

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2021



A collage of photographs from the Pakistan Women's Forum projects and events.

Pakistan is proud host of World Environment Day 2021

PWF organises environment-friendly projects throughout the year

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KUWAIT CITY, June 7: World Environment Day is observed by the United Nations every year on June 5th to encourage worldwide awareness and work towards improving the environment.

This year Pakistan is the proud global host of World Environment Day 2021 with the theme "Ecosystem Restoration", specifically focusing on creating a good relationship with the environment.

The Government of Pakistan plans to restore and expand forests across the country through an ambitious drive called "10 Billion Tree Tsunami". This campaign focuses on planting trees in urban settings, establishing green belts, and restoring mangroves and other forests.

Keeping the vision in mind and this year's Environmental Day theme of Ecosystem Restoration, Pakistan Women's Forum (PWF) Kuwait, a representative organization of Pakistani women in Kuwait, organized many environment-friendly projects and events throughout the year. These events include a beach clean-up campaign and a tree plantation drive, in collaboration with the Greenhands Environmental Team. Additionally, PWF conducted a seminar on

the importance of maintaining a sustainable lifestyle in partnership with WEE. PWF also organized the development of a beautiful garden to show their gratitude towards Mother Earth.

Considering the State of Kuwait as our second home, and being as residents to keep its environment safe and healthy, Pakistan Women's Forum will continue to execute more eco-friendly projects in Kuwait.

This June, start your day with a treat:



The ABCs of The al-Sabah Collection

An alphabetical look at 26 objects in the collection.

Starting 1 June, a new letter will be posted at 9 AM every Saturday - Thursday.

on Instagram: @dai_kuwait
on YouTube: DARKuwait

A flyer of the event.



Kids-2-Kids: Storytime with a twist

Ask your child to share a favourite book with us, as a play or a song or a 1st person monologue or maybe even a rap.

Have an adult record the presentation and email it to education@darmuseum.org.kw

We will select the clever presentations and invite the kids to come film it in our studio. When it's finished, they'll be the stars of their story on DAI's social media outlets.

For more information, please email education@darmuseum.org.kw

A flyer of the event.

IKFS announces online Islamic quiz competition for students

KUWAIT CITY, June 7: Indo-Kuwait Friendship Society (IKFS), a non-profit NRI association in Kuwait, has announced launch of "Islamic Quiz Competition, Islamic Calligraphy Competition, and Essay competition", as part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the Indo-Kuwait Friendship Society which is to be held in the month of July 2021.

The aim of conducting the competition in "Islamic Quiz" with 1001 questionnaires, is to provide an additional aspiration for youngsters and help to develop and promote their moral character. IKFS team thought of conducting competitions during this lockdown period of COVID 19, due to the fact that many of the students, young-

sters are sitting at home and wasting so many hours either by sleeping, or watching (wanted or unwanted) television channels, activities of films, and other social media activities. The time selected by IKFS is an ideal for the students who want to learn from a traditional Islamic perspective. Islamic studies is an umbrella term for the "religious sciences" ('Ulum al-din, distinct from non-religious sciences such as mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy and philosophy), pursued by the ulama i.e. the Islamic scholarly class.

Interested parties can send email before 30th June 2021, attention: The Convener, IKFS, email: ikfsociety@gmail.com

KUWAIT CITY, June 7: Toastmasters is a platform for public speaking and leadership. It imbues confidence, self-awareness and quick thinking in you. It also enriches your knowledge, increases your social network and grooms you as a leader.

At Timbre Talkers Toastmasters Club, you assimilate all of that, along with: making new friends, having a homely atmosphere and fun filled meetings. As we end another remarkable year, we are proud to acknowledge that, this was a year - well lived.

