

# What's On



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AUK and Dartmouth representatives.

## Both institutions reaffirm their commitment to advancing liberal arts education

# American University of Kuwait & Dartmouth College renew partnership

KUWAIT CITY, March 29: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) and Dartmouth College renewed their institutional partnership that promises to build on the success of a 20-year relationship. With this renewal, both institutions reaffirm their commitment to advancing liberal arts education and facilitating cross-cultural collaborations between faculty, students, and staff at both universities.

The partnership was signed by AUK president, Dr. Rawda Awwad and Dartmouth president, Dr. Philip Hanlon, at Dartmouth with the attendance of AUK founder and chair of the board of trustees, Sheikhha Dana Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah; AUK executive vice president, Ms. Amal Al-Binali; executive director of the Dartmouth-AUK program and Ralph and Richard Lazarus professor of anthropology and human relations, Dr. Dale Eickelman; deputy director of the Dartmouth-AUK program, Ms. Kerry Laufer; professor of engineering at Dartmouth, Dr. Fridon Shubitidze;



AUK president, Dr. Rawda Awwad and Dartmouth president, Dr. Philip Hanlon, signing the renewal of their institutional partnership.

and professor of marketing at Dartmouth, Dr. Peter Golder. Sheikhha Dana highlighted the

importance of this memorandum and how it lays the foundation for a mutually beneficial relationship be-

tween the two esteemed academic institutions. "The signing of this MOU today signifies our shared dedication to continuing this partnership for many years to come. It is a testament to our mutual commitment to fostering academic excellence and promoting cultural understanding. We look forward to the many more fruitful collaborations that will arise from this partnership."

AUK president, Dr. Rawda Awwad, shared the same sentiment, emphasizing how the memorandum signifies a substantial step towards international cooperation and academic excellence. "Over the years, our relationship has grown stronger and more meaningful. Through exchanges of faculty, students, and ideas, we have been able to broaden our perspectives and deepen our understanding of the world around us. This partnership has enriched the academic and cultural experiences of all involved and has opened doors to countless opportunities."

Similarly, Dartmouth president, Dr. Philip Hanlon, affirmed the significance of this milestone. "I'm delighted to see our relationship with AUK continue and grow. There are so many benefits to be drawn from this partnership, both for our students and our faculty, and any opportunity for our respective institutions to tap into each other's talent is a win for us both."

Under the terms of the agreement, first signed in 2003, Dartmouth and AUK collaborated on numerous programs, including mutually-beneficial faculty and student exchanges. Dartmouth experts in engineering, information technology, library sciences, communications, the arts and sciences, university governance, and other fields regularly visit Kuwait and vice versa. Dartmouth also provides a wide range of administrative and academic consulting services to AUK.

"The document we are signing today strengthens the strong bonds we've forged over the last two decades. It paves the way for new initiatives,"

said Dr. Eickelman. "We now have a thriving for-credit academic exchange program. We are also preparing to send a Dartmouth faculty member to AUK this spring as our first Fulbright specialist who will consult and teach a mini-course at AUK," Eickelman added.

This renewal marks the fifth agreement signed over the course of a 20-year relationship. It represents a critical milestone in fostering a strong partnership that has yielded, and will continue to yield, significant benefits for both institutions.

The American University of Kuwait (AUK) is an independent, private, equal opportunity, and coeducational liberal arts institution of higher education. The educational, cultural and administrative structure, methods and standards of AUK are based on the American model of higher learning. The language of instruction is English. More information on the American University of Kuwait can be found at [www.auk.edu.kw](http://www.auk.edu.kw)

## Commendable performance

# ICSK Amman holds Graduation Day ceremony for KG students

KUWAIT CITY, March 29: "Every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever-fresh radiant possibility."

Graduation is an exciting milestone for Kindergarten children as it is their first step towards a future full of hopes and possibilities. To honour the progression and development of the KG students, The Indian Community School Kuwait, Amman celebrated the KG Graduation Day on 16th March 2023. Around 200 enthusiastic graduates of Amman, adorned in graduation gowns and caps were applauded and recognised for their commendable performance in KG.

