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Middle East College (MEC), Oman, and Coventry University (CU), UK, celebrated the 10th anniversary of their partnership on Wednesday, 5th April 2017 at the MEC Student Hub, Knowledge Oasis Muscat (KOM). The event was attended by Dr. David Pilsbury, Coventry University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International), CU, Dr. Kiran G.R., Acting Dean, MEC, Mr. Ashwin John, Deputy Dean and Registrar, MEC, eminent personalities from CU, representatives from various public and private institutions in the Sultanate, MEC management, staff, alumni and students. The programme included various activities such as a video presentation, an Omani Cultural performance, a photography exhibition and a panel discussion on the 'Partnership Experience' which highlighted the importance of the partnership between CU and MEC and its effect on the educational experience in the two institutions. The event included a talk on 'Learning in the 21st Century' presented by Mr. Mark Holton, Director, Group Organization Development at Coventry University and Dr. Anupam Srivastav, Associate Dean Academic Affairs, MEC.



On behalf of MEC, Dr. Anupam Srivastav, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, received the plaque of Organizational Membership to the European Council of Business Education from Prof. Ray Hildrich, President of the Council and Emeritus Professor of Economics and Strategy, Richmond American University, at a ceremony in London on 7th April 2017.

H.E. Shri Indra Mani Pandey, the Indian Ambassador to Oman, paid an official visit to MEC on the 6th of April 2017.



A delegation consisting of Prof. Dr. Hussain Ali Bekhet, Associate Prof. Dr. Nor'ashikin Ali and Dr. Rabiah Eladwiah Abdul Rahim from Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), Malaysia, visited MEC on the 19th of April, 2017.



Middle East College (MEC) was awarded an Access Partner Subscription in the Higher Education Academy (HEA), UK during the 10th year anniversary event with Coventry University. The subscription gives MEC the access to a comprehensive network of world-class expertise, support and resources, helping its staff members to achieve the best possible learning experience for students. MEC is one of the 250 institutions worldwide and the only one in the region to have the HEA Access Partner subscription.



Middle East College celebrated its 10th Orphan's Day on Thursday, 6th April 2017 at MEC Student Hub Auditorium, Knowledge Oasis Muscat (KOM). The event was held under the auspices of Dr. Shamsa Al Harthy, Director General, Dar Al-Atta Association. Approximately 250 children from 20 different governmental schools attended the event along with MEC staff and students. The event included several activities such as: a video presentation, a sketch presented by students from Hail Al-Awamer school, a show presented by Dhiya Al-Mustaqbel School, student's scout show by Saleh Al Mutawakal School, a drama show presented by MEC students and various other competitions.



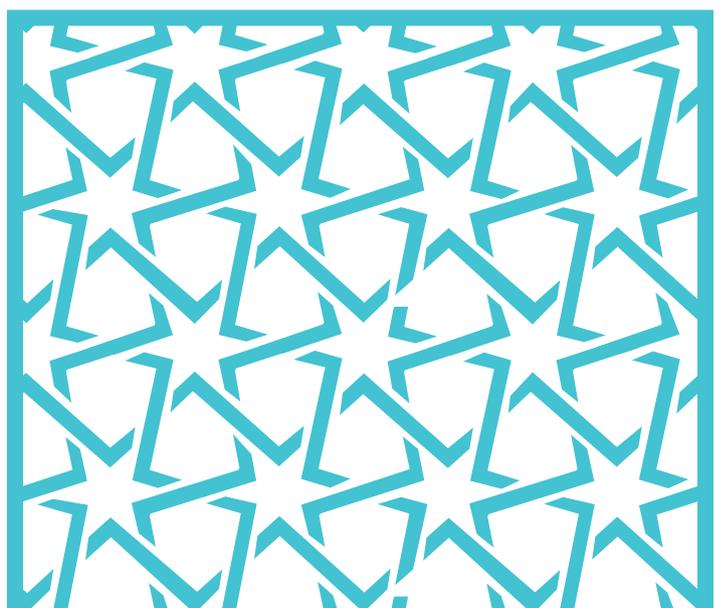
Dr. Abdullah Saif Ahmed Al Sabahy, the Chairman of Middle East College chaired a session on 'Addressing global challenges through research collaboration' at the 4th Arab-Euro Conference on Higher Education in Rabat, Morocco on 25th April, 2017. The interactive discussion looked at global challenges with regards to issues of high national, regional and global priority like water, energy, and the related environmental and sustainability issues. The session stressed upon the need to address these challenges through interdisciplinary, interregional research collaboration.



