MUSCAT: Dr. Juma Saleh Salim Al Ghailani, Founder and Managing Director of Mazoon University College and Bayan College recently participated in the Abdulaziz Saud Al-Babtain Cultural Foundation’s fifteenth conference, entitled “Challenges of a Shared World” at University of Oxford. The conference was collaboration with The Middle East Centre and United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAC).

Being a promoter and delivering remarkable contribution to the higher education sector in Oman the organizers were pleased to invite Dr. Juma for the event. He was thankful for participating and receiving official invitation to the conference, which brought people of various countries together under one roof to discuss various global topics.

The conference, which counts on the participation of more than 400 experts, scholars and eminent personalities from across the world, addressed a number of pressing issues in five main areas: Refugees and International Institutions, Environment and Human Development, New Media and Social Networks, the Challenges of Youth and the Urban Challenge, in order to assess the situation and shape the future.

The main delegates attended the conference were, Former GCC Secretary Dr. Abdullah Bishara, former Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Siniora, former Jordanian Minister of Water and Irrigation Dr. Hazim Al-Naser, His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and former Commissioner-General and UN Secretary-General of UNRWA, to which drew warm appreciation and loyalty to the leader of the country; His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. Students played the tunes of local Omani music on the guitar, speech, recitation of poems and plays were performed. A special dance was performed by small kids on the stage which attracted the audience and this event steered the programme.

Witnessing such a wonderful programme to mark the National Day is an experience second to none. I am deeply touched by the Omani culture. It is a memorable experience”, says Anitha, an instructor from foundation department.

The entertainment was diverse, and a blend of traditional and modern day entertainment was enjoyed by all, says Khalid Al-Dabbalah AmerFadhil, a student council member from foundation department.

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Mohamed Kabbaj, the Under Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Dr Rima Khalaf and The Moroccan academic and intellectual Abdelhak Azzouzi.

Dr. Juma said that, the foundation’s doors were open for all those, who call for dialogue, peace and love, as it was always one of the main interest of the foundation: the dialogue of civilizations.

Bayan College organized a function at the college campus to mark the 45th National Day celebrations which expressed the love and loyalty to the leader of the country; His Majesty Sultan Qaboos. Dean of University of Arizona was the guest for the national day celebration which added colour to the celebration.

“The 45th National Day is a matter of great pride for all the citizens of Oman. A series of events were organized on this occasion. We arranged a variety of activities to celebrate this occasion”, says Al Galliya Hafrasi, student affairs coordinator.

The programme started with singing national anthem by students to give a feel of culture and which continued by a prayer preceded a traditional Arabic poetry reading, in praise of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos, which drew warm appreciation from the crowd.

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Dr. Juma said that Bayan College is seeking to develop academic ties with academic Institutions interested in media studies to explore prospects of cooperation with them for the benefit of the college. "In light of this I visited the University of Manouba to open prospects for academic cooperation with IPSI in terms of academic programs and exchange of expertise and develop research coordination between the two institutions and learn about the IPSI experience in the areas of teaching experiences in various media disciplines” explains Dr.Juma.

“I had a number of meetings with the dean of the Institute, Dr. Moncef al Ayari and we discussed means of joint cooperation in introducing a Master Media Studies program in Arabic, which will provide more opportunities for Omani students to pursue their higher studies in media”, added Dr. Juma.

The visit included a brief on the academic Programs and courses, academic and student activities taking place in IPSI and the possibility to take advantage of them to enhance the academic output of students of Bayan College as IPSI students have relative practical experience.

Dr.Juma added that Bayan College, over the past years, has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and academic cooperation with many German, Australian and Malaysian universities in addition to its affiliation with the University of Purdue Calumet.”

DR. JUMA VISITS IPSI, MANOUBA -TUNISIA

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The session began with an opening ceremony in which the Chairman of Abdulaziz Saad Al-Baitain Cultural Foundation, poet Abdulaziz Saad Al-Baitain, addressed the gathering. "Welcome messengers of peace and amity among all humans. Let us join together in order to turn off the blaze of hatred that destruction seekers are trying to ignite, knowing that if we can achieve this, wars will fade away on its own”, he said.

He also added that the 15th session comes at a time when the world is suffering from an unprecedented wave of terrorism and devastating civil wars that have led the world to be overwhelmed by refugees. “It is our responsibility to combat terrorism and dry up its sources through targeting it roots and urged the UV and the major countries to identify cooperation to stem civil wars and to provide dignified living condition for the refugees”, Abdu laziz added.

