

Overheard in the Souk the grapevine

(Source: Posted by Crazy in Kuwait, Nov 6, 2019, lifeinkuwaitblog.com)

● Why do people not like parking inside multistory parking lots? We have probably the cheapest parking rates in the world and yet loads of people prefer parking illegally right outside the parking lot instead of legally and safely inside.

I was with a friend last time who was looking for parking in his brand new expensive car in a tight back road barely hitting other cars who were coming down the road the wrong way and I was like dude, look on your left, there is an empty multistory lot just go inside and park there...?

I'm not complaining, it's actually better for me since this way I'll always find parking inside those lots but I'm just really curious to why people don't like multistory lots and I know it can't be just a financial reason.

(Source: Posted by Mark, Nov 5, 2019, 248am.com)

● Ghadeer al Bahrain isn't a new place, it's actually been open for around

30 years now yet I only recently found out about it. The place is even located very close to where I live so I'm not sure how I hadn't heard about it until now. Ghadeer is a small hole in the wall restaurant serving super tiny meat skewers of different kinds. So far I've been there a few times and I think we're averaging 15-18 skewers per person. I've tried their meat tikka, kebab, chicken tikka, and heart skewers and they've all been really good but my favorites are definitely the meat tikka and kebab.

The price of a skewer is 150fills which means mixing and matching is very doable (and more fun). Because of their size, the skewers also don't take very long to be grilled so you can order as you go as I tend to do. There is indoor and outdoor seating but this place isn't anything fancy, so manage your expectations before you get there.

Ghadeer al Bahrain is located in Salmiya and you can find it on Google Maps. They're also on Instagram @ghadeeralbahrain

(Source: Post by Mark, Oct 23, 2019, 248am.com)

Tongues Wag

● I've been meaning to order tires for my Lotus online for some time now since the local Michelin dealer didn't carry tire sizes that fit my car. But I had heard two things:

1) The Michelin dealer wouldn't order tires for you if they didn't carry them
2) If you order tires online they'll get stuck in customs and it would be very difficult to clear them

I didn't follow up on the rumors right away since my tires were still in fairly good condition back then. But the new season at Kuwait Motor Town started already and now after 8 track days and 17,000km mileage on the same set of tires, I knew it would be time to change them soon so I needed to find a solution.

This post is to clear the two rumors above which turned out to be false.

First thing I did was pass by the Michelin dealer on Canada Dry Street to see if they would be willing to order the following tires for me:

Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 – 215/45 R17 x2

Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 – 285/30 R18 x2

They told me they could and I had two options, either ship them by sea freight which could take anywhere between 4 to 8 weeks, or by air which would take up to 2 weeks. They took my email and sent me a proposal that came to the following:

Total for 4 tires if shipped by air: KD540
Total for 4 tires if shipped by sea: KD374

I decided to check and see how much my tires would cost if I ordered them online myself and shipped them straight to Kuwait. I found my tires on Camskill.co.uk for a great price and they would be willing to ship them directly to Kuwait using FedEx. The total with shipping came out to just KD336 so I placed an order and within 5 days I had the tires. They cleared customs with no issue except for the fact I had to pay FedEx KD28 for the customs fees and clearance cost. The total in the end came out to KD364. So KD10 cheaper than the dealers sea freight cost but arrived in just a few days instead of a few weeks.

So if you need specific tires that aren't available locally I would head to the local dealer first and see if they would order them for you or alternatively, you could order them online if you were in a hurry

like me or just didn't want to bother with Shuwaikh.

(Source: Posted by Mark, Nov 6, 2019, 248am.com)

● During my last visit to Friday Market, pet side I noticed some new buildings behind the old nasty one that currently sells animals and pet supplies. From what I can tell it looks to be a new place for the animals? It's a really nice set up with air conditioned buildings that has individual stalls for sellers.

