

What's On

# HORECA issues report on importance of food safety



Leaders Group for Consultancy and Development; the organizer of HORECA Kuwait, recently issued its periodic report about the growing importance of food safety. Commenting on the report, Leaders Group general manager and head of HORECA organizing committee Nabila Al-Anjeri stressed the need for full cooperation between the food authority and related private sector bodies. "We, at HORECA, have started to focus on this issue since 2012 and our exhibition has contributed to developing quality standards in food industries," she stressed.

Al-Anjeri added that recent international conferences showed that unsafe food items pose considerable threats to people's lives and economies adding that unsafe food has been annually causing 600 million food-based diseases. "The first such conference organized by FAO, WHO and AU in Addis Ababa was held in February 2019 and the International Forum for Food Safety and Trade was held in April 2019," she elaborated.

Further, Al-Anjeri stressed the need to address public opinions through daily food safety media to refute rumors about various products and subject them to proper technical tests. She also noted that establishing the food authority had been delayed



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for four years though its law had been published in the official gazette in 2013 noting that the private sector can greatly help the authorities carry out its tasks and duties, namely the mobile food testing labs that ought to be ready by 2020. "Unfortunately, only 9 percent of the \$0.9 million project has been so far accomplished," she said noting that more national labs need to be built with help from the private sector.

## South African Business delegation visits Kuwait

The South African Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) will lead a business delegation from nine different provinces in South Africa to the State of Kuwait from September 14-17, 2019. The DTI and the South African Embassy in the State of Kuwait have been collaborating to promote all the nine provinces of South Africa given the diverse range of products each province provides.

The sectors included are agro-processing, metal beneficiation, energy, marine, ICT, construction and engineering and pharmaceuticals and healthcare. The purpose of the visit is to further strengthen the trade relations between the two countries and to explore potential busi-

ness opportunities between South African companies and their Kuwaiti counterparts.

The delegation's program will include a business seminar at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry on September 16, 2019. B2B meetings will be held at the chamber following the business seminar. The delegation will also hold bilateral meetings with relevant business stakeholders including the Kuwait Union of Consumer Cooperative Society (KUCCS), and other business stakeholders relevant to the identified sectors.

In 2005, South Africa and Kuwait signed a Trade Agreement and an Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement which affirmed the two countries' commitment to build strong and mutually beneficial economic and commercial relations. Kuwait (and the Middle East), is an important trade and economic partner for South Africa. Kuwait is the sixth largest export destination for South Africa in the Middle East. The forthcoming visit follows in the footsteps of previous successful DTI led business delegations in 2015, 2016 and 2018.

### Greetings

#### Birthday Wishes

Many many happy returns of the day to M Ali Imran, who is celebrating his 11th birthday. May God bless you and may you have a prosperous future ahead. Best wishes and love from papa, mama, grand parents, aunties, uncles and cousin brothers Abdullah, Osama, Umar, Hassan, Mohsin, Talha, and sisters Fatima, Ayesha, Meeqat, Aamina.

## ICSK Khaitan organizes Khoj 2019 Arts Fest

Encompassing values and ideas, helping children to enlighten with what the imagination is capable, without minimizing thought and the power of creation. The Indian Community School Kuwait-Khaitan conducts hundreds of competitions for students every year. Khoj-2019, the award ceremony of this year's Arts Fest competitions, was held on September 5, 2019.

The Chief Operating Officer of Oncost Cash and Carry and Gulfmart Supermarkets, Remesh A was the Special Guest of Honor. Media Convener Samkutty Thomas, Vice President Mukesh, and Treasurer Hassan Koya, all from Kala Art were present. Along with a galaxy of acclaimed persons including the School Board of Trustees Azharuddin Amer Mohammed, Honorary Secretary Vinukumar Nair, Vice Chairman Agnello A S Fernandes, Honorary Joint Secretary Dr V Binumon, Senior Administrator and Principal ICSK Senior Rajesh Nair, Principal ICSK Amman K Gangadhar Shirsath, Principal ICSK Khaitan Susan Rajesh, Deputy Vice Principal ICSK Senior, Guests from Kala Art Kuwait, parents and students graced the occasion.

The spectacular finale began with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran followed by the National Anthems of Kuwait and India. Remesh A ignited the ceremonial lamp along with other dignitaries. The guests were accorded a warm welcome by Principal K G Shirsath. He reiterated that the arts fest is to promote artistic sense while academics are for intellectual development. He emphasized that ICSK is the only school organizing such vibrant and balanced events for students, giving opportunities to every student.

As a token of gratitude and appreciation from ICSK Khaitan, a memento was presented to the Special Guest. The Principal felicitated the guests from Kala Art, Kuwait, the prestigious Socio Cultural Organization among the Indian Community Kuwait for their contribution in promoting Art and Cultural Heritage of India. Samkutty Thomas of KALA Art in his speech congratulated all the participants and Prize winners. A total of 2800 students participated in the Arts Fest, Khoj 2019 and 490 awards were given out in five categories. The Chief Guest Remesh conferred 'Kalathilakam' and 'Kalaprabhha' titles for each category.

Two eminent Teachers of ICSK Khaitan were felicitated on this occasion; Saranya Devi, the First Indian woman who received Championship in the prestigious Al-Kandari

International Shooting Competition held in Kuwait and French Teacher Mehdi Ali Khan who acquired certificates from FLE and as examiner for DELF&DALF CIEP. Arts Fest coordinators were felicitated too. Namaste India Festival's Mascot was officially released by the Principal and Azharuddin Amer Mohammed, Honorary Secretary to the BOT, ICSK the school also launched its new website 'ICSK Website'.

The highlight of the day was the mind boggling performances put up by students including storytelling, solo dance, cinematic dance and mime which dazzled everyone. Leaving long lasting memories the mesmerizing event came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Griffin George of Class XII B, the School Arts Club Secretary.



The Cambridge English School in Hawally and Al-Mangaf welcomed its students from kindergarten to the twelfth grade on the occasion of the start of the new scholastic year. The school's administration stressed its readiness to provide its students with the latest technological means according to international standards. The school administration also stated that it is very proud of the results achieved by its students in the British High School Examination (IGCSE).

## PAS concludes open soccer competition

The Public Authority for Sports (PAS) recently concluded its male open soccer competition that had been organized by the 'Sports for All'

sector over the period of three days with participation of 48 teams playing knockout matches. The Soccer and Qaseer union team managed to win the title after beating Milan team, which came second while Al-Nojoon (Stars) team came third. The concluding ceremony was attended by manager Hamed Al-Hazeem, his deputy Waleed Al-Sultan and the head of the fields department Ahmed Al-Sayegh.

