

What's On



British Ambassador attends Sportshall Athletics competition

British Ambassador to Kuwait Michael Davenport attended the Sportshall Athletics competition at The English School with the participation of New English School as well as The English School on December 5, 2018. Each school was represented by 20 students (both girls and boys).

Sportshall Athletics is an indoor form of track and field between the ages of 4 and 16 developed by a UK company Eveque. It was created to provide a safe environment for young athletes to train during cold and dark winters. Today Sportshall is the largest competition within the School Games framework in the UK with an estimated user-base

of over 3 million children. The programme focuses on fitness and multi-skill development providing a grounding for all sports. It is totally inclusive, encourages children to get fit and promotes friendship whilst having lots of fun.

Sportshall Athletics focuses on transforming the sports hall or gymnasium into an arena of fun-filled athletic activities using specially designed equipment. The Sportshall Athletics programme involves the students in exhilarating, confidence-building activities and competitions. Sportshall Athletics equipment has been exported to over 30 countries worldwide.

British Ambassador to Kuwait Michael Davenport said: "I'm delighted to attend this event and to bring to Kuwait British expertise in indoor athletics for school children. Healthy lifestyle, fitness and competition are values, which play a part in our lives and we are keen to spread these values among school children in Kuwait. Sportshall has been helping British children to stay active through indoor activities, which would otherwise be impossible due to cold or wet weather. In Kuwait, the weather offers different challenges but ones to which Sportshall can offer the same solutions. I would like to avail of this opportunity to

thank the Eveque Sportshall Team and the participating schools and in particular The English School for hosting the event."

Roxanne Simon, Director of Sport at The English School said: "Fitness, confidence, skills and team work, are just some of the benefits that are developed through this most worthwhile concept. Currently, elements of Sportshall Athletics are intertwined within our curriculum, however, we are very much looking forward to learning about how this can be developed further, to maximise the potential of our students."



Jumeirah recognized as Aon Hewitt 2018 Best Employer in UAE

Jumeirah is proud to announce that for the second successive year it has been named as a 'Best Employer in the UAE' by Aon Hewitt, a leading global human resource consulting company. Ellen Dubois du Bellay, Chief Human Capital Officer, Jumeirah Group said: "Being voted Aon Hewitt Best Employer for 2018, for the second consecutive year, is a proud distinction. It recognizes our commitment to make Jumeirah 'Your Place to Shine in Hospitality' and the efforts we put into our people."

"Jumeirah is an exciting and dynamic work environment and we are immensely proud of what we have achieved in our ambitions to be an employer of choice. We recognize that our reputation for excellence and our position as a leading

luxury hotel company is built firmly upon our employees. Our colleagues consistently work hard and with unyielding dedication to deliver on our promise to create lasting memories and deliver a guest service which is beyond expectations. We thank them sincerely for their efforts every day," she added.

Under the leadership of Group CEO Jose Silva, Jumeirah's ambitious expansion plans to grow its portfolio of luxury hotels and resorts are well underway. In 2018 to date four new Jumeirah hotels opened: Jumeirah Royal Saray in Bahrain, Jumeirah Nanjing in China, Al Seef Hotel by Jumeirah in Dubai and Jumeirah at Saadiyat Island Resort in Abu Dhabi. Jumeirah Al Wathba Desert Resort & Spa, also in Abu Dhabi, will open on January 1, 2019.

Future openings include luxury hotels in China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Oman, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the UAE. Jumeirah currently employs 14,000 colleagues from across 140 different nationalities and continues to offer a range of international employment opportunities across its portfolio of 23 hotels and resorts.

The Aon Hewitt Best Employers Middle East study was launched globally by Aon over 18 years ago. Best Employers has become an international benchmark for business, affording organizations the unique opportunity to assess and understand the level of engagement amongst their employees. The 2018 Aon Best Employers Middle East winners were selected based on ranking consistently high levels for employee engagement, organizational agility, engaging leadership and strong talent focus.

The rigorous process saw participating organizations assessed against Aon's regional database of more than 350 organizations and 275,000 employees. This year, nine organizations across the Middle East - including Jumeirah Group - were selected for the prestigious honor across sectors ranging from logistics, hospitality and F&B to aviation, pharmaceutical and e-commerce.



