True friendship multiplies the good in life and divides its evils. Strive to have friends. for life without friends is like life on a desert island... to find one real friend in a lifetime is good fortune; to keep him is a

– Baltasar Gracian



The Asian School Celebrates Onam









The Asian School staff celebrated the Indian harvest festival Onam on Saturday amidst much fanfare. The celebration started with the setting up of the traditional flower decoration called 'pookalam'

and the lighting of the lamp.

The main attraction of the event was the 'Payasamela', for which the teachers had prepared a wide and tempting array of the sweet dish 'payasam' using different and unique ingredients such as jackfruit, dates, carrots,

pumpkin, oats, pineapple, mango and apple among other traditional ones such as vermicelli, lentils, rice

The staff sang traditional Onam songs, performed the 'Thiruvathira' dance and played customary Onam

games which set an overall mood of festive fun and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Onam is an ancient festival which still survives in modern times. It is one of the rarest festivals which is celebrated by a complete State, irrespective of religion, caste and creed.

Kerala's rice harvest festival and the Festival of Rain Flowers, which fall in the month of Chingam, celebrates the Asura King Mahabali's annual visit from Patala (the underworld). Onam is unique since Mahabali (locally known as Maveli)

has been revered by the people of Kerala. The King is so much attached to his kingdom that it is believed that he comes annually from the nether world to see his people living happily. It is in honour of King Mahabali that Onam is celebrated.

Bahrain Polytechnic Reopens Photo Session for Graduates

 $B_{\text{announces that another}}^{\text{ahrain}}$ photo session will be available for the graduates for the academic year 2015-2016, which will take place starting from 19th - 22nd September 2016.

Ms. Huda Alhalwachi, Manager: Enrolments, Progression & Results, stated: "This photo shoot session will only be for graduates who were unable to get their photos taken Ms. Huda Alhalwachi for the graduation booklet during the first period.

"The photo session will take place at Building 24 at the Polytechnic campus in Isa Town, from 9 a.m – 2 p.m from Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday, the photo sessions will take place from 4 p.m - 8 p.m."

Male graduates are required to wear either a white thobe, ghutra and agal, or a formal suit with a white shirt and a tie for the photo session. Female graduates are required to wear either a black abaya with black shaila or hijab, or a formal suit with a white

Furthermore, Alhalwachi emphasized that the graduates need to update their personal data and confirm their

attendance for the graduation ceremony. She added that the Polytechnic will be forced to use the graduate's university ID card photo in the booklet should they not attend the photo session.



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Life is a great big canvas, throw all the paint you can on it. Danny Kaye



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