

What's On

Over 40 photography enthusiasts attend lecture

PINDOT holds basic photography workshop for OFWs

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The Pinoy Digital Photographers in Kuwait (PINDOT) conducted on Friday a free basic photography workshop for Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Kuwait at the Seafoods Restaurant in Salmiya.

"The purpose of the lecture is to help our fellow OFWs who are interested in Photography to know their DSLRs better," stated PINDOT President Cyril Mercado. Around 40 photography enthusiasts attended the workshop.

The lecture was conducted by former PINDOT President and current PINDOT Education and Training Committee Chairman Neil Ocampo who introduced to the audience the history of photography, basics of Photography such as camera controls, settings and getting the right exposure and composition.

The participants thanked PINDOT officers and members for organizing the workshop and for sharing their time and expertise in photography.

Encourage

PINDOT — a Filipino word which



A photo from the event

means 'Click' in English founded in April 2008 is a group of Filipino workers and residents of Kuwait who share their common passion in Digital Photography. PINDOT aims to encour-

age its members to get the most from their talent by joining a community of like-minded individuals who love their art and enjoy sharing their knowledge in photography. Members are of various

professions such as architects, engineers, nurses, media, technical workers, IT, advertising executives and many more.

Among the various activities

organised by PINDOT in its seven years of existence were the grand EBs, photo shoots for a cause, series of lectures on Composition, post-processing — tips & tricks, HDR —

tips & tricks, MACRO — tips & tricks and an introduction to Strobist, photo shoots and photo walks to enhance the skills of all the members. The group also organised two portrait workshops dubbed 'Landscape of Emotions' featuring famous Filipino photographer Manuel Libres Librodo Jr. as well as a Photography Workshop under the tutelage of another Filipino photography icon, Parc Cruz and Metrophoto Hothouse Series - an intensive wedding photography workshop under Oly Ruiz, a Filipino wedding photography guru and last November, PINDOT also organised the Cinematica X Workshop under Parc Cruz and Ku Manahan, a Pro Folio workshop under Jerico Montemayor, Mark Floro's food photography workshop and many more. All Filipino photography enthusiasts who want to become a member of PINDOT may check details on www.pindot.org or the Facebook fan page on www.facebook.com/pindotgroup.

"PINDOT is now opening its doors to new members, please just contact any of the PINDOT officers and members," stated Mercado.



Consul General Raul Dado and Labor Attache Cesar Chavez Jr with TISOK officers and members.

Council elects new officers for 2015-16

TISOK marks 47th 'versary of Tau Gamma Phi

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The Triskelion International of Kuwait (TISOK) joined the Tau Gamma Phi and Tau Gamma Sigma across the globe in celebration of the 47th anniversary of the Triskelion Grand Fraternity last weekend at the Swiss-Belhotel Plaza Hotel. TISOK officers and members gathered together to celebrate the Grand Fraternity's glorious years since its founding in the Philippines. The Tau Gamma Phi has now become one of the largest fraternities in the Philippines with about 700,000 registered members while TISOK has more than 100 members and is one of the most active Filipino organizations in Kuwait.

The event hosted by Jaz Barrientos and Jeffrey Galvan kicked off with the Triskelion prayer led by Cyrus Decena (Fintas Chapter) and spontaneous



TISOK former senior officers

prayer by Marshall Balberona (Hawally Chapter) and Rowena Miguel (TISOK Sigma Affairs) followed by the singing

of the Philippine National anthem conducted by Michelle Cayasa-Noble (TISOK Sigma Affairs).

Congratulations

Incumbent TISOK Chairman Michael Yunon delivered the opening remarks welcoming all the TISOK members and guests to the event and extended his warm congratulations to everyone.

Among the guests of honour during the auspicious occasion were Philippine Consul General Raul Dado, Labour Attache Cesar Chavez Jr and PHI-LAAK Chairman Marcia Gonzales-Sadicon. Present were also were Cora La Fuente Bouchebl, Jun Panaguiton and Arnold Ibanez.

Dado and Chavez congratulated TISOK on the occasion of Tau Gamma Phi's 47th national founding anniversary.

The group welcomed all the new TISOK members from various chapters followed by some parlour games. The Fintas and Hawally Chapters also presented their intermission numbers respectively to the delight of the audience.