The stalls look much smaller than the set ups sellers have right now so I don't know how that will turn out but it seems like a step ahead for the sad market. However, I didn't see any kind of drainage areas, I watched one of the guys from the dog shop take the tray of pea and poop from the cage and just pour it right into the drain that runs in the middle of the area. It was already full and overflowing but the guy didn't care and poured it in anyway, the stench made me want to throw up. It used to be clean and the drains were empty but now it has gone back to the old days which is disgusting and hazardous.

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Photos from the event.

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IEI Centenary Engineers Day: The Institution of Engineers India, Kuwait Chapter (IEI Kuwait Chapter) will be celebrating the "The Centenary Engineer's day" and "The second international Conference on Engineering Challenges in Gulf countries" on Nov 29 and 30, 2019 at Radisson Blu, Salwa, Kuwait respectively. Apart from HE the Ambassador of India to State of Kuwait, many distinguished guests from Ministries, Universities, KSE, KISR, Engineers, technocrats, consultants, decision makers and business leaders shall be attending this program.

To commemorate the occasion, we shall bring out a souvenir that will include materials of keynote addresses from eminent speakers on different engineering fields and abstracts/articles related to International Conference topics. The conference will cover the engineering challenges and innovative solutions in the area of Oil and gas exploration and exploitation, Water desalination, Food security, Infrastructure development, dust storm issues, Conventional and renewable Energy production, climate change and environmental degradation of land, water and air, Coastal infrastructure and marine facility developments, Waste disposal and management and Other engineering disciplines which affects the socioeconomic development of Kuwait and Gulf countries.

An engineering quiz related to the themes of the conference will be organized with attractive prizes for the winners. Opportunity exists for exhibiting the engineering products of companies in the conference exhibition booth during Nov 29 and 30. Engineering companies can also advertise their products in the Souvenir/conference proceedings, which will be released during the program. Many organizations, engineers and decision makers for selection of products and designing of projects will use the Publication as Technical Directory.

For further clarification for Advertisement of your company in the Souvenir and more details, you may contact the Engr Sudhir Kumar Sahoo, General Secretary (Mob: 69030472), or Engr Sam Ananth Kumar, Treasurer (Mob: 97604574),

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 6: On its 20th Anniversary Tulu Koota Kuwait (TKK) celebrated the true spirit of Tulunadu by hosting a grand Tuluparba celebration under the able leadership of the dynamic president Ramesh S. Bhandary on Oct 25 at American International School, Maidan Hawally, Kuwait.

The event started with a grand procession conceptualized by Suresh Salian. People belonging to various communities and age group took part in it. A blend of Tulunadu festival zeal and passion converted the procession in to a kaleidoscope of colors and gaiety. Children carrying flags depicting the different associations in Kuwait and ladies carrying lavishly decorated trays with objects displaying rich Tulunadu culture was the cynosure of all eyes. Tuluparba "Tuluvara mane managala habba" began with a huge fanfare of drums. The Chief guests for the event were Dr M. Ravi Shetty (Ex-President of Tulu Koota and Kannada Koota Qatar & Managing Director of ATS Company Qatar), guest of honor Dayanand G Katsalar (President of Karnataka Tulu Sahithya Academy) and Fr Dominic Sequeira.

Attraction

The reception area was a wonderful sight of the beautifully decorated entrance displaying temple, church and mosque as the center of attraction this year. The sublime beauty of the reception area cast a spell on the onlookers. It highlighted Unity in Cultural diversity and the faith and belief of people of Tulunadu who are hardworking yet fun loving and joyful, and celebrate every occasion from a blooming of flower to a good harvest.

The audience and guests were welcomed by

the compères of the program Renita Mascaren has and Paramanad Salian followed by National anthem. The significant mixing of soil of Attur Church, Kateel Temple and Ullal Darga on stage marked the opening of Tuluparba 2019, followed by traditional lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest and Guest of honor along with President Ramesh S Bhandary, Advisory committee and Managing committee members. Tulu Parba 2019 Souvenir was beautifully released during the theme song of TKK 'Sirimudi Singaro' that was melodiously sung by Suresh Salian.

Fr Dominic Sequeira, Parish Priest of Salmiya Church, guest of honor addressed the audience and appreciating the wonderful value imbibed by TuluKoota Kuwait.

