



IWG HOSTS FAMOUS RUSSIAN FASHION DESIGNER

By Faten Omar

The International Women's Group (IWG) held its monthly meeting on Sunday at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Narjes Al-Shatti, Board Member of IWG, told Kuwait Times "We are in the second month of our cultural season. Today's event is about fashion, where Elena, wife of the Russian Ambassador to Kuwait, invited Alexandre Vassiliev, a popular Russian fashion designer. He will give a lecture about his experience in fashion and tell our members about the history of the industry, fabrics, and traditional weaving." She stated that Vassiliev is going to host a fashion show for the international women's day in Kuwait soon.

Vassiliev said "I'm a stage designer. This is my first visit to Kuwait but I have been teaching and performing in the Gulf area mainly in Dubai. I'm looking forward to know more about Kuwaiti designs." Adding "I have been invited by the Embassy of Russia to talk about fashion subjects related to the east since I worked in Turkey where I was stage designer at the Turkish Opera. I worked in many countries as well such as China, Singapore, and Japan." Vassiliev revealed that he is going to organize an exhibition about historical fashion. "I'm a collector and have 55000 historical cloths in my collection and would love to bring it to Kuwait," he said.

Shatti noted that the painting and cooking workshops will be continued in collaboration with the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters in Abdulaziz Hussein Cultural Center in Mishref, and the cooking classes at Ruby Tuesday. The IWG will also organize this month's sports activities for its members at Al-Shaheed Park.

Operation Turtles 2016



JAPANESE SOCIETY'S BEACH CLEANING CAMPAIGN

Japanese Association, will conduct the 16th beach cleaning up campaign, called "Operation Turtles" on Saturday, November 12th at Shuwaikh Beach Park, AM10:30-12:00, jointly with Kuwait Environment Protection Society (KEPS). We hope that this volunteer "beach cleaning" event will enhance people's awareness of environment protection.

AAW SPONSORS MENTOR ARABIA'S GALA DINNER FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Under the auspices of His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Ali Abdulwahab Al Mutawa Commercial Co. (AAW) announced it had sponsored Mentor Arabia's gala dinner under the theme, "Hand in Hand" in Kuwait on October 22.

Hosted at the private ballroom of AAW Chairman and Vice Chairman of Board of Trustees of Mentor Arabia Mr. Faisal Ali Abdulwahab Al Mutawa, the event was attended by President of Mentor International, Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden, and Chairman of Mentor Arabia, Prince Turki Bin Talal Bin Abdul Aziz.

Mentor Arabia is a regional non-profit organization that aims to provide access to a safe and healthy life for children and youth through empowering them, arming them with knowledge, and enhancing their self-confidence to fight all forms of dangerous behaviors and challenges they might face.

More than 350 guests from public and private institutions worldwide attended to take a close look at the work of Mentor Arabia. The dinner included the distribution of Mentor Arabia Awards for young activists and influencers who have had a positive impact on social development, in addition to a live sand show about the foundation's work over the last 10 years. The event concluded with a display of



Kuwaiti heritage through an orchestra playing melodies conveying Kuwait's history and culture.

AAW Chairman, Mr Faisal Ali Abdulwahab Al Mutawa said in his opening address: "Companies, governments

and individuals have a duty to support non-profit institutions, and at AAW our objectives converge with those of Mentor Arabia in terms of the development of effective awareness programs, serving social issues, and empowering

children and young people. Together, we aim to provide them with the appropriate means to use their energy in a positive way, as well as helping them with any problems they might face in the future."