad, so that his wedding date equates with the wedding room.

However, a fortnight before his departure, EPIC Chairman E K Mills asked him to advance his wedding by two days so that he could return two days earlier, and therefore Iqbal called Holiday Inn to book Room 286 or 296 if marrying on 28th or 29th as the case may be, but unfortunately both the rooms were not available. At that time, Islamabad had no other 5-star

hotel and Iqbal did not want to be wedded in a 4-star hotel and therefore as a compromise, he married on June

29 and stayed in Room 306 because after midnight it would be June 30 so still there is 50 percent relationship between the wedding date and the wedding room. He solemnly promised Shireen that each year on their wedding anniversary they will stay individually or collectively in room 306 in a Holiday Inn wherever they are.

Yesterday, June 29, 2015 was his 30th wedding anniversary and in compliance with his lifelong promise, he checked in 306 Crowne Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn). At the same time, as a token of respect for those who lost their lives due to the cowardly suicide attack on Friday, June 26 at the Imam Sadiq Mosque, he has canceled all the festivities for the day and there will be no celebration including cake cutting. Iqbal, due to the prevailing grief stricken situation in Kuwait, will not even sleep in the room and instead check out late evening.



Iqbal Hadi Zaidi

EMBASSY OF INDIA ANNOUNCES 'DIGITAL WEEK'

The embassy would like to inform that a Digital Week has been planned to highlight "Digital India", which is a flagship program of the government of India, aiming to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The prime minister is launching the program on July 1, 2015 at 1330 hours (1600 hours IST) and is likely to be of two hours' duration. The aim of Digital India Week is to showcase the initiatives of the Government in three key vision areas (1) Infrastructure as a Utility of every citizen, (2)

Government and Services on demand, and (3) Digital empowerment of citizens. The Department of Electronic & Information Technology (DeitY) under the Government of India has provided the following URL for Webcast of PM Launching event of Digital India Week on 1 July 2015 at 1.30 pm (4 pm IST):-

<https://webcast.gov.in/digitalindia/>

<http://pmindiawebcast.nic.in/>

The URL for broadcast of PM event on Youtube:-

<https://youtube.com/PMOfficeIndia>