Middle East College (MEC) organized its 7th Art, Culture and Photography Summit titled 'Etaar', from 23rd to 26th April 2017 at the MEC Student Hub, Knowledge Oasis Muscat (KOM) under the auspices of Sheikh/ Hilal bin Ghalib Al Hinai, Green Tourism Advisor and Acting Director General of the General Directorate of Planning, Follow up and Information, Ministry of Tourism, Sultanate of Oman. The summit aimed at bringing together photographers from various countries from all over the world. Out of the 536 entries submitted by 211 photographers from Algeria, Kuwait, Bahrain, Australia, UK, KSA, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Iraq and Pakistan, 50 photographs clicked by 39 photographers, were carefully chosen to be exhibited in the photography exhibition organized during the summit. The selection of the winning photographs was done by EFIAP-Bronze/ Moosa Al Ruzaiqi, and renowned photographers such as Husain Al Bahrani and Ismail Al Farsi, who are locally and internationally well-known. In addition, the four days event included many activities like 'The Light-room Secrets' workshop which was conducted by the photographer Husain Al Bahrani and 'Oman and Photography' workshop which was given by EFIAF/ Ahmed Al Shukaili



Middle East College (MEC) recently launched the MEC TaMECon Entrepreneurship Competition 2017. TaMECon is an initiative to provide students with the experience of promoting and selling their creative and innovative business ideas and projects by effectively presenting their projects within a limited time. Twelve teams consisting of MEC students and alumni participated in the competition in the presence of a panel of judges. The judges were: Dr. Ali Salem, Faculty at the Department of Management Studies, MEC and Maryam Al Araimi and Ibtihal Al Riyami from the Small & Medium Enterprises Development Fund (SME). Mohammed Al Ismaily, won the 1st prize for his project 'i-Smaily HR Solutions & Business Development Services', followed by Sahar Al Hinai who won the 2nd prize for her project 'Baby Oasis' and the 3rd prize went to Aiman Firdous, Salwa Fatima and Hussam Al Nabhani for their project 'Rinse & Repeat Laundry'.

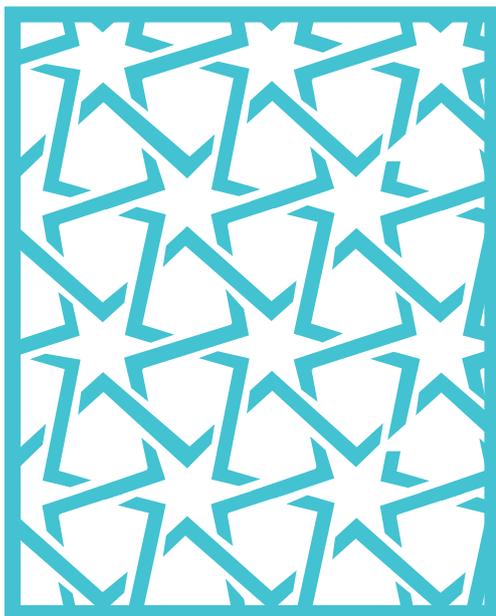




MEC organized a community outreach event titled 'Together We Communicate' at MEC Student Hub Auditorium on 27th April, 2017. The event aimed at improving communication with the local community, enhancing the culture of volunteerism and developing the spirit of charity among MEC students and staff. It included a range of activities designed to offer assistance to and interact with the differently abled individuals, orphans and senior citizens of the local community.



Middle East College (MEC) and Knowledge Oasis Muscat (KOM) organized the Annual Career Fair 2017 on Sunday, 30th April, 2017 at the MEC Student Hub, MEC campus situated in the Knowledge Oasis Muscat. The event, which was held under the auspices of Hilal bin Hamad Al Hasani, Chief Executive Officer of the Public Establishment for Industrial Estates (PEIE), aimed at bringing together institutions from the public and private sectors under one roof to offer career and training opportunities, and guidance for students and graduates.



MEC Literary and Debating Society organized a Poetry Festival on 19th April, 2017 at MEC Student Hub. The event was attended by some famous Omani poets like Said Al Hajri, Kamel Al Bathari and Hamood bin Wahqa along with MEC students and staff.



