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ISC-Manama Celebrates Official Opening and Crown Prince Visit

March 29, 2007 marked the official inauguration of *the International School of Choueifat – Manama*. For the occasion, SABIS® Educational Services s.a.l., represented by Mr. V. Saad, V.P., hosted an opening ceremony under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Education, Dr. Majid Bin Ali Al Nouaimi, at the school's campus on Amwaj Island, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Joining the attendees in the school's theater were government ministers and officials, community leaders, school staff, and parents. Guests and officials enjoyed a tour of the school's state-of-the-art facilities, playgrounds, classrooms, and laboratories. They were also able to see the students learning and interacting in the classroom since it was a regular school day.

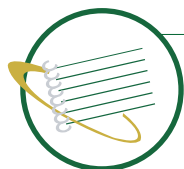


His Excellency, Dr. M. Al Nouaimi, Chairman of the Board of Amwaj Educational Co., Mr. F. Matrook, SABIS® V.P., Mr. V. Saad, and ISC-Manama KG students

As a member of the SABIS® School Network, the *International School of Choueifat – Manama* is committed to providing a high-quality, college-preparatory education for all its students. *ISC-Manama* applies the SABIS® Educational System, which draws on a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum focusing primarily on the core subjects of English, mathematics, sciences, and world languages. "We are honored and flattered to have been entrusted with the opportunity to participate in this most important sector of society. SABIS® has a long tradition of commitment to excellence in education," stated Mr. V. Saad.

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April 11, 2007 also marked an important day for *ISC-Manama* when the school was honored to receive his Highness Sheikh Salman Bin Isa Al Khalifa along with his entourage of ministers and government officials on a formal visit. His Highness was escorted on a tour of the school campus by the school's Acting Director and school officials.



His Highness and officials looking over the school layout

His Highness stressed the importance of an international education for both local and foreign students and expressed his enthusiasm for the establishment of such a prestigious school in Bahrain.

For further information on *ISC-Manama*, please visit www.iscmanama-sabis.net.

Internationale Schule am Rhein in Neuss' Topping-Out Ceremony



April 20, 2007 saw the celebration of the completed building shell of *Internationale Schule am Rhein in Neuss* at the Konrad-Adenauer-Ring. In this respect, *ISR* school community, city and government officials, and representatives from industry and commerce gathered at the construction site to join in the topping out ceremony.



ISR community in celebration

In the presence of SABIS® President, Mr. C. Bistany, members of the *ISR* supervisory board, and *ISR* Director, Mr. R. Long, Mr. F. Tischler, the head carpenter, symbolically blessed the new school building by laying the last brick of the Sports Hall.

"We are not here just to celebrate the completion of a building. We are here to celebrate the creation of a solid, lasting network across Germany. This will help our respective societies prosper as friends and strategic partners in order to provide students with a high-quality education for a changing world," stated Mr. C. Bistany.

ISR is currently in its fourth year of operation and is set to move to its new campus for the start of the 2007-08 academic year.

For further information on *ISR*, please visit www.internationale-schule.de.

The International Academy of Flint Named in State's Top Charter Schools and Projects Expansion for 2007-2008



Recently released 2006-07 MEAP results recognized *the International Academy of Flint (IAF)* as a high-achieving school among 229 Michigan charters statewide. *IAF* was one of only 40 charter schools that beat the odds by passing the 2006-07 Math and English Language Arts (ELA) tests.

The results, released by the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA), displayed the 20 highest-scoring charter schools in the state. The schools in the top 20 delivered 80-90% proficiency on all tests combined. In addition, the schools offer richly varied curriculum and programs, including emphasis on areas such as the arts, the outdoors, college preparation, weekly student assessment, and character education.

"The MEAP results highlight Michigan's charters, such as IAF...I congratulate the school on being a model of innovation and achievement," stated Mr. D. Quinsenberry, President of MAPSA.

According to the results, Michigan's public charter schools exceeded the average scores of their host districts on 23 of 27 MEAP tests this year and for the second year running showed a better performance than host districts overall.

This is the second time that students at *The International Academy of Flint* have received recognition for 'beating the odds'. 2005-06 MEAP results placed *IAF* as one of only twenty-five schools earning the special distinction.

"IAF is creating the diverse and quality learning opportunities that all children in all communities need. Keep up the excellent high-quality work," concluded Quinsberry.

IAF prides itself on providing a top-quality education for a diverse body of students. The school started as a K-8 school in 1999 and was totally renovated during the summer of 1999 to provide twenty-two modern classrooms. One grade was added each year until IAF became a K-12 charter school in 2003.

To accommodate the enrollment growth, a recent decision was taken to explore options to finance an auxiliary building that will accommodate a total of 1,200 students in grades K-12.