Within the event the Abdulaziz Saad Al-Baitain Cultural Foundation also announced the winners of the third session of ‘Abdul Aziz Saad Al-Baitain Global Prize for historical and cultural studies of Andalusia’ which was dedicated to researchers who write the best papers about Andalusia.

Dr. Jumaalso said that this conference is important at this juncture of history and will be a milestone in the efforts, carried out by the Foundation, in the dialogue of civilizations, as the world is currently undergoing major changes at all levels including political, economic, social and technological, as specified by the organizers.

Dr. Juma represented Mazzoon College and Bayan College respectively. Mazzoon College is one of the leading colleges in the Sultanate which is affiliated to the Missouri University for Science and Technology (USA). Missouri is renowned as one of the oldest universities in America. Bayan College is the first private institution in the Sultanate to offer degrees in Media Studies in English, for the students to the Publishing House in a range of languages.

"We know, theoretical knowledge is not enough for making a good professional career. With an aim to go beyond academics, industrial visit provides students a practical perspective on the world of work. It provides students with an opportunity to learn practically by interaction, working methods and employment practices”, said Ms. Wafa, adding that, “It gives them exposure to current work practices as opposed to possibly theoretical knowledge being taught at college. Industrial visits provide an excellent opportunity to interact with industries and know more about industrial environment”.

Ms. Wafa also said that by visiting industries, everyone will get a clear idea about the core stream. They will have an idea about what they will do in future when they are wished to join in their favorite industries. She said that by this, each and every student can get a chance to improve themselves, in gaining the knowledge and skills to develop the tasks that are undertaken by them. So visiting makes the student’s performance better.

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Bayan students course interacts with experts at Al Royal Press and Publishing during their industrial visit.

Students from Bayan College pursuing Omania Media course conducted a visit to Al Royal Press and Publishing, Oman’s leading independent publishing house along with Oman’s best daily newspaper, magazines like Al Roya, Automan, Creme de la Creme, Car Guide and Pride and also publish books, guides and maps that focus on communicating Oman to the rest of the world in a range of languages.

According to Media Lecturer Ms. Wafa Al Buruki who accompanied students to the Publishing House industrial visit has its own importance in a career of a student who is pursuing a professional degree especially in media. She said that it is considered as a part of college curriculum, mainly seen in media courses and that objective of industrial visit are to provide students an insight regarding internal working of companies.

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Bayan Royal Press and Publishing was set up in 1993 by Sh. Hatim Al Taei, Al Roya to promote Oman’s unique identity in the global sense. Al Roya Daily is Oman’s first in-depth Arabic Business Newspaper. It has set the standard for independent reporting, a decidedly Oman focused editorial and for becoming Oman’s second largest read newspaper in its first two years.

Al Roya Magazine is a monthly Arabic lifestyle magazine with a circulation of 15,000. Automan (in English) is Oman’s only car magazine and sets the standard for its editorial, production quality and loyal readership. It has a circulation of 11,000. Crème de la Crème is Oman’s luxury magazine - and is the benchmark for the genre in Oman. This by-invitation magazine has a circulation of 5,000 copies.

Pride is Oman’s oldest bi-lingual National Day publication, with a theme based approach to Oman’s culture and heritage that is showcased in a high-quality annual publication. In addition, new age media platforms keep AL ROYA at the head of the media revolution, with award winning media portals, social media and apps.
STUDENTS VISIT NEW BAYAN CAMPUS

In spite of Bayan College moving to the new campus (Halban) in spring semester, student affairs took an initiative to take the interested students to visit the new upcoming campus.

Students interacted with the Project manager Mahmoud, where he explained about the infrastructure of the college.

Mahmoud said that new building can attract a large number of students who like to step in to media industry when college is going to provide well equipped infrastructure with modern educational environment.

“We found that the new campus consists of four floors each of which includes several classrooms and offices for administration, staff rooms, studios and cafeteria. Studios are equipped with modern equipment’s which can train experts. Cafeteria which is very big and at a time around 200 students can be accommodated”, said students who went for the visits.

Mahmoud also said that once the college building is ready the next focus will be to have accommodation facilities for both the staff and students and facilities for sports.

The college will shift to new campus on February 2016.

