

What's On

LAPA organizes 2nd Peace Festival



On the third night of the 2nd Peace Festival organized by LOYAC's Academy for Performance Arts (LAPA), the Ibn Arabi band and Abdullah Al-Mansouri Al-Khalee' attracted a large number of audiences at the Shaheed Park's amphitheatre. The concert was also attended by a delegation from the Moroccan embassy to Kuwait led by ambassador, Mohammed Al-Idrissi.

The band was dressed in Moroccan folkloric attire playing enchanting music accompanying Al-Khalee's songs of lyrics written by the most prominent Sufi poets such as Ibn Al-Fareedh, Rabe'a Al-Adawiya and Saadi. Both the band founder, Ahmed Al-Khalee' and the singer Abdullah expressed happiness to perform before a Kuwaiti audience noting that they really appreciate this form of art.

GUST Teams win at Kuwait Collegiate Programming Contest



Gulf University for Science and Technology hosted the 5th Kuwait Collegiate Programming Contest (KCPC) which is a sub-regional contest of the Arab Collegiate Programming Contest (ACPC) on its campus last week, which was attended by Dr Ziad Najem, Manager of the Math and Science Education Program at the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), and CEO of the KFAS Academy, GUST team members Karim Al Maghraby, Amr Ahmed, and Ebraheem AlMuaili, which competed under the name, "Nameless", were the champions of the contest, and also won the Solid Programmers' Award, and the Extreme Programmers' Award.

Also winning medals for GUST were third place winners, Talal Al Ammar, Ali Almusawi, and Mohammad Al Essa, who competed under the name "Bounty", and in fourth place were Zainab Al Arbash, Shareefah Al Ghanem, and Munera Tawfiqi who competed under the name "Punny=Null". All GUST teams were coached by Fadi Deeb, a faculty member in the Computer Science department at GUST.

The competition, which was sponsored by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, and hosted by GUST, provided an opportunity for 27 participating teams to demonstrate their skills in programming and problem solving. It also engenders creativity, teamwork, and enables students to test their ability to perform under tough time constraints. In order to win, the student teams had to solve the most problems correctly in the shortest time. All of the winning teams from GUST have now qualified to participate at the Arab Collegiate Programming Contest, hosted by Arab Academy for Science

Technology & Maritime Transport in Sharm El Sheikh, before advancing to International Collegiate Programming Contest, due to take place in Beijing in April of next year.

GUST President, Professor Donald Bates, said, "I am extremely proud of the positions all of our teams secured in this rigorous competition. They demonstrated skill, finesse, and creativity in their approach to each of the problems, and came up with excellent solutions to all. Having secured 1st, 3rd, and 4th place feel invigorated and encouraged that our curriculum and faculty were able to produce such competent programmers. This makes me very confident that our teams will do well at the next stage of the competition."

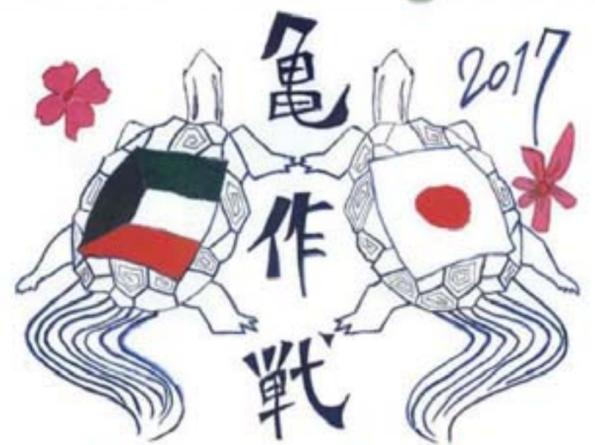
The head of Computer Science department, Dr Taher Ali, said, "The department of Computer Science is adhere to organize, participate and support events that motivate self-learning skills. Competition based learning enriches the educational system. We have seen evidences of dramatic changes in students' performance after participating in such events. Thanks for every single person who partici-

pated in making the event successful."

Manager of the Math and Science Education Program at the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS), and CEO of the KFAS Academy, Dr Ziad Najem, said, "It gives me great pleasure to see so many teams participate with such enthusiasm and creativity. The spirit of teamwork, encouragement, and volunteering is very much alive, and I am glad to see such a healthy environment being fostered by GUST."

The competition also doubles as an opportunity for public and private companies seeking to employ talented programmers and developers, in a sector which has seen exponential growth locally. This is especially true as more and more companies move to digitize their services, and find new and innovative methods to connect with their clients and expand their businesses. GUST continuously encourages its students to participate in such events to build their skills and character, in order to become a better-rounded individual, capable of reaching their full potential upon graduation.

Beach Cleaning Event



Operation Turtles

Saturday Nov. 11th from 10:30 A.M

Venus: SANWAIQA Beach Park

Organized by: Japanese Society Association

NCCAL to organize Palestinian Cultural Week

In collaboration with the "Kuwaitis For Jerusalem" Committee, the National Council for Culture, arts and Letters (NCCAL) will organize the Palestinian Cultural Week and the Palestinian heritage Center Exhibition

on November 6, 2017. The four-day activities will start at 10:00 am at the Women Cultural and Social Society in Khaldiya and will include various cultural activities like concerts and lectures.

Indonesian Batik expo opens at Al-Sadu society

By Ben Garcia

A two-day expo showcasing 'Indonesian Batik', an Indonesian weaving and cloth dyeing technique, took place recently at Al-Sadu Society in Kuwait City. The event was inaugurated by Indonesian Ambassador to Kuwait Tatang Budie Utama Razak and many ASEAN ambassadors. On the sideline of the exhibition, Indonesian Ambassador Tatang said such an event being organized by the embassy in Kuwait strengthens bilateral cooperation with the host country.

"We know that the Sadu House facilitates the exhibition. Batik is not only a cultural heritage but also part of our lifestyle. There are more than 5,000 models and motifs already recognized by UNESCO. So, this is part of our job to promote our culture and then work together with the Sadu House. Last year, we collaborated with National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) for cultural performance and this year with Sadu House for cultural exhibition," he said.

Batik is both an art and a craft. It is a traditional textile of Indonesia. The art of decorating batik using wax and dye has been practiced by Indonesian people for centuries, especially the province of Java, wherein they are recognized as the center and heart of the finest batik in the world today. Sheikha Bibi Duaj Al-Sabah, the chairwoman of Sadu Society lauded Indonesian Embassy for the wonderful exhibition. Those who would like to see the display of original batik from Indonesia can visit the venue located next to Kuwait Museum and Kuwait National Library.

"We have been hosting events organized by different embassies with different textile



— Photos by Joseph Shagra

arts and giving them a platform to showcase what they have to offer as artistic endeavors and as a country," Sheikha Bibi mentioned. "This time we collaborated with the Indonesia Embassy. The event mainly exhibits a fashion show with a live demonstration workshop and it also shows how to use traditional textiles in modern setting."

According to Sheikha Bibi, such expo of beautiful batik from Indonesia is a demonstra-

tion of openness and great character of Indonesian people. The embassy is also providing two batik workshops (one was done yesterday and one is set for today from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm) at Al-Sadu Society led by batik experts Sri Eka Suryantingsin, a graduate of Faculty of Art and Design, and Saftiyaningtin Ken Atik, a graduate of textile design at Institute of Technology in Bandung, Indonesia.

