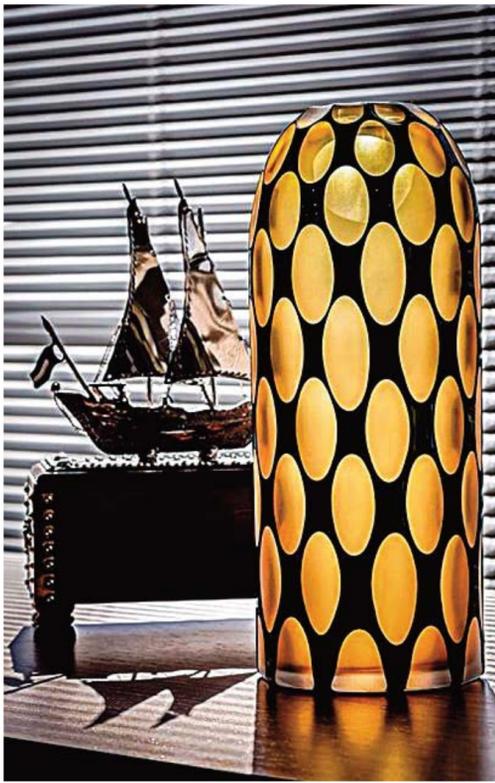


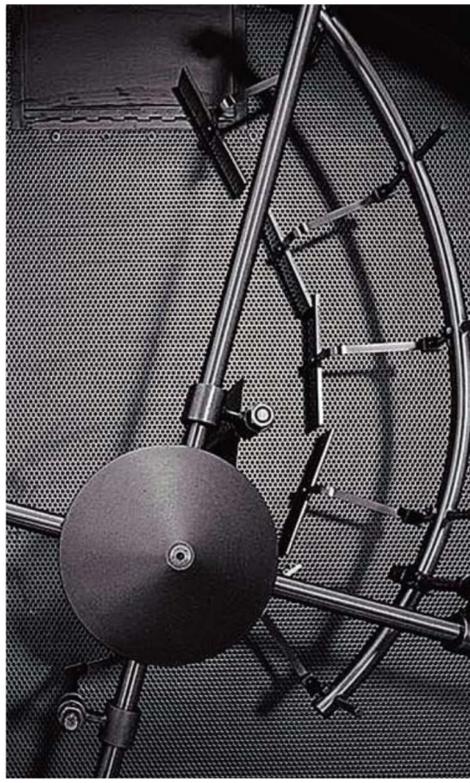
ITALIAN EMBASSY HOLDS 'ITALIAN DESIGN DAY'



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

In the framework of the first "Italian Design Day" conference, held at the Khaldiya Camp of the University of Kuwait on March 5th, 2017, HE the Ambassador of Italy, Giuseppe Scognamiglio, announced the winners of the Photo Contest "Italian Style", a competition launched last November on the occasion of the "Italian Week". The announcement came after a speech by a famous naval designer, Barbara Amerio, who illustrated the concept of excellence permeating Italian design.

The "Italian Style" Photo Contest was aimed to highlight the inner beauty of interior designs- whether it was furnishings, lighting, household utensils or other items- and its relationship with the surroundings, in terms also of the emotional atmosphere generated by the interiors.

Specifically, participants took a photo of any piece of Italian furniture or design situated in a Kuwaiti house, trying to convey its impact on the surrounding environment. All photos matching the aforesaid criteria were examined by a jury composed of Kuwaiti and Italian experts in the field of photography and design.

1st place: Manal Ahmad Ibrahim
The participant was awarded one airplane return ticket for the route Kuwait-Rome-Kuwait with Kuwait Airways plus a purchasing coupon worth 100 KD at all 360 Style shops plus one invitation to a lunch/dinner for four persons worth 50 KD at "la Margherita" Restaurants.

2nd place: Sadek Ali Hashim
The participant was awarded one airplane return ticket for the route Kuwait-Rome-Kuwait with Kuwait Airways plus a purchasing coupon worth 100 KD at all 360 Style shops.