Students visit Bayan College new campus at Halban. The college will shift to new campus on February 2016.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The Department of English Studies of Bayan College conducted an orientation program, on Monday the 9th of November in E- 208 at 11:30 AM. The program was held as part of the ongoing students’ activities of the College. The objective of the session was to make the students realize their common mistakes in Academic Writing.

Dr. Lina Ibrahim – HOD, English Studies, steered the session with her introductory speech highlighting some of the common mistakes made by students by actually analyzing sample answer papers at the meeting. Copies of the samples were distributed to the students so that they could actually see it in person and rectify the mistakes with the help of the teachers during the session. The task was followed suit by all the other faculty members of the Department.

The HoD along with the staff members expressed their wholehearted support for the students regarding their studies at the College. She entertained them to make good use of the consultation hours given by the teachers of the Department and encouraged them to write assignments to be revised and corrected by the staff throughout the semester. The session lasted for more than an hour.

A group of 50 students from all levels of the Department attended the meeting.

ARIZONA UNIVERSITY DEAN DR. HAKIM VISITS BAYAN COLLEGE

Dr. Iman Hakim, the Dean and Professor of the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health at the University of Arizona recently visited Bayan College on the occasion of 45th National Day Celebration. The college observed national day celebration for the whole month of November with different programmes and activities.

Dr. Hakim expressed her happiness to be a part of this celebration and said that, “While the Sultanate is witnessing overwhelming celebrations of the 45th Glorious National Day and its citizens are renewing loyalty and gratitude to the Architect of modern Oman, I take this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations to Your Majesty coupled with heartfelt prayers to grant Your Majesty good health, happiness and a long life and to grant Oman and its people more security, stability and welfare.”

The programme was organized by Bayan College student affairs department where Dr. Hakim was honorary guest for the occasion.

Dr. Jasmin M Jaber, Dean of the College and Ms. Modi Al Ghailani, Deputy Dean presided over the occasion. Ms. Modi said that we are proud to have hosted Dr. Hakim on this occasion as an honorary guest and her visit to the college can help to develop academic ties to explore prospects of cooperation in future in terms of academic programs and exchange of expertise between the two institutions.

Dr. Hakim is an internationally known for her transnational research and work on the role of phytochemicals such as green tea and limonene in modulation of oxidative damage and prevention of chronic diseases, such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases. She has been the principal investigator of several large-scale, behavior change interventions and clinical trials. These clinical trials have focused on nutrition and cancer prevention. As for tea consumption and coronary heart disease, nutrition and tobacco, chemoprevention of lung carcinogenesis using green tea, including dietary interventions to study the effects of tea consumption on smoking-related oxidative stress and role of citrus-cancer association in Mediterranean diet. The wide scope and significance of her work can be seen in the range of her current other academic appointments at the University of Arizona (UA), which include the Arizona Cancer Center, the Sarver Heart Center, the College of Medicine and the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Dr. Hakim is also the Mel & Enid Zuckerman Endowed Chair in Public Health and the founding director of the Global Health Institute. She also has served as the Director of the Department of Health Promotion Sciences at MEZCOPH and as the director of family and child health concentration. She is a member of the UA Cancer Center and Sarver Heart Center at the UA College of Medicine.

She holds joint appointments in the Department of Nutrition at the UA College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the UA College of Medicine.

NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Newly elected members of the student council are Faisal Miran Al-Zadjali, Ammar Abdullah Al-Farsi, Hassan Ali Al-Balushi, Hamood Hamad Al-Busaidi, Sahlaa Saleh Al-Beuloshi, Rahma Abdul Hameed Al Zadjalia, Khalid Bait-Fadi, Hajar Yousef Al-Naseer Al-Yahrai, Jumana Mohammed Bait-Ruda, Al-Lawai AlZahraaAlSaad Hamood Al Farai.

Each candidate was elected after undergoing through student election in phase one and in phase two a college committee was formed to approve the result.

The committee explained the effectiveness of the work structure of the student council and reminded each of the council members about their responsibilities while representing the student community in Bayan College.

While addressing the meeting Ms. Modi Al Ghailani, Deputy Dean stressed on the need for identifying student value and their interest.

“Different events should be organized to motivate the student community. The capabilities of student community should be identified and have to be used for the students’ welfare programmes”, said Al Ghailani.

The student council is active in college.