Felicitation

Prayer dance invoking blessing of the Almighty, was rendered by Nrithya Niketan students, choreographed by Vidushi Shanthala Acharya.

This was followed by felicitation program hosted by Dr Preeti Shetty. TKK President Ramesh S Bhandary welcomed honorable guests Dr Ravi Shetty and Dayanand G Katsalar with flower bouquets. In his speech President reiterated the important role played by Tuluparba and Tulukoota Kuwait in connecting the children and adults to rich Tulu-nadu art and culture. He also highlighted the evolution of charity and philanthropic works of TKK during its 20 years journey and the significant contributions made by TuluKoota Kuwait in the 20th year where they explored new area of providing shelter to the needy under the "Ashrayayojana" and very strongly

supported educational causes during the year. He also extended his warm greetings to the koota members and families on the auspicious occasion of Diwali.

All the sponsors were felicitated with flower and memento for their contribution to the event. TKK committee member Vijay Kairangala was honored for his contribution and service to the association. TKK convener and founder president Shri Sudhakar Shetty who would be returning back to India after long years of service in Kuwait, was felicitated for his leadership and continued service to the koota since its inception. During the program Sathish Achari was felicitated for his contribution in Stage Settings. Welfare Officer Faustine Pinto was also felicitated for his outstanding contribution to the Koota for the past several years.

Visiting artists Paramanand Salian, and Prasanna Shetty Bailur were also felicitated. Guest of honor Dayanand Katsalar, President of Karnataka Tulu Sahithya Academy was felicitated for his services to Tulu Culture. Dr M. Ravi Shetty Chief Guest of the event was also felicitated and honored during the ceremony. In his speech he emphasized the importance of communal harmony.

Scholarship and certificates of appreciation for academic excellence were handed over to meritorious 10th and 12th standard kids of TKK members by His Excellency K Jeeva Sagar, Indian Ambassador to Kuwait and the TKK President Ramesh S Bhandary. The ambassador congratulated the recipients, and appreciated the work of TKK in bringing communities together as one family. He also greeted the koota members on the auspicious

occasion of Diwali.

The audience was left mesmerized by "Bhoomi Bechaand" act on stage that conveyed a strong message on the scenario of global warming and preserving nature. The act was conceptualized by Paramanad Salian Sasihihthlu and directed by talented committee member Satisha Acharya. More than 100 talented TKK artists of all ages had performed and enthralled audience. Satisha Acharya and dance choreographer of this concept Vidushi Shantala Satisha were honored with mementos for their fantastic work.

Highlights

Another highlight of the day was the super hit drama Buddi Chapat by Chaitanya Kalavidaru Udipi, created and directed by Prashamsa fame Prasanna Shetty Bailur, took the jam-packed audience in comedy world with its rib-tickling comedy and emotions. All the drama artists were honored with mementos by president and management committee members.

The program was well coordinated by cultural secretary Abdul Razak and management committee, while sound and lighting were provided by Waves Events & Rentals Kuwait, makeup done by Ajith Bipore and team, slides by Aravind, Parekshith and Allan, welfare presentation by Jagadeesh Shanobogue, Tharendra Shettigar and Dr Preeti and souvenir artwork designed by Sachidananda Suvarna. Vijay Wilson, General Secretary, rendered the vote of thanks.

The program was live telecast by Namma Kudla TV Channel and their associate channels including Live Web streaming.

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For registration and other details about this

International Conference, please visit <https://iceingulf.org>. For any question, you can also send an email to ieikwt@hotmail.com

IEI Kuwait membership: The Institution of Engineers (India), Kuwait Chapter invites all its

members to update their membership information for the year 2018-19 and actively participate in the chapter activities. Indian engineers residing in Kuwait are welcome to join the pool of more than 750,000 engineers by becoming corporate or non-corporate members of The Institution of Engineers (India).

IEI, Kuwait Chapter conducts many technical events for the benefits of its members. Please watch for further details in your registered e-mail or announcement in media. The chapter has science club activities for members' children, and

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