The ceremony started with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by the Kuwait and Indian National Anthems. The programme was inaugurated by lighting the ceremonial lamp by the Guest of Honour, Ms. Anchitha Kethwas, IFS, Second Secretary, Consular, Commerce, Investment and Education, Embassy of India, Principal of ICSK Amman, Rajesh Nair, Vice Principal, Dr. Mary Isaac and KG Supervisor Dr. Jeyadevi Ramachandran.

The tiny tots of upper kindergarten welcomed the guests which was followed by the welcome address by the Principal. In his speech, Principal Rajesh Nair wholeheartedly welcomed the gathering and congratulated the students and the teachers. To add excitement to the ceremony, the kindergarteners who dressed up with grace and style entertained the gathering with their energetic performances. The various learning ac-

tivities of the children during their academic year were exhibited as a glimpse during the event.

The Guest of Honour, Ms. Anchitha Kethwas, complimented the young graduates on their achievements and congratulated the teachers for their hard work and dedication in shaping the students through education and other co-curricular activities. She was honoured by presenting a memento which was followed by the felicitation speech by the Vice Principal of the school. In her speech, she reminded the parents to spend quality time with the children and adopt positive parenting.

The event was indeed a joyous and memorable one as everyone witnessed their young learners receiving the graduation certificates with pride. It was an innate feeling of accomplishment for the teachers and parents as their children walked across the stage receiving their certificates. The children later expressed their gratitude towards the management of the school, teachers, staff and parents and shared their thoughts and memories during the years.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by the KG Supervisor, Dr. Jeyadevi Ramachandran where she wished good luck to the graduates and congratulated the entire team for their relentless effort and commitment in making the event a memorable one.

A well organised and smoothly led graduation ceremony of the UKG students of ICSK Amman will go a long way in cherishing the memories of proud parents, students and teachers.



A photo from the event.

## Young learners mark new milestone

# ICSK Junior celebrates KG Graduation Day

KUWAIT CITY, March 29: Kindergarten graduation is an exciting milestone for pre-primary children as it's their first step towards a future full of hopes and possibilities. It marks a new beginning that adds new dimensions to their school life and the journey they begin towards knowledge and education.

ICSK Junior celebrated Kindergarten Graduation Day on 15th March, 2023 and applauded the young enthusiastic learners for their commendable performance in the session 2022-2023.

The programme began with the recitation from the Holy Quran followed by the rendition of the Kuwait and Indian National Anthems. The honour of lighting the ceremonial lamp of knowledge was done by the Chief Guest - Mrs. Lucy A Cherian, Principal - Mrs. C. Sheeja and Supervisor Mrs. Shafika Yunus.

Principal ICSK Junior - Mrs. C. Sheeja delivered the welcomed address and felicitated the chief guest with a memento. In her address Mrs. C. Sheeja pointed out that learning is a continuous process, with hard work and dedication. She humbly requested the parents to spend some quality time with the kids and try to chase the unhealthy influence of social media especially when they are having their meals. She appreciated the team of KG teachers for working passionately and sincerely in making the Graduation Day special and memorable.

The Chief Guest Mrs. Lucy A Cherian, Principal Indian Public School, in her convocation address complimented the graduates for their achievements, appreciated for the wonderful presentation put up by the LKG students. Further, in her address, she advised the parents to be very calculative in upbringing their children. To give unconditional love till the age of five, teach them strict discipline and etiquette till ten, advise them till sixteen and after that be their best friends. Indeed, it was a true lesson for all the parents. The school acknowledged with a



Photos from the event.

memento; the sincere effort of selfless service put in by Nazeer K. Chhatriva for the safety and security of our children.

Tiny tots dressed up in nice attires, performed confidently and gracefully on stage winning the hearts of all. Little cherubs spoke diligently in their reminiscence speech. The performers left everybody spell

bound as they danced on tunes of some vibrant music with coordinated movements that also set the tone and mood of the atmosphere, high. The most important part of the day was honouring the graduands, smartly dressed, suiting the occasion.

Principal along with the Chief Guest felicitated the students with Certificate of Graduation. Children looked pretty

in their red and golden graduation robes and caps. The programme ended with the vote of thanks by the supervisor Mrs. Shafika Yunus.

It was indeed a joyous and memorable day for not only the little ones but also a proud moment for the parents and the mentors as they witnessed their children receiving their KG Graduation Day Certificates from the guest.



Photos from the event.