Ellen Dubois du Bellay

ICSK celebrates Children's Day

Children's day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on the November 20, 2018 at Indian Community ICSK (Senior). The faculty took the initiative of unfolding their hidden talents to the students. The program was anchored by Srikala Dileep (IOD social science). The program began with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the Kuwait National Anthem and the prayer song. The flag hoisting and salutation was done by the Principal and Vice Principal respectively. Teachers of various departments represented the ICSK news desk.



UNDP, MBRF launch future of knowledge: A foresight report

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF) unveiled the 2018 edition of the Global Knowledge Index (GKI), while also launching the world's first Future of Knowledge: A Foresight Report, a pilot study on the future fields of knowledge that will shape the transformation of knowledge societies, during the opening of the Knowledge Summit that took place in Dubai under the title "Youth and the Future of Knowledge Economy."

Under the umbrella of the partnership between UNDP and MBRF and within the Knowledge for All project, the results of 134 countries in the Global Knowledge Index (GKI) were released. The GKI provides valuable insights on knowledge assets that are key to more effective sustainable development. According to the results of the Global Knowledge Index, Switzerland retained its number-one rank, followed by Sweden,

Finland, United States and Luxembourg.

The United Arab Emirates broke into the world's top 20 countries, ranked 19 at the global level and first among all the Arab states, while retaining its second place globally on the economy index. In addition to the GKI 2018, UNDP and MBRF launched the results of the Future of Knowledge: A Foresight Report, a unique study covering 20 countries that reveals a new knowledge measurement tool using big data. The Report aims at better understanding the navigation of present societies to cope with the demands of the future fields that will shape the near and long-term future.

It alerts and guides policymakers, business leaders, researchers and civil society to the new emerging fields, i.e. artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, cybersecurity, biotechnology and future skills that will become strategic for the future of societies. The Report puts our future in focus, be open and collaborative, and use our imagination, as the Reports state.

During the session "Future of Knowledge Model," a panel comprising Leif Edvinsson, Professor of Knowledge Capital at Lund University, Sweden, Jan Stureson, Founder of Resting - Advice from the Future, Laurent Probst, Partner at Price water house Coopers (PwC), Luxembourg presented the conceptual framework of the future knowledge model, the factors influencing the future of knowledge, and how countries might be impacted

positively, concluding that the "Future of Knowledge" as documented in the Report will empower forward-thinking strategy in the growth of knowledge economy and sustainable development around the world.

Organized by the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF), the fifth Knowledge Summit kicked off on 5 December at the Dubai World Trade Centre. Held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai, and the directives of MBRF Chairman HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the summit bears the theme: "Youth and the Future of the Knowledge Economy" and tackles the topic of the knowledge economy. The Knowledge Summit 2018 brings together over 100 speakers including experts, decision makers and stakeholders from around the world in more than 45 discussion panels.

The Summit will also see an elaborate analysis of last year's Global Knowledge Index results to guide decision makers, experts, and researchers towards implementing developmental policies to improve the gaps. Throughout their partnership, the UNDP and MBRF shared a vision of promoting knowledge-based sustainable development in the Arab region and beyond, through pioneering projects and initiatives.

ICAI Kuwait chapter holds family day

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Kuwait Chapter organized their signature annual event the 'ICAI family day' at Movenpick Hotel Al Bida'a Kuwait on November 30, 2018. The theme for this year's event was 'Hollywood Bollywood' and members were encouraged to dress according to theme. The lovely weather was the perfect setting for the festivities to begin. The event was well attended by more than 150 members and their families.

CA. Noel Joe Cherian, the Chairman of ICAI Kuwait Chapter gave the welcome address. A variety of entertaining events and activities like fancy dress, fashion show, face painting, talent show, Hollywood Bollywood bingo, Photo booth were some of the highlights of the day. The much awaited raffle draw had the members on their toes in anticipation of winning exciting prizes which included air tickets and the bumper prize of an all-expense paid trip to Istanbul, Turkey.

The members also bonded over a sumptuous lunch and snacks through the day. The event was organized by the Chapter's Social Committee which is headed by CA Ritu Sharma along with CA Trisha Dalmia, CA Sweta Chipra, CA Carmel Mathew and CA Aditya Dhanuka. The vote of thanks was delivered by CA Rabin Gonsalves, Executive Committee member.

