

# FRENCH EMBASSY SAVORS 'GOUT DE FRANCE'

By Nawara Fattahova

**KUWAIT:** French Embassy in Kuwait is organizing a Gastronomic event 'Gout de France' (Good France) on March 19, 2015 at the Street Al Makan Restaurant. The visitors will be able to enjoy testing various French and international dishes represented by 40 participants.

On Thursday, March 19, 2015 all around the world, restaurants will offer more than 1,300 diners to celebrate France's gastronomy by inviting the public to share a 'French dinner'. "In each participating restaurant, the event will render homage to a vibrant, open and innovative cuisine, while remaining true to its values of sharing, pleasure, and respect for good food, and for the planet. This first Gout de France/Good France event has already proved successful, with more participants than anticipated," said Francois Brossard, Cultural Consultant at the French Embassy during the press conference held to announce the event.

**First time**

This is the first time to hold this event in Kuwait. "It will start at 3:00 pm and will go till evening so the visitors can enjoy lunch or dinner. I hope people take the opportunity to taste the different dishes which I believe they will like it. We know that about 60 percent of tourists visiting France are travelling to experience French food, as it is a genuine pull factor for them," he added.

Gout de France is a unique opportunity to enjoy and share the taste of France. "This gastronomic journey is a perfect illustration



of two important aspects of French culture: promoting local specialties and openness to the outside world. It will be an opportunity to share values with as many people as possible that are dear to, and ardently defended by the French people: conviviality and respect for our planet and its resources.

Most importantly, it is to share a moment of pleasure. Now, more than ever, gastronomy is a beacon of French culture," stressed Brossard.

In addition to the participating restaurants, the French embassy will also be taking part in the event, organizing dinner at the

ambassador's residence. "This will be a perfect demonstration of the Gastronomic Meal of the French listed by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage. It is also a way to make France more attractive as a destination," noted Stephane Le Brench, Deputy Head of Mission, at the French Embassy.

**'Bon appétit'**

The Ambassador of France in Kuwait, Christian Nakhle, will visit today, March 17 the exhibition 'Bon appétit' (Bil Afé) currently presented at the Scientific Center. This exhibition has been designed by Universcience, a Parisian-based institution dedicated to the promotion of scientific knowledge, and looks at the various aspects of food worldwide.

Targeting a young audience (9-14 years old), 'Bon appétit' highlights the individual and collective challenges of nutrition from a social, sanitary and environmental point of view. The exhibition will remain until the end of June, 2015. "France's heritage is its cuisine. The Gastronomic meal of the French has been on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2010. But it is a heritage that should not simply be contemplated, glorified and savored. It is a heritage that should be built upon and showcased," stated Brossard.

The common point of this event is generosity: Sharing and the love of what is beautiful and tastes good. It will be a delightful interlude and an opportunity to celebrate French cuisine worldwide," he further said.

"During the event, each chef will offer a 'French-style' menu in their restaurant with a traditional French aperitif, a cold starter, a hot starter, fish or shellfish, meat or poultry, a French cheese (or cheeseboard), a chocolate dessert, while remaining free to highlight their own culinary traditions and cultures," explained Brossard.

"The cuisine will be accessible to all, based on fresh, seasonal and local products with lower levels of fat, sugar, salt and protein," he concluded.



Faisal Al-Qana'ie Adnan Al-Saied

## KJA MEMBERS HONORED

Minister of Information and Minister of Youth Affairs Sheikh Salman Al-Humoud Al-Sabah congratulated Kuwait Journalists Association (KJA) members Faisal Al-Qana'ie and Adnan Al-Saied on winning the Council of Gulf International Relations (COGIR) Award. Qana'ie and Saied were honored for their role in service of the Kuwaiti press over the past 40 years.

## BLESSY'S MOVIE ON 'GOAT DAYS' DELAYED



Indian filmmaker Blessy (left) speaks during the interactive session.