The annex will include twenty-three new classrooms, an Integrated Testing and Learning Lab, a fully-functioning science lab, a high school administration office, and a full-sized dual-purpose high school gymnasium and performing arts theater that will seat approximately 600 people. The annex and renovation will provide a new kitchen and food serving line adjacent to the existing gym / cafeteria space. Construction is due to begin in June 2007 and occupancy is planned for the spring of 2008.

For further information on IAF, please visit www.iaf-sabis.net.

SABIS® Training Program Calls for Effective Management



"Leadership Traits and Management Skills" is the title of the training program that several staff members of SABIS® Educational Services participated in on February 2, 3, March 3, and May 5, 2007. The program was conceived by *Beyond Consulting & Training*, affiliated to *Effiquial Canada*, and was held in Lebanon.

The four-day training program covered topical issues on the various facets of effective management and the ways to acquire and/or enhance management, leadership, and organizational skills. Attendees included managers and project leaders from the SABIS® IT Department as well many department heads and coordinators from throughout the company. The participants were involved in personal reflections, brainstorming, skill practice, and plenary sessions to allow them to experience theories in action and assess their own readiness for the desired mindset.

The training program was successfully able to meet key objectives such as exploring the manager's role and responsibilities, understanding leadership styles and their impact on the team, and learning people-management methodologies and tools. Through various workshops, the program was able to engage the participants in integrating learning in their management practices to help them hone their general management and organizational skills.



SABIS® Trainees

SABIS Talent Pilot Launched



After more than six months of preparation and testing, SABIS® has launched a phased-pilot implementation of the SABIS Talent system in a select sampling of corporate offices and schools within the network. The pilot study started in late February 2007 and is set to conclude in June 2007. Results will be carefully analyzed before SABIS Talent is introduced on a larger scale across the network.

SABIS Talent will provide corporate and school management and staff with online access to up-to-date employee information and will help manage the career development of employees throughout the network. At a later stage, other features will be implemented to help manage training and development as well as performance management.

SABIS® is proud to have taken this step forward, investing in the development of their employees as the organization's greatest asset. A network-wide release is currently planned for September 2007.

For further inquiries, please E-mail SABISTalent@sabis.net.

Testimonial

“ My experience at MSANO has been a warm and welcoming one, especially when it comes to volunteering with the Parent Connection. My niece is getting all of what I think she should get educationally. I love the SABIS® way of testing. ”

Bobbie Bedney, Guardian, MSANO, LA, US

Two ISC Students Awarded for their Academic Achievements



Mazen Abdalbaki and Asif Hussain Junaid recently joined the privileged circle of students presented with *the Cambridge HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award*. Abdalbaki and Junaid, current students at *the International School of Choueifat - Abu Dhabi* and *the International School of Choueifat - Dubai* respectively, were recognized for their performance on *the British International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE)* examinations.

This is the fifth year that *the University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)*, a leader in global assessment, has recognized and awarded the academic achievements of students from CIE-registered schools in the UAE. Sharing CIE's passion for education, *HH Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone Authority*, has given his support to the awards. Subsequently, *The Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Cambridge Awards* were established in 2003, as a joint collaboration between *Sheikh Mohammed and Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)*. The awards honor and reward UAE students who have achieved outstanding examination results in Cambridge IGCSE, AS, and A-Level exams.

Both of the recognized students have been enrolled at the *International School of Choueifat* for an extended period - Junaid joined *ISC-Dubai* in Grade 5 and Abdalbaki joined *ISC-AD* as a KG student. Junaid and Abdalbaki also share active roles in the schools' Student Life programs. Junaid is an active member in the school and participates in peer tutoring. Abdalbaki took part in the SABIS Student Life Organization® training camp in 2006 and was also nominated to join *the Global Young Leaders conference* to be held in Washington in the summer of 2007.

For further information on *ISC-AD* and *ISC-Dubai*, please visit www.iscad-sabis.net and www.iscdxb-sabis.net.

SICS Head Prefect Trumpets the Benefits of the SABIS® Educational System



On April 5, students at *the Zanetti School* in Massachusetts listened carefully as Ms. Celina Cotto, the Head Prefect of the SABIS Student Life Organization® at *the SABIS® International Charter School - Springfield*, outlined the benefits of the SABIS® Educational System.

Through SABIS® and her active involvement in Student Life, Cotto acquired superior communication and teamwork skills and learned the strength of positive peer pressure. Having personally experienced the benefits of Student Life, she felt prompted to draw on her experience to contribute to the improvement of the lives of other students and become a positive role model for them. *"I am honored to promote the importance of the SABIS® Educational System and very grateful for this opportunity...SABIS® International Charter School is helping students build an exceptional educational environment...Highlighting the advantages of the SABIS® Educational System is an experience I will never forget."*

In her presentation to *Zanetti* students, Cotto raised issues which included acknowledging the importance of education and attending high school and being alert to the dangers of peer pressure. She also emphasized the need to make informed choices in life to achieve success in college and beyond.