Students casting their votes during student election at Bayan College.
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB CONDUCTS FIELD TRIP TO MUTRAH SOUQ

Photography club organized a field trip to Mutrah Souq on November 5, 2015, a location that offers photo opportunities. Over 30 club members took part in the field trip. "The field trip was conducted to promote greater interest in photography and to help members improve their skills. Our mission for this trip was to share our knowledge and skills in all aspects of photography in an atmosphere of colour," said Ammar Al Farsi, a club member.

The students were divided into nine groups and each group was headed by a leader who guided them and explained the basic and practical rules of photography. "The field trip was very helpful and the experts explained about the technical skills to be applied when we take photos, the lighting, the angles and more over how to be creative. I found field trip is a great way to get out taking pictures," said Falah Al Bathrani.

Different clubs functioning under student affairs department started conducting workshops every Monday-student activity hour. The club members are taking initiative to organize the workshop on different topics.

The workshops are conducted in different areas like Photo editing, graphic design, videography, photography, etc. Members from each club are taking initiative to conduct workshops on their specialized area.

Aisha Saif Al Hathu conducted workshop on graphic design. Ammar Abdhullah Al Farsi on videography and Sumaiya Abdullah Al Ghazali on photo editing techniques. The students are taking this initiative to share the knowledge and experience what they have in their proposed fields. A good response is been given by students who are associating with club and from the non-member students.

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CLUBS ARE ACTIVE DURING STUDENT ACTIVITY HOUR

KHALID WINS BOWLING COMPETITION

Khalid Abdullah Amer Fadhil wins bowling competition conducted by Bayan Sports Club for students at Al Masa Bowling Center, Muscat. Selected 20 students participated in the competition.

Khalid defeated Quaid Al Kaurain with 43 points. When Khalid scored 129 points in last round, Quaid scored 86 points.

"Conducting such sports event by the college is giving us an opportunity to explore and to showcase our talent. It was a nice experience and had tough competitors," said the winner Khalid.

Bowling competition participants lined up with winner Khalid Abdullah Amer Fadhil (center), Bayan Sports Club conducted bowling competition for students at Al Masa Bowling Center, Muscat.

The competition was conducted with in two groups, girls and boys. Each group was having 10 contestants. From each group two contestants entered for semifinals. From semifinal one contestant from girls’ team and one from boys’ team were selected for finals.

Students Affairs coordinator Al Ghaliya Al Harasi said that more sports events like football and volleyball will be organized by the sports club to encourage students.

“Our motto is to give more opportunities to the students, which even can help them to enrich their college experience and we try to create a platform for the students," added Al Ghaliya.

ENGLISH CLUB EXHIBITED 3D MAP ON OMAN’S DIVERSITY

All staff from Bayan College wrote their wishes for the country and fixed on different parts of the map. The event was conducted by English club in connection to national day celebration.

By Mehal Iqbal

In the honor of 45th National Day, the students of the English Club showed their patriotism through making a board of different areas in Oman and what they are mostly known for. A project model which showcased a 3D map of the Sultanate decorated in famous locations.

The different Omani sights which was highlighted were: Nizwa Fort, The Arbian Oryx Sanctuary, The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, The Ras Al HaddTrule Reserve, Sohar Port, and Frankincense Tree.

It was displayed during the National Day celebration held at the college. In the corner of the project, there was a section on which the English Club students and their HoD, Dr. Linalbrahimmade Dean, Dr. Jasim M Jaber, academic and non-academic staff members to write their wishes for the country and His Majesty. The model was explained by the club members to the visitors.

Students who worked on this project are: Mehal Iqbal, Alla Mohammed Al-Sabbari, HajarSalm Al-Tobi, Adawiya Abdullah Al-Harthi, ShaikhaKhalifa Al-Hassni, Maiyasa Abdul-lah Al-Afari, Aliaa Issa Al.Hassani, Shaikha Khalifa Al-Iqbal, Alla Mohammed Al-Sabbari, Hajer Al-Farsi on videography and Sumaiya Abdullah Al Ghazali on photo editing techniques. The students are taking this initiative to share the knowledge and experience what they have in their proposed fields. A good response is been given by students who are associating with club and from the non-member students.

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GENERAL MANAGER, ZEENAH PR, MR. JAMES MACLEOD, DELIVERED A GUEST LECTURE TO PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENTS AT BAYAN COLLEGE ON 17TH NOVEMBER, 2015. THE GUEST LECTURE WAS CONDUCTED AS PART OF DEPARTMENT MISSION TO EXPOSE STUDENTS TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.