One of the highlights of the event was the handing out of special awards to the attendees such as the Sigma of the night council Fintas chapter-Ajnelle Albino; Phi of the night — Hawally - Ronald Villanueva; Sigma of the night - Hawally - Ninoska Sweetina Aragons; Performance award — Hawally Triskelion; Couple of the night — Renan Romualdo and Rochelle Romualdo; Early bird — Joseph Villar and Triskelion of the year — Darwin Angie Espeleta.

The TISOK Council then elected its new set of officers for 2015-2016 namely Chairman Jeffrey Galvan, Vice Chairman External Raymond Oraa, Vice Chairman Internal Ninoska Aragon and MWW Master Wielder of the Whip June Ecinaires.

The night was capped with the singing of the Triskelion song followed by the ceremonial cutting of the cake and dinner buffet.

ing competitions for Indian school children, to discover the true talents. The competitions are classified into four categories, as follows, with several prizes. Kindergarten (LKG & UKG), Sub-Junior: (Class I-IV), Junior (Class V-VIII) & Senior (Class IX-XII).

The competitions will start at 1:30 pm on Nov 13, 2015 at Indian Carmel School, Khaitan and results will be announced on Nov 20, 2015. The school with highest aggregate points will be awarded with the 'Mazhavillu-2015 Trophy'. The prize distribution schedule and venue shall be announced later.

Online registrations are open at our web sites www.kalakuwait.com participants may please carry the filled form to be handed over in the venue while collecting chest numbers. For any further details, the following numbers shall be contacted. 97262978, 97817100, 66013891.

Jan 28, 2016

Indian Embassy notice: The Embassy of India is pleased to inform that the 14th Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short and Animation Films (MIFF-2016) would be organized by the Films Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, from Jan 28 to Feb 3, 2016 at the Films Division Complex in Mumbai. All those who are interested can download the entry forms, festival regulations and other details about MIFF from their website www.miff.in

The cut off dates in the category of international competition for receiving entries are Oct 15 (regular) and Oct 30 (with late fee).

General

NYF offers free yoga classes: NYF Kuwait offers free yoga, breathing, meditation and reiki classes by a well-experienced female yoga teacher for all age groups. Classes are given on the basis of different health problems, stress and other problems by different techniques. Contact: 99315825.

Leadership Excellence Course: The Leadership Excellence Course (LEC) is a course modeled on the Seerah of Rasoolullah who is the best model of leadership for all mankind. The LEC focuses on the lessons that we can learn from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and see how we can apply them in our lives to become winners in this world and the next.

The objectives of the course are 1. Understand what leadership is from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and how to apply it in our lives today 2. Understand the purpose of our lives and learn to live that purpose with confidence 3. Understand the importance of connecting to Allah and learn how to do it 4. Understand how to leverage your strengths and overcome weaknesses 5. Understand how to articulate your life goal and create a road map to achieve it.

For more information please visit www.leckuwait.com or call 99514995 / 66363310.

AWL registration: If you would like to join the American Women's League (AWL), please call 99039723 or 94067999 or email: kuwaitawl@yahoo.com. All American women and wives of Americans are welcomed.

Ugandans register with UIK: Are you a Ugandan living and working in Kuwait? Would you like to get in touch with other Ugandans in Kuwait both socially and professionally? Then please get in touch with us. We would like to invite you to register with the Ugandans in Kuwait (UIK) association, an informal organization of Ugandans living and working in Kuwait. The purpose of this exercise is to get together as Ugandans and to consider taking the first steps to establishing a more formal organisation. This association is voluntary. It is designed to create a forum for Ugandans in Kuwait to foster a sense of community, to communicate more effectively with each other and to encourage Ugandans out here to work together. We are also planning a celebration to mark 50 years of Ugandan's Independence this year. If you have any questions regarding this association or if you are interested in registering, then please send us an email at ugandansinkuwait@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you soon.

IPC GCSE Arabic Course: CAMS Training Center arranges a training course for Edexcel GCSE International Certificate of Arabic as a second language. Applicants should complete 4

Levels of Arabic and with English fluency. The class will be twice a week for 8 months starting on Sept 13, 2015. Only for Ladies.

For information and registration: Ladies: IPC Rawdah- 22512257 Email: maria@alnajat.com.kw

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99300257; Abbasiya: 97226589. With CRY everyone wins.

Nov 13
FOCC Calendar of Events: FOCC (Friends of CRY Club) announces the calendar of events for the year 2015-16:

CRYchess: Nov 13, 2015 (0900 to 1700); CRYwalk (Mahboula) Nov 27, 2015 (0900 to 1130); CRYwalk (Abbasiya) Dec 18, 2015 (0900 to 1130); CRYwalk (Salmiya) Jan 22, 2016 (0900 to 1130); CRYcket Apr 8, 2016 (0630 to 1830).