By Sajeev K Peter

Well-known South Indian filmmaker Blessy said his movie based on the novel of Banyamin's 'Aadujeevitham' (Goat Days) is delayed though the project is not abandoned and the script work is nearing completion. In conversation with media persons during an interactive session on the sidelines of NBTC Carnival, the critically acclaimed film director said, since the novel is banned in most of the Gulf countries, the film cannot be shot in this region, forcing him to find an appropriate location elsewhere in Morocco or Egypt. The film is a big budget movie envisaged on a huge canvas with a vast expanse of desert land as its milieu. South Indian superstar Vikram

is slated to do the key role in the film.

Blessy's movies such as 'Kaazhcha', 'Thanmathra', 'Palunku', 'Bhramaram', 'Pranayam' and 'Kalimannu' have earned him many accolades and many state and national awards. According to Blessy, most of the contemporary Malayalam movies produced currently are not able to make any cultural intervention in the society as in the past. Curiously enough, many new film producers are entering the Indian film world from the Gulf region though many of them could not make an impact due to their lack of experience in the field or due to the absence of good literature.

Blessy said he was moved by the warmth in the relationship between employers and employees in Kuwait, a value that is seldom found in Indian corpo-

rate world today. He praised NBTC Managing Director K G Abraham and his team for building a very cordial and healthy relationship with the employees in the organization. In his welcome address, Abraham said, the carnival is a celebration of the NBTC family in which all employees and their families will participate.

South Indian filmstar Tini Tom, who was also present during the session, said the developments in the Kerala Legislative Assembly last Friday once again made the institution a mockery before the people. Political leaders in Kerala have become comic characters in the eyes of the people because they have disparaged the dignity of the august institution by indulging in vandalism and hooliganism in the assembly, he said.

**Greetings**



Saba Nasser celebrated her graduation with excellence from the first grade at the Fajr Al-Sabah Elementary School with family and friends.

## BRITISH BUSINESS FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

British Business Forum (BBF) will have March Members Meeting at Costa Del Sol Hotel on March 18 and Shukri Salman will be the speaker at the event. Design and Construction Group of BBF will be meeting at Al Hamra Tower (Floor 25) on March 23 and Saeed Ziaie will be the speaker. Education and Training Group of BBF will be meeting at Movenpick Hotel, Salmiya on 30 March convened by Dr Zeina Nehme.

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## WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION BY KUWAIT TAMILOSAI POETS ASSOCIATION

Kuwait Tamilosai Poets Association celebrated Women's day on 6th March 2015 in its 107th monthly meeting at Rajathani hotel party hall, Mirqab, Kuwait. Chellammal Vidhyasagar presided over the function with Amudha Gopal as front stager. The meeting commenced with the recitation of Tamil Anthem followed by the welcome address delivered by the association's Vice president Janab Kalifullah. Tamilosai Sponsor Janab, Shakinsha, the proprietor of NOG Stationaries, graced the occasion as chief guest.

The special guest of Women's day celebration Santha Muthuraman was honored by Tamilosai members. In his special lecture, the Tamilosai Honorary President Poet Sathik Batsha highlighted the economic, political and social achievements of women and he emphasized the need of respect, appreciation, and love towards them. Tamilosai members extended their warm wishes to Janab Vittukkatti Mastan for his 32nd wedding anniversary.

An interested debate on the topic 'For a Successful life, whether we need money, or love and affection?' was conducted. Rani Mohan served as the Jury for the debate with Saboor Hameed and Bavithra Umamakshwaran stood for money side



and counter argued by Vijayapriya Ramanan and Meenal Ramesh for love and affection side. The debate pulled roaring of applause from audience when the verdict

was given in favour of love and affection team. As a special event, Kuwait Tamilosai celebrated the birthday of Master Tarun Karthik, whose parents and Mohan Raj are

the members of Tamilosai and residing now at Dubai. The program concluded with 'Vazheeya Senthamizh' at 2:00 pm with a feast offered by janab Vittukkatti Mastan.

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