

## Photo of the Day

## Rainy season underway



KUWAIT: Kuwait witnessed rain showers yesterday, which are expected to continue today according to weather forecasts. Meanwhile, a sharp drop in temperatures is predicted for as early as tomorrow night. —KUNA photos

# Workshops train teachers on helping students self-regulate

## Hosted by Dasman Bilingual School

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**KUWAIT:** Dasman Bilingual School is holding a three-day training workshop till Nov 23, 2017, where 60 teachers including those from other private schools are participating. The workshop is presented by Richard M Cash, an award-winning educator, author and consultant/coach, who has worked with schools throughout the United States and internationally. His 30 years of educational experience ranges from classroom teaching, building and program administration and curriculum and professional development.

"Dasman Bilingual School is the only inclusive school in the Middle East and Gulf region. We are happy to have such an educator give us more input on what we need to improve in the school. This is the first time that I encountered an author who has written a book on self-regulation. This is an excellent step to help students regulate their own behavior instead of always blaming the teachers for not being able to manage the class," said superintendent Samar Dizmen during a press conference.

Cash has authored Advancing Differentiation: Thinking and Learning for the 21st Century (2017); Self-Regulation in the Classroom: Helping Students Learn How to Learn (2016); and Differentiation for Gifted Learners: Going Beyond the Basics (Co-Author, 2014).

### Management

"Many students do not know how to manage themselves in today's classroom due to technology and the advances of social media. They want everything right now and they are not used to working and struggling for information. My book 'Helping Students



KUWAIT: Educator Richard Cash (right) speaks during a press conference with Dasman Bilingual School's superintendent Samar Dizmen.

Learn How to Learn' teaches teachers to help students in the classroom. This and the other two books are the topics of the three workshops that I will present here at the school," said Cash.

child to be able to adjust and modify the curriculum and instructional practices that children need and move them to success. We will talk about the way we can differentiate the content that the students will learn, the process how they learn it, and how they show what they learnt through different avenues, such as interest and readiness to what we will be teaching," noted Cash.

"We have just started a new program for gifted students. I think that our cooperation with Cash will show the teachers how we should push our gifted and talented students. The participating teachers have many questions to ask," noted Dizmen.

Cash also spoke about differentiation. "The teacher should know enough about every



Teachers in attendance.

in the way we like to do them. That's the idea behind differentiation. Also, teachers have to know clearly what it is that they want their students to learn, understand, do and know," he pointed out.

### Extended description

"Differentiation - it is a commonplace term in schools today, but it's anything but a commonplace idea. Differentiating your instruction is about so much more than simply tailoring materials and activities to different students. It's about deeply engaging every learn-

er. Challenging students to move beyond the curriculum, think critically and generate new ideas," explained Dizmen.

"Helping students manage their emotions and behaviors, direct their own learning, connect concepts across content areas and ultimately make sense of their world - these are the skills that will prepare our students for the future workforce. These are the skills detailed in this workshop - learning how to create rigorous, concept-based lessons and units for students at every grade level," she added.

## NBK strategic partner of Center 21 for young adults with special needs

**KUWAIT:** National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) is the strategic partner of Center 21 art gallery exhibition for young adults with special needs over the age of 21 that was held recently in Ahmad Al Adwani art gallery, under the patronage of the Ministry of Social Affairs. This partnership comes as part of NBK's support to the center for the second year in a row as part of its commitment toward corporate social responsibility.

"NBK's partnership is part of its ongoing drive to fulfill its corporate social responsibilities", said Joanne Al Abduljaleel, NBK Public Relations officer. "NBK endeavors to shoulder its social responsibilities and share with

the various private and public sector institutions the burdens and responsibilities of broader national efforts towards social advancement".

Abduljaleel added "NBK's support to Center 21 comes in line with the bank's customary and ongoing spirit of corporate citizenship as well as the vital role it plays in supporting all social and educational developmental issues." Center 21 is the first of a kind in Kuwait dedicated to serve and support young adults with special needs over the age of 21. The exhibition aimed at showcasing the work of the participants to make them feel part of the society.

Center 21 is the first facility of its kind in Kuwait to provide complete and sophisticated services for young adults above 21 years old. The center's activities varies from entertainment, field trips, development courses, rehabilitation sessions in addition to development services as physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy focus skills, nutritional counseling and encouraging self-reliance and independence.

NBK has a long tradition supporting social and community oriented activities. NBK's corporate social responsibility programs cover a range of education, environment, health, philanthropic, social and sports-related initiatives.