Mr. Macleod delivered a message about the current misconception about PR in Oman. "Public relations is not about selling products, writing press releases doing to massage a job but rather PR is a management function which also involves a lot of planning like in other professions," he said. "I think that all publicity is good publicity but that’s not true because Crisis communication is one of the most crucial elements to be handled by PR manager, the ability to fix someone’s image during a crisis is also important", added James.

According to the students the class was very informative and gave a picture how PR industry works. The lecture gave us an idea how we have to train and look forward to become a PR professional in future. The class also helped us to clear the doubts and misconceptions we had about the industry. James also took the opportunity to invite students to do their internship with Zeenah group. Mr. Macleod also met the Dean Dr. Jassim M Jaber and Deputy Dean Ms. Modjuma Al Ghailani. On behalf of the college Ms. Modi handed over a souvenir to Mr. James and conveyed their gratitude for taking an initiative to interact with the students.

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**Bayan College holds blood donation camp**

Student Affairs Department at Bayan College organized a blood donation campaign in association with the Department of Blood Services of the Ministry of Health at the campus on Wednesday, 9 December, 2015.

The event aimed at highlighting the importance of blood donation for individual and the society at large. It highlighted an integral role in saving thousands of people’s lives as well as the health benefits to the donors as well. Elaborating on the programme, Al-Gahliya Al Hafla, Student Affairs Coordinator, said that the blood donation programmes a part of Bayan College corporate social responsibility for humanity.

"While the event was organized interestingly, we found that around 60 percent of the donors were female students who came forward with great enthusiasm for the noble cause, added Gahliya.

Saada Al Mannari, a student who also donated blood said, "I believe this work will save many lives and in addition, it is good for our health. I was thinking to donate blood for a long time and today I have done it".

All donors were first screened to ensure that they were healthy to donate blood. The college appreciated the students who came forward to donate blood. The blood will be used to save the lives of patients who need blood across hospitals in Oman.

**An active Monday for Charity**

Activity time that day took a different turn when we were all asked to make our way to the outdoor area opposite the cafeteria and get entertained and lunch.

The Theater Club at Bayan College took to the stage to entertain us with not one but two live performances revolving around daily struggles. The first was the outdoor area opposite the cafeteria and get entertained and lunch.

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Ali Al Zadjali

One thing that always excites me is people who genuinely care and that's especially important when it comes to charity. I heard about the ‘Let’s Read’ campaign a few months ago, and I actually volunteered for them earlier this year.

The ‘Let’s Read’ campaign is the first of its kind, as a customer you have the choice to either donate your old books or purchase a new(used) one for what would be a ninth of the price, the most expensive book would be 2 Ryals. The best part is that this money then goes to Charity, in aid of Dar Al Ataa and their work.

I was thrilled when the English club put up flyers about this, about how they wanted Bayan College to support this initiative. Fast forward to Wednesday the 9th of December and I was carrying a rather heavy box through CCC ((Al Qurum Complex). Minutes later we were on the second floor and at the shop speaking to Jane Jaffer, the woman behind all of this. What I loved about that morning was seeing all the girls from the English club really being themselves and carrying themselves out professionally. They helped mark and shelve all the books and even picked a couple of books up for themselves as a sign of gratitude from Jane Jaffer. I would have helped but I was too busy shopping.

If you have the time, enjoy reading or simply want to start reading make sure you check out this wonderful place located at CCC (Al Qurum Complex) in the heart of Qurum.

You will be bound to find at least one thing you would like for a good price and it will be in good condition. They are open between 10am and 1pm and from 5pm to 8pm Saturday to Thursday and from 5pm to 8pm on Friday. I thank the English club members to take an initiative to spread the light of reading. This can inspire students in college to read and learn.

MAKE A STATEMENT THIS WINTER!

Ali Al Zadjali

It’s getting chilly so it’s time to stand out and stay warm.

Can you feel it? Can you feel the weather becoming calmer; do you share that beautiful feeling of not having to squint your eyes when you step out of the house in the morning because the sun and heat are striking you? If you can then it means that it’s time to bring out your sweaters and coats.

Now we all know a thick coat is not going to work in Oman but it’s time that you snatch yourself a statement coat. A statement coat is the one that will last with you for this entire chilly season and will be re-worn with multiple outfits but never lose its interest.