With the pandemic forcing us to go online, we made a smooth transition to virtual meetings. Although, we missed meeting each other in person, we managed to make the best use of online experience by conducting interesting theme meetings and organizing global events. We could conduct joint meetings and events with clubs in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. We also conducted a "Youth Leadership Program" where we groomed young students into better communicators and leaders. It gave us a great learning experience and the youth leaders were all praises for the club team to arrange for an educating yet fun-filled experience.

Our 10th anniversary special meeting was a spectacular event which was graced by the presence of various dignitaries like the International President Richard Peck, DTM; International Director Aletta Rochat, DTM; District Director, Mohamed Saleem, DTM; District PQD Alfiya Lakdawala, DTM; District CGD Khalid Abdulla, DTM and many popular Toastmasters in and out of the District. The star-studded night was splashed with nostalgic memories.

DTM stands for Distinguished Toastmasters, the highest educational award a Toastmaster can earn during their Toastmasters journey.

Recently, we had a special meeting called "The Family Day" where we in-

A club to reckon with

Timbre Talkers celebrates 10th anniversary



A screen shot of the online event.

visited our family members and arranged for special games and fun activities for them. This helped us know each other better and strengthened the sense of family culture in the club. It also gave our families a sneak peek into our club and its activities.

We have been a President's Distinguished Club for 9 years out of our club's 10 glorious years. Our members constantly thrive for quality and have achieved excellence and recognition at

various levels in the district. We are proud to acknowledge that our club members are serving prestigious positions like the Program Quality Director and the Logistics Manager of the District.

As we wrap this eventful year, we acknowledge how important it is to have a positive and supportive bunch of people with us during these troubled times. We help, motivate and support each other in our toughest times. All this, along with grooming you into a speaker, leader and

a better version of yourself.

You can be a part of all this too. The more, the merrier...

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Talk was in collaboration with CEFREPA

Global Studies Center hosts Dr Lala for talk on 'Huwiyya'



Dr Ismail Lala

KUWAIT CITY, June 7: The Global Studies Center (GSC) at GUST hosted Dr. Ismail Lala Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Gulf University for Science and Technology for a talk titled "HUWIYYA" Identity in Classical Arab Philosophy". The talk was held on Zoom, and was in collaboration with Centre Français de Recherche de la Péninsule Arabique (French Research Centre of the Arabian Peninsula) also known as CEFREPA a regional research center whose main objective is to promote studies on the Arabian Peninsula as a whole. It holds two branches in the Middle East including one in Kuwait City.

Dr. Ismail Lala's talk was on the word "Huwiyya" and how it has been used throughout history up until its current form in present day language. Lala explains that the word itself is an abstract

noun from the pronoun huwa (he), and comes directly from the lexicon of Hellenistic learning. Arabic translators of Greek philosophical texts used "huwiyya" to denote the essence of a thing, or its identity. The talk provided a brief history of this term, and then elaborated on how the term was adopted and expanded by the influential Sufi thinker, Ibn 'Arabi and those of his Sufi order.

Dr. Lala's discussant, Professor Jean-Baptiste Brenet, a specialist of Ibn Rushd and teaches the history of Medieval Arab Philosophy at the Sorbonne, Paris, provided a 10-minute commentary on Dr. Lala's presentation. He also kicked off the discussion on the subject between Dr. Lala and the audience.

Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences and Head of the Global Studies Center, Dr. Thorsten Botz, said "It

is a pleasure to host a fellow colleague in Dr. Lala and inviting a researcher of his caliber is always special for the GSC. Inviting top researchers to discuss major sociocultural and historical topics is key to engaging the student body and the academic community at GUST. Developing a culture of deep analysis that can help build the future of Kuwait."

He has previously taught in the Oriental Institute at the University of Oxford focused on the importance of Arabic heritage and culture, Islamic philosophy, and history. Past events that focused on Islamic culture and philosophy included Emily Goshey's talk on "African American Muslim Communities in the US" and Dr. Haneen Ghabra's "Muslim Women and White Femininity". These talks are a cornerstone of GUST's culture of critical thinking and intellectual curiosity.