3rd place: Ali Jawad Hussain
The participant was awarded a purchasing coupon worth 200 KD at all 360 Style shops.



GUST WINS TOP TIER POSITION IN THE STARTUP KUWAIT CHALLENGE

Gulf University for Science and Technology's students won a top tier position at the final round of the Startup Kuwait National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Challenge for Fall 2016/2017, held earlier this month at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The challenge rounded up the top teams from different schools across the country, after several qualifying rounds, to compete.

Seven teams from institutions and universities around the country participated, including Kuwait University, Arab Open University, and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET), qualified for this round after a grueling selection process. The remaining four teams were from GUST.

The winning team from GUST was Techno Fun Games, composed of Meshari Alabdulhadi, and Abdulmohsen Alfulajij; was mentored by Dr Ali

Roumani. Techno Fun Games is a gaming studio which sells smartphone games and helps aspiring game developers learn how to prepare and sell their own games. A game created by their studio, called Pass the Torch, has been played more than 15,000 times, by more than 5,000 people in more than 100 countries, and managed to score a rating of 4.1/5 by users. Pass the Torch was selected as the winner of Kuwait Imagine Cup competition held by Microsoft last year.

GUST Vice President of Academic Affairs, Salah Al-Sharhan, said "The university prides itself in fostering and developing our students' talents. This competition is just one of the ways in which we can help develop not only our students' ideas, but also specific skills such as conducting presentations, nurturing innovative business ideas, entrepreneurship and teamwork. We are extremely

proud of our winners, and also proud of our students who went out of their comfort zone, and participated in this event."

GUST students who also made it to the finals include: Duaa Al-Mousawi, Fajer Al-Qadeeri, Heba Al-Arradi, Lana Aboalnaaj, Saleh Al-Najem and Shahad Al-Shenifi, and their supervisors Dr Mohamed Elian, Dr Ali Roumani, and Muhammad A B Ilyas.

Startup Kuwait is an initiative launched by Global Centre at Kuwait University to encourage students to understand the challenges and opportunities of entrepreneurship, and be able to work on and launch their own business ideas. As part of this initiative, students are encouraged to work on innovative ideas which can be successfully turned into real businesses. The ideas go through several rounds of filtering before qualifying for the final round.



ZUGZWANG WIZKID SPRING CAMP 2017

ZugZwang (r) Academy Bangalore, India is excited to bring world class mind-development programs for children to Kuwait. Founded in 2012 by Bharath Divyang, a young IIT-IIM Alumni, ZugZwang Academy has traversed eons in "Helping Children Succeed" through his passion in Chess. Team ZugZwang has grown to offer expert coaching on Robotics, Problem Solving, Coding, Math and Language development among our courses. Children learn important life skills at ZugZwang to work in

teams, analyze, plan and execute strategies at our programs, sharpening them to use all their skills, knowledge and resources in their pursuit of success. With over 1500 children trained, ZugZwang is one of the most popular enrichment education academies in India.

True to the spirit of "ZugZwang", a German term in Chess meaning "Compulsion to Move", ZugZwang Academy helps children grow to their full potential through fun and games. ZugZwang is introducing this spirit in Kuwait with a 12 day

Spring camp from 18th - 30th March for children aged 5 -13 years. Children will attend Chess 101/102, Robotics Training and Problem Solving Games for 4 hours every day with expert coaches from ZugZwang India mentoring & coaching the kids during this camp. Two convenient schedules to choose from are 8 AM to 12 Noon or 1 PM to 5 PM. The course format is specially designed to group participants in similar skill level and ages, limited to 16 students per class, with focus on individual attention and high quality stan-

dards. The camp also offers complimentary transportation, a free Chess kit and 1 year Gold Membership on chesskid.com. Find more about the camp at www.zugzwang.in/WizKid.

The organizers are excited to bring this first-of-its-kind program to Kuwait and present this much awaited opportunity for personal skill development for children. Team ZugZwang is working towards opening a campus in Salmiya, Kuwait by July 2017 where children can pursue and excel in their passion and life.