Mine is Orange, perhaps it’s too much of a statement but paired with a demure outfit it works out to my outfit’s favor.

If a coat is too extreme don’t sweat yourself thinking about it because you probably already have a winter piece that you enjoy working with it could be a sweater, scarf or even that abaya you might deem too heavy for summer (or like, you know the 9/12 months where Oman is warm.)

We are a group of students from Bayan College visited the Royal Opera House, Oman to see how the Royal Opera house Oman crew put everything together when they are staging a show.

At the entrance, wewere welcomed with a beautiful architectural design which is inspired by Morden and Islamic culture. Once we walked in we noticed that they had costumes for guests to try on and also showing their pictures taken, they had actors as guards, king and queen, a dancing ballerina and to our surprise there was even a flautist played by none other than Bayan College’s Ali Al Zadjali.

After spending quality time with some of the actors, we walked in to this beautiful theatre that can accommodate maximum eleven hundred people and minimum of forty eight, and then the show began with a brief introduction of the Royal Opera House Oman with its members and crew that make the impos possible each night with their camera lights, moving equipment, sound checks, engineers, makeup crew and hair stylists.

Then they gave us a taste of how the play is done and how all the crews come together during the play, later on I asked Miss Mehal Iqbal, one of the students that attended the presentation and play, “How was it and what did the think of it?” She said, “I think it was fantastic and was extremely pleased to be given the chance to watch it, it was informative and gave an insight to what happens in the Opera House”, I asked “so did you enjoy it?” she replied “Of course!.”

A DISTINCTIVE EXPERIENCE...

Mariyam Al Farsi

From my childhood whenever I used to see an airplane I felt very excited and always imagined my hands towards airplane and wished that one day I will also get into it and fly. This thing always fasci nated me that I will fly like birds and touch the soft clouds. This idea came in my mind when I was 8 or 9 years old. I grew up but I did not forget about my dream.

When I joined to study journalismin Bayan College I thought that in this field many of my dreams can be fulfilled and this year fortunately I was selected for investigative journalism training course which was held in Egypt. This opportunity in my life was like a rising sun which lighten my dreams, my vision and a stepping stone in the field of journalism.

Now coming back to my dream I was very much excited to enter in to the flight and at the same time very scared too. But suddenly I thought that this journey is a part of my dream so why should fear grab me, I decided to enjoy every moment and to explore new things.

And when I reached at the top I did not forget waving to the people although I knew that they cannot see me but I did it to fulfill my childhood innocent dream. The sky was very beautiful and I felt I was in dreamland where I can go only in my imagination.

The Egypt visit was also very informative and full of excellent experiences. Egypt in fiction is different from the reality. It is a large and diverse country which is civilized and rich in culture. People in Egypt are very kind and active at work. Every corner you find high distinctive buildings and crowds there always find something to deliberate.

Egypt has a lot of attractions and the most important is pyramids and seeing that was a great experience that too riding on horse and entering Pyramids by narrow tunnel. We visited the Nile River it is very charming and had a walk through ancient Egypt markets. I came to meet many nationalities and had a good friends circle who found to be very cooperative and shared different experience and culture.

Once I came back, I realized that the world where we live is wonderful and have lot of things to be experienced and learned. I found myself to be proud and confident to face different situations. Now I started believing that dream come true even after so many years if we work for it.

I didn’t talk about aca demic achievements I have gained from this trip because this was written to share my excitement and experience which I used to dream. Academically the trip was rich enough to make me more valuable.

Kylie Jenner’s Lipkit breaks the Internet

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It seems sort of a cliche that someone from the Kardashian Family breaks the Internet. But Kylie Jenner breaks the Internet for all the right reasons. Kylie Jenner’s ‘Lipkit-by-Kylie’ was released on the 1st of November at 9:00am. By 9:01, it was sold out completely. Within 30 seconds, the entire stock has been purchased. That wasn’t it. Kylie’s fans were so eager to purchase the Lipkit, that an extreme traffic volume actually rendered the website inoperable for a certain time period.

‘LipkitByKylie’ consists of three matte liquid lipsticks and lip liners of the following shades - Candy K, Dolce K and True Brown. They cost £29 on the official website (Lipkitbykylie.com) but if you are really, really desperate to get your hands on them, you could put them on eBay and get them for £130 each. Or you could wait for a re stock before Christmas, because this launch wasn’t an exclusive (Yes!).

