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45 private sector companies participate

ASSE Kuwait recognises GCC HSE Excellence Award winners



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Students demonstrate their talents

Indian Muslim Welfare Association conducts EDUMEET

By Suha Fatima

KUWAIT CITY, May 17: Indian Muslim Welfare Association (IMWA) conducted the EDUMEET 2017 at Salmiya Indian Model School on 12th May 2017. EDUMEET is an annual event held by the association wherein Indian students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their talents. The program was hosted by Ms Israa Naemuddin and Ms Afra Mohammed Khalid. The event comprised of an essay writing competition and an inter-school debate competition.

The event started by the recitation of the Holy Quran by Ms Saima Bandarkar, followed with the English translation by Ms Asma Manshaud-din. After that, the essay writing competition commenced. The participants were divided into three groups based on their classes — Group A (Class VII-VIII), Group B (Class IX-X) and Group C (Class XI-XII). Each group was given a different topic with a time limit of 30 minutes and a word limit of 250 words. A panel of four eminent judges from various Indian schools in Kuwait were given the tough task of evaluating the essays and selecting the winners from each group as the debate was going on.

literature.

This was followed by the debate competition. The 12 participating schools, one of which included IMWA's own Talent team, sent in two competent contestants each.

The topic of the debate was "Have we exchanged our traditional values for a pair of jeans?" Each team had one contestant to argue for the motion, and the other to argue against. A panel of four distinguished adjudicators evaluated the participants' performance simultaneously.

The panel consisted of — Mrs Moli Divakaran, Lecturer at Box Hill College of Kuwait; Dr Sabiha Bilgrami from Kuwait University, also the president of Kuwait Leaders Toastmasters Club; Ms Alison Larkin Koushki, who taught in the American University of Kuwait Intensive English Program for 7 years, and finally Ms Rana Khan who is currently the English Language Instructor at College of Education, Kuwait University.

The evaluation was processed online as the data entered by the judges was transmitted live to the moderator, Mohammad Zahid.

The debate was fiercely contested by all the participants giving sharp arguments for their perspective of the topic. Young orators used their presentation skills, body language and stage presence as the audience cheered on.

After each participant concluded their speech, the judges put across a question to them based on their

stance and what they had spoken. The participants were up to the challenge, citing examples and using their presence of mind in answering the tough and tricky questions put across by the judges.

The audience, consisting of the contestants' families and teachers, were kept involved by the MCs during the breaks. They were asked random questions and those who gave correct answers were given gift hampers.

Sanjeev Saklani — Attache of Education at the Indian Embassy, also graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

He expressed his appreciation of IMWA's efforts to host such events for the benefit of the children from the Indian Community in Kuwait.

IMWA's President, Jawaid Anwar, mentioned in his speech that the debate competition is very useful for preparing students for their future careers and thanked the IMWA Executive Council Members for their efforts in putting together such events.

The debate and essay writing judges were given mementos by IMWA's president, the Chief Guest, and IMWA's General Secretary. Special gifts were given to the MCs and moderator for their contribution to the success of the event.

The results of both the essay writing and debate competition were declared immediately after the event and certificates and prizes were distributed to the winners by the chief guest Mr. Sanjeev Saklani and IMWA Execu-

tive Council members.

Debate Winners

Winner - Mohammad Mishal, Indian Community School, Senior Branch; 1st Runner up — Ketan Maheshwari, Indian Educational School; 2nd Runner up — Ayisha Wafiyath, Indian Community School, Khaitan Branch

Debate School Trophy

Indian Community School, Senior Branch — Mohammad Mishal & Aneez Mohammed

Essay Writing Winners

Group A (Class VII-VIII)
Winner — Zainab Al Ghazali, Salmiya Indian Model School
1st Runner up — Ram Prakash, Salmiya Indian Model School
IMWA Talent — Faiza Hanif, Integrated Indian School

Group B (Class IX - X)
Winner — Anfal Uzma Deenaz, Indian Community School, Senior Branch

1st Runner up — Yusra Asad Khan, Indian Community School, Senior Branch
IMWA Talent — Ayisha Wafiyath, Indian Community School, Khaitan Branch

Group C (Class XI-XII)
Winner — Aqeela Ahmad, India International School
1st Runner up — Niranjan Anand, Indian Education School
IMWA Talent — Summayya Parveen, Indian Community School, Senior Branch

KUWAIT CITY, May 17: American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), Kuwait Chapter is a premier voluntary, non-profit, Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) professional organization, which strives to provide professional guidance, training, consultancy and resources to the HSE Professionals, industrial and social sectors in the region.

