



Some photos from the event.

Washoku meeting held at Japanese ambassador's residence

The Washoku (Japanese Cuisine) Meeting took place at the residence of Ambassador of Japan on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The event was attended by owners and representatives of Japanese restaurants/cafes and food suppliers in Kuwait.

H.E. Takaoka Masato, Ambassador of Japan to the State of Kuwait, noting that this year marks the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Kuwait, said that the Japanese cuisine is an important pillar to cultural exchange and strong relationship between Japan and Kuwait.

He extended his great thanks and appreciation to all those in the Japanese food business for their enormous efforts and most valuable contributions. The participants shared their love of Japanese food and expressed their enthusiasm to further promote the washoku (Japanese cuisine) culture in Kuwait.



A group photo from the event.

'He made exceptional contribution to the cause of Indian culture in Kuwait'

Condolence meet held on sad demise of Anant Kapadiya

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 21: Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC), together with the Embassy of India and the Indian community, organized condolence meet on the sad demise of its Chairman Shri Anant Kapadiya at the Indian Embassy auditorium. Prominent community member and Chairman of IBPC - Kuwait Shri Anand Kapadiya passed away in Toronto, Canada, on Nov 7.

The condolence meeting was attended by many dignitaries, including the Indian Ambassador Shri Sibi George and the retail tycoon Shri M A Yusuf Ali, Chairman of Lulu Group.

"Kapadiya set a new high standard for the Indian community in Kuwait. He made an exceptional contribution to the cause of Indian music and culture in Kuwait. On behalf of the Embassy and the Indian community in Kuwait, I extend the heartfelt condolence to his family," Ambassador Shri Sibi George said.

Acting Chairman of IBPC Choji Lamba expressed his condolence and welcomed all the attendees who gathered to present to do the final farewell to Kapadiya.

The retail tycoon of the Middle East and the Chairman of Lulu Group, Shri M A Yusuf Ali expressed his deep sorrow to the family of Shri Anant Kapadiya. Yusuf Ali recalled several of his meetings

with Kapadiya and the seminar he attended with him. "He was not only a successful businessman but also a great personality who lived a meaningful life," Yusuf Ali said.

Shri KG Abhrham, Chairman of NBTC Kuwait recalled his memories with Kapadiya while offering his condolence. "He was a true person and was an advisor to me personally. He was always humble and loved to connect with India and Kuwait. His demise is a great loss for the whole Indian community in Kuwait," Shri K G Abraham said.

Representing Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah, its public relations director Shri Osama Albalhan also attended the meeting and expressed his condolence. Shri. Kapadiya played a very crucial role in delivering some of the amazing Indian musical events at Dar Al Athar - an important cultural center in Kuwait founded by Sheikhha Hussah Sabah Al-Salem al-Sabah.

Other prominent personalities, including Shri Shivi Bhasin, Shri S K Wadhavan, Tony Jashanmal, Kuldeep Singh Lamba, Muhammed Merchant, Kaizer Shakir, Soly Mathew, Suresh K P and other dignitaries, also expressed their condolence. The meeting was also live broadcasted on YouTube, Zoom and was attended by a large number of people who paid tribute to Kapadiya.



AMUOBA team poses during beach cleanup campaign.

100 volunteers collect 40 bags of trash

AMUOBA Kuwait organizes beach cleanup campaign

KUWAIT CITY, Nov 21: On the morning of Nov 12, a beach cleanup campaign was organized by Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys' Association (AMUOBA) near Kuwait Magic Beach in Abu Halifa. AMUOBA Kuwait is actively participating in social activities and this beach cleaning campaign is also one step forward to protect environment and make cleaner atmosphere for the people in Kuwait.

The campaign started with the sunrise around 06:00am. The morning cool sea breeze of early winter rejuvenated us, and we suited up our gloves and trash bags and set off in groups to clean the trash around the beach. We aimed to cover every spot of sand we could see. It was a true team effort: some of us wandered along the water while others trekked all the way up the beach sand. It was attended by almost 100 volunteers who selflessly cleaned about 1.5 km long strip of the beach.

Plastic cups, polythene bags, old food wrappers littered the landscape, a lot of it standing out against the nature for its artificially bright colors. Some of us even found small rusty metal rods and broken glasses which could have been dangerous to any person, flora or fauna.

Our team of 100 volunteers collected over 40 trash bags in just a few hours. Children were more enthusiastic and contributed a lot in collecting the waste- That's a lot of litter! From plastic cups, bottles and bags to sharp metal rods, there were hundreds of items that had washed up on the shore or were abandoned by beachgoers.

people of all age group should contribute towards this cause. Yet unfortunately it makes you think: if we could find this trash on the surface of the sand in one day, how much is buried underneath from years of littering? Our team was

proud enough to make such a small contribution towards saving our environment; this was our first effort, but it won't be the last!

The President Tariq Ahmad Sibtay and Vice President Mohammed Nauroz Ahmad appreciated the teamwork and participation of all the volunteers. Indeed, it was one the remarkable event for AMUOBA Kuwait Chapter.

AMUOBA's General Secretary Tariq Waseem and Joint Secretary Yusuf Abdullah organised the event efficiently and provided support to participants. In addition, AMUOBA EC team members consisting of Ms. Shazia Mansoor, Mateen-ur-Rahman, Dr. Iram Chaudhary, Ahteshamullah Khan and Ms. Talat Fatima were very supportive and helped in making the event a big success. As it is rightly said "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much"; without the team effort it would not

have been possible. For AMUOBA Kuwait it was a big achievement and at the end team efforts paid off.

The volunteers were given campaign T-shirts and caps. Also, refreshment was served with traditional tea and certificates were given for each participant in recognition of their participation in the campaign.

Also, AMUOBA Kuwait Chapter extends its heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors - Universal Institute, Kuwait and Veolia, Middle East, Kuwait.

This event left a deep impact on each of us towards environmental awareness: it may seem like nothing to leave one small cup or plastic bag on the ground, but if one hundred people think the same way the impact is unfortunately huge. Next time when we will go to the beach, we will make sure that we take care of the proper garbage disposal, it makes a positive difference to the environment.



Volunteers at work during the beach cleanup.