Here’s to giving Kylie a high five following her older sister’s breaking the Internet footsteps!
People with visual impairments, Mr. Ahmed Al Haraasi and Mr. Ahmed Al Yousafi were invited by the student affairs department to showcase their talent and to share their experiences with the students. Two of them were invited by the PR Club students on behalf of student affairs department, Bayan College. Ahmed Al Yousaﬁ is a painter who imagines about the world and portrays it using colours.

“I have a world inside me and that’s what I paint in paper. I paint whenever I visualize some special image or moment, said Yousafi. He also said that I feel happy when people appreciate my work which for me is the best compliment and gift I have got from the almighty. When Yousafi is a painter, Ahmed Al Haraasi is a good public speaker. He loves to speak about different topics and share experiences with others. While interacting with the students he stressed the point that we live as normal people.

The students asked many questions to them for which they replied in a kind way and found to be so energetic and enthusiastic. “We feel happy and very blessed after interacting with them. I am inspired and feel that I need to be more focused and should involve in different activities which I always used to ignore”, said Aisha, a student.

Crossword #209

Across
1. Pump it into cars
3. Armoured military vehicle
5. Large ripple in the sea
6. Dark blue
8. Not wild
11. Utilise
12. Oxidised metal
15. Singing threesome
16. Firm hold
17. Watchful
18. Male offspring

Down
1. Small motor vehicle
1. Manner of walking
2. Propel yourself through water
3. Not firm
4. Lock necessity
5. Family vehicles
6. From a great distance
10. Funeral remembrance
13. Umpires
14. A teenager
15. Pull behind


How to play:
Fill empty cells with the numbers 1 to 9, so that each number appears once in each row, column and area.
Bayan college organized different events at Marah Land, Qurum Park, to mark 45th national day celebration from November 30, to December 15, 2015. The college organized various events which featured a diverse set of talent, ranging from dance and music. The photo exhibition 'Oman in Photo' and the live studio which was set up by the students was the highlight for the programme.

Photo Exhibition steeled the show

Wali of Bowsher, Muhana Bin Saif Al Maawali inaugurated photo exhibition 'Oman in Photo', conducted by photography club of Bayan College which portrayed traditional spirit with a feel for the contemporary blending realism.

Mr. Ammen Al Shobaki stands proudly after receiving the star at Reward Board for Creativity and Initiative.

A collection of stunning images capturing major part of Oman, its tradition and culture, news events and everyday life – from the ice epidemic to sporting triumphs and the struggles of remote areas were displayed.

Muhammed Al Ajmi, student chairman for the photography club explained about each photos to the guests. Dean of the College, Dr. Jassim M Jaber was the special guest for the occasion.

In addition, fingerprint of visitors was collected on Oman map which was a special segment. The feedback was also collected in writing by each visitor by the club members.

According to the club members the opportunity to conduct such exhibition was a big experience to explore and portray our talent in front of the public and we tried hard to do our best.

“We consider this to be a pride moment on this occasion when our country is celebrating 45th National day and we thank our college for taking an initiative to be a part of this celebration at Marah Land, which gave us this opportunity”, said Muhammed Al Ajmi.

In addition, different programmes ranging from dance to reciting poems was staged by the students which attract large number of audience.

Bayan College Photography club has visibly stepped out to provide a platform for fostering creativity and progressive direction for students. Whilst working to engage the student body in a common interest. The photography club is open to students of all years and majors.

The club organizes various events every week like workshops, campus-wide scavenger hunt, photography lessons, field trips to scenic destinations, trips to photo galleries, and exhibitions.

“Photography Club is to provide an engaging space where students can learn, practice, and gain inspiration for photography and multimedia art”, said Muhammed Al Ajmi, student chairman for the Bayan Photography Club.

The mission of the Photography Club is to provide a supportive environment for interested photography students to share their creativity, knowledge and passion for photography. The club has planned to hold regular meetings and discussions and organize events such as photo-walks, field trips, museum and gallery visits, and lectures and workshops. Members will also explore the possible opportunities for photography projects in collaboration with other universities and colleges, organize peer to peer portfolio reviews and exhibitions both on and off campus.

The leaders for different sessions working under photography club are: Photo - Mohammed Abdullah Al Ajmi; Video - Ammar Al Farsi, De- sign - Aisha Saif Al Hadi and Coverer of events-Sumaiya Abdullah Al Ghazali.