American Society of Safety Engineers – Kuwait Chapter organises ASSE Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) HSE Excellence Award annually to recognize and honour the private sector companies for their leadership, excellence and exceptional performance in the field of Health, Safety and Environment in the Gulf Region. The award program 2017 was launched on Jan 25, 2017 inviting applications from the private sector organizations in GCC countries and it was concluded with a grand award presentation ceremony on 2nd May 2017 at Hilton Resorts Kuwait. The ASSE GCC HSE Excellence Award 2017 Program was patronized by Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), endorsed by IADC, CCPS & supported by IOSH, BCSP.

The award ceremony started with welcome address by C.H. Rama Krushna Chary, President ASSE Kuwait Chapter. He briefed about the Chapter activities, its objectives and achievements along with the background of the ASSE GCC Award program. He mentioned that Kuwait Chapter has pioneered the annual award program for 9th time successfully. He congratulated all award winning companies for showing their extraordinary performance and management commitment towards HSE. He thanked all ASSE volunteers and supporting & endorsing organizations for making this program grand success. Bader Al Hadhrami, Member ASSE Kuwait Chapter facilitated the award ceremony inauguration.

Program

Eng Fadhel Al-Ali, Chairman of ASSE-Kuwait Chapter in his address highlighted the significance of this award program and the value each company is giving to this award, which showcases successful business models from each organization that uphold HSE as a business value. He briefed on theme "You Perform We Recognize" and congratulated the winning companies. He appreciated all the Award program organizing committee members for putting their best efforts to make this program a grand success. Naser Alhabab, Team Leader, KPC

delivered the chief guest speech on behalf of the Nisar Al Adrani, CEO, KPC. He congratulated all the award winning companies and appreciated the initiatives of ASSE Kuwait Chapter for promoting the HSE performance in private sector companies in the GCC region through this award program. He highlighted the importance of HSE and the current HSE challenges faced by the contractors within the Oil Sector & Other Industries in this region.

Evaluation

Jignesh Shah, Director, ASSE GCC HSE Excellence Award program 2017 briefed on the Award program 2017. He briefed about the award categories, criteria and evaluation process of the award followed to evaluate the HSE management System of the participating companies. He appreciated the participation of companies and thanked them for overwhelming response comparing to previous year, rise in the applications were about 28% this year. He said that, this recognition program certainly adds value to the companies and motivate them to improve their HSE performance year after year. He also conveyed that GCC HSE Excellence award program was much appreciated by the adjudication panel judges from the ASSE, US. The briefing was followed with video messages from the respected members of Adjudication Panel and Endorsing Agencies. The video capsule featured messages from Thomas F. Cecich, CSP, CIH, ASSE President, Jay Brakensiek, CSP, Administrator, ASSE Environment Practice Specialty, Ashok Garlapati, ASSE Global Region Vice-President & Shakeel H. Kadri Executive Director, CCPS, American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He congratulated and thanked participating companies for their overwhelming response to the award program. He also thanked KPC management for patronizing GCC HSE Excellence Award 2017 and their continuous support to the ASSE, Kuwait Chapter.

The event witnessed the launch of 9th International Health Safety Security Environment & Loss Prevention Professional Development Conference & Exhibition, Nov 28-29, 2017 in Kuwait. The launching was done by Eng Fadhel Al Ali, Chairman, ASSE Kuwait Chapter and Mohammad Riaz Shareef, Director, 9th ASSE PDC 2017 briefed on the program.

A total of 45 private sector companies from GCC countries including Kuwait, Oman, UAE participated by submitting award applications and 82 awards were presented during the ceremony for the winners.

'Renowned' Urdu poet Afroz Alam to participate in literary event in Jeddah

By Sunil Sonsi

KUWAIT CITY, May 17: Well known Urdu Poet and Writer Afroz Alam — Vice President of Writers' Forum, Kuwait and also Maurya Kala Parisar, Kuwait, is all set to visit Saudi Arabia to participate in literary event; Mushaira, being organized by Bazm-E-Itehaad-e-



Afroz Alam

Jeddah on May 19, 2017. Eight others poets from India will also participate in the event. Afroz Alam, being the President of Gulf Urdu Council-GCC, will also have an official meeting with members and office-bearers of KSA-West chapter, "Meet and Greet Evening" on May 20, 2017.

Afroz Alam, the universally renowned Urdu poet, writer and hilarious anchor, has also authored Alfaz Kay saye (Poetry), Dhup Kay Alam me' (Poetry), 'Fsl-e-Taza' (Book on Poetry of young Urdu writers of Kuwait), 'Kuwait Kay Ahl-e-qalam (Book on Poetry by forty Urdu writers of Kuwait)', 'Rashid Mewati: fun-oshakhsiyat' (critic), and Kuwait me Adabi Peshraft (History of Urdu Literature in Kuwait)'.

In November and December 2016 also, he was on a literary tour to India for around 40 days, during which he was participated in sixteen difference literary events. All the literary personalities of Kuwait wish him success in his new venture.