MEC students played a drama show titles 'Shreshat El Hana'a' (Happiness Tree) at the MEC Student Hub Auditorium on 10th April. It is worth mentioning that this drama won the best drama prize in the National Drama competition in AFAQ Theatre Festival that was held in Higher College of Technology (HCT) in May 2016.



The Placement and Entrepreneurship Office at MEC organized a workshop on CV writing presented by Khaula Hassan Al Tamari, Career Counselor, WCAS, on the 27th April, 2017. The workshop aimed to qualify the MEC students for the requirements of the job market and to enhance their skills in writing their CVs.

A talk on 'Network Design & Management and CME Configuration' was conducted by the Network Engg. Mohammed Al Zedjali, CEO - GBM, Muscat on 30th April, 2017. The talk targeted the MEC students engaged in Hardware and Network specialization projects. It aimed at enhancing their knowledge in the related fields.

Network Design & Management and CME Configuration
 by Network Engg. Mohammed Al-Zadjali
 (CEO - GBM, Muscat)
 on Sunday, 30th April, 2017
 from 2 pm to 4 pm
 at Network Security Lab (AKZ - 112)
 For registration, please send an email to msaqib@mec.edu.om

Who can register?
 All Hardware and Network Specialization Project Students
 (Project 1, Project Planning and Project Design & Implementation)

MEC organized the 5th International Day at MEC Student Hub on the 11th April, 2017. Students and staff from different nationalities participated in the event that aimed at exchanging knowledge and culture.

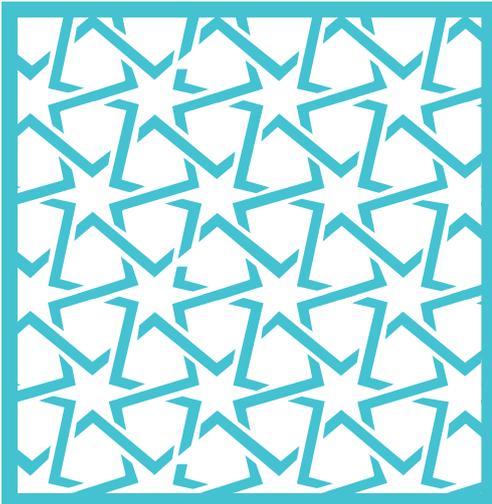


Electronics and Communication Engineering Department at MEC organized a talk on 'Creating Factory Leaders and Innovators' at MEC Student Hub Auditorium on the 18th of April, 2017.



MEC Student Advisory organized COMEC event, the First Comic Festival in Middle East College, at MEC Student Hub on 13th April, 2017. The event aimed at enriching the student life at MEC and giving students an opportunity to showcase their talents in different areas like designing, drawing, music and fashion to name a few.

The Centre for Academic Writing (CAW) at Middle East College (MEC) organized CAW Day on Monday, the 24th of April, 2017, in the MEC premises. The event aimed to raise awareness among the students about the services provided by CAW to all UG and PG students.



MEC participated in the Global Higher Education Exhibition 2017 (GHEDEX) that was held at the Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre from 18th to 20th April, 2017. The event is considered as an excellent opportunity to candidates who look forward to pursue higher education.



MEC Civil Engineering Department organized a visit for its students to the 15th Science Festival and the 2nd Civil & Architectural Engineering Gathering 'Beyond' which were held at Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) on the 3rd of April, 2017.



Two groups of students from Civil Engineering Department participated in the 'Wooden Truss Bridge Competition' at Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) on 11th April, 2017. The students won the 4th and 5th prizes in the competition out of 10 teams from different higher education institutions that participated in the competition.

A Health Safety Environment (HSE) Interactive Awareness Session conducted by Mr. Prasanth Nair from Sital Administrative Consultancy was organized on 26th April, 2017. The programme aimed to make students and staff aware on matters related to occupational health, safety and environment. It focused on the basic safety hazards and risks involved, general awareness on occupational best practices, fire safety, electrical safety, dos and don'ts.





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MEC E-library system was improved to match the students and staff needs like the journals, books and case studies which will help them in enhancing their studies and educational experience at MEC. Students and staff will now be able to search and access different databases like ACM Digital Library, Emerald-insight and EBSCO host.



Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering at MEC organized a workshop titled 'Introduction to Wireless Access Design' conducted by Eng. Khalil Al Brashdi from Oman Telecommunications Company S.A.O.G on 28th March 2017 and 11th April 2017. The workshop aimed to introduce the students to the telecommunications field, signals and related matters and equipment.

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