All events are on Fridays. Notices and press releases will be issued approx. 1 month in advance. But don't wait, get yourselves in the training gear, right away. Contact No: 99364073, 99578073, 66810338, 97990162, 66204295.

KALA-Kuwait drawing contest: Kerala Art Lovers Association, KALA-Kuwait, the oldest among Indian Associations, is working constructively in the Indian Society, upholding the rich cultural heritage of the nation. Now KALA-Kuwait is again putting here a milestone ... with 'Mazhavillu-2015' drawing and paint-

Pinoy Arabia FM Sing Galing announces 3rd weekly winners

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The first grand Singing Competition on Filipino radio in Kuwait dubbed 'Sing Galing' organised by Pinoy Arabia FM, an Internet-based, non-profit community service radio station catering to the Filipinos in Kuwait, the Middle East and across the globe, just entered its third week as talented Filipino singers showcased their singing prowess.

'Sing Galing' aired live daily from 7am to 9am on Pinoy Arabia on Marina FM showcases the best of Filipino talents as they conquer the airwaves with their mellifluous and powerful renditions of Filipino and English songs.

The third week qualifiers were Floramae Esquerre, Maribel Jacobo, Daniel Macaraeg, Riva Cuizon and Luz Cortez.

Weekly qualifiers automatically compete in the grand finals in November at a venue to be announced later.

Vocal

The board of judges composed of voice coach Ricky Laxa and singing champ Jennifer Uy and Pinoy Arabia FM

anchors Randy Mendoza, Ben Garcia and Maxxy Santiago rated the contestants based on their vocal quality (40%), performance (30%), timing (15%) and song interpretation (15%).

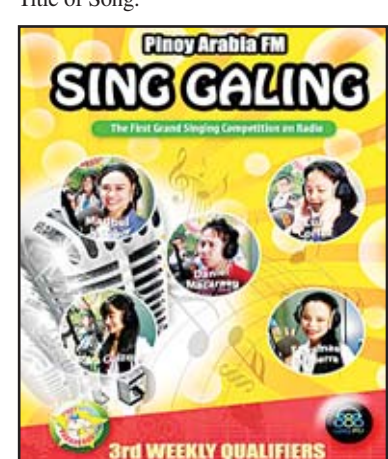
Sing Galing which is sponsored by Al Alamia International Manpower Services, TVS Travel & Tours, LBC Cargo, ADM International Manpower Services, Echo Extreme, Alpha Solutions, ICSA and AIM Global Kuwait has its daily audition from Monday to Thursday and those who made it to the audition will compete for the weekly qualifying round every Friday and weekly winners will come back again during the grand finals.

To those who want to listen to feel-good music, they can simply download the mobile apps from their mobile phone. For Iphone and Android users they just have to search for Pinoy Arabia FM and download for free.

"We are now on our fifth week so we are encouraging all the fresh talents to come out and show what you've got. Those who want to join may register online at the Pinoy Arabia FM Facebook page," stated Randy Mendoza.

Here are the Singing Competition Registration Rules and Guidelines:

1. The Pinoy Arabia FM first grand singing competition is open to all talented Filipino citizens aged 18 and above.
2. Interested individuals may register at the Pinoy Arabia FM Page on Facebook by liking the page and send via message the following: Name, Age, Address, Occupation, Phone Number and Title of Song.



Pinoy Arabia FM Sing Galing 3rd weekly winners.

3. Pinoy Arabia FM will send you a message of confirmation of registration and qualified contestants will be informed of the day and time of audition on the radio.
4. The competition proper will start on September 21, 2015. Qualified contestants must come to the Pinoy Arabia FM station in Marina Mall on the day of their scheduled audition and bring with them their minus one accompaniment in MP3 format in the USB.

5. There will be two to four contestants daily who will sing live on the radio from Monday to Friday.
6. There will be two weekly winners whose names will be announced every Sunday on the radio and posted on the Pinoy Arabia FM Facebook page.
7. All weekly winners will compete and sing live during the Grand Finals on November 6, 2015 at a place to be announced later.
8. Board of judges will be composed of individuals who have musical command.
9. Plaques, cash prizes and other valuable gifts will be awarded to the three grand winners in the competition.
10. For inquiries and other details, please call 99047504.