Throughout the presentation, Cotto encouraged the students to get involved in their school through a variety of academic and non-academic activities such as tutoring other students, planning sports

and social events, organizing community service projects, and raising academic awareness. She also urged them to develop their managerial, organizational, and leadership skills.

For further information on *SICS*, please visit www.sics-sabis.net.

ISC-Koura Shines at SABIS® Regional and Local Tournaments



The International School of Choueifat - Koura teams achieved commendable success through recording outstanding results in four major tournaments, regionally and locally.

On the local front, wins were aplenty for *ISC-Koura* teams in various sports. The highlight of the local tournament wins was the boys' soccer team that came in first place in both *ISC-Koura* and *ISC-Lebanon* tournaments. In basketball, the boys' and girls' teams also achieved a 2nd place win. In fact, the boys' basketball team replicated that win in the local tournament at *SABIS® International School - Adma*, where Koura student Jimmy Daher received the *MVP* award.



ISC-Koura students with school officials proud of their achievements

For further information on *ISC-Koura*, please visit www.isckoura-sabis.net.

A Colorful International Day at The Holyoke Community Charter School



The Holyoke Community Charter School commemorated its *International Day* on April 28 with a bouquet of cultures and colors. Australia, China, Colombia, Cuba, India, Ireland, Guyana, Kenya, Mexico, Poland, and Puerto Rico were among the countries brought to the forefront in order to help students gain an understanding of the cultures.

Approximately 400 guests joined in the *International Day* in the school's radiant Garden Room full of colorful presentations. There, *HCCS* Director, Dr. S. Pope, welcomed guests and provided them with *HCCS* passports to travel the informational halls decorated in bright and beautiful colors by *HCCS* students.



During the day, guests participated in a Scholastic Book Fair as well as an exciting jump rope contest, and enjoyed lively cultural dances and presentations, not to mention succulent international dishes.

In addition, *SLO™* Prefects opened the gymnasium's doors to feature the basketball game between the East Coast and West Coast teams comprised of *HCCS* students. The game ended with a smashing victory for the West Coast team with a final score of 49-38.

HCCS students displaying bright outfits

For further information on *HCCS*, please visit www.hccs-sabis.net.

Testimonial

“ My wife and I are very happy with the SABIS® Educational System and guidance standards at the International School of Choueifat - Cairo; it will be very difficult to find another school that could measure up to its tough standards.

I thank you for your efforts. As far as I am concerned it was a wise investment on our part to have had our children attend your school. ”

Louay AA Kosber, Parent, The International School of Choueifat – Cairo, Egypt

The International School of Choueifat - Amman Commemorates 10 Years of Operation



The International School of Choueifat – Amman celebrated a landmark year of its existence in the 2006-2007 academic year. As a member of the SABIS® School Network, *ISC-Amman* opened its doors in September 1997 to 200 students. Ten years later, the pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12 school boasts a student population of 1,300.



School Campus

Academics

In true SABIS® fashion, *ISC-Amman* offers students the advantages of a world-class education, preparing them for a successful future and equipping them with the tools to face challenges in a changing world. The school applies the SABIS® Educational System, which draws on a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum focusing primarily on the core subjects of English, mathematics, sciences, and world languages. Regular assessment of students' academic progress is conducted through the SABIS® Academic Monitoring System™, whereby learning gaps are identified and quickly remedied. This ensures high standards of efficiency and accountability and helps students achieve their full potential.

Students' involvement in their own education is essential in the SABIS® Educational System and is achieved through the SABIS® Shadow Teaching Program, among other ways. SABIS® Shadow Teachers are trained to become effective classroom leaders, to teach their fellow students, and to develop presentation skills.



SABIS® Shadow Teacher

The 2006-07 academic year has been an excellent one for all *ISC-Amman* students. This is especially true for school seniors, who have been accepted at the universities of their choice. This has created a sense of pride and accomplishment all around the school and inspired students in lower grades to emulate their older counterparts. One such student is Majd Harasees, a tenth grader, who earned top honors for his performance on the British IGCSE examinations. He was ranked fifth in the world in IGCSE mathematics and top in Jordan on the *University of Cambridge International Examinations*. In recognition of this achievement, Majd was presented with the *Cambridge Queen Rania Award* in November 2006.

The SABIS® School Network and *ISC-Amman* have succeeded in effectively integrating technology into education. Today, *ISC-Amman* students and parents benefit from the schools' cutting-edge, proprietary educational technology, serving as major facilitators and creating new and innovative techniques maximizing efficiency and depth of learning. Within this same pursuit of academic excellence, *ISC-Amman* opened the *Integrated Testing and Learning (ITL)* facility to allow for the efficient implementation of the SABIS® Educational System. Now, students from grades 4 to 10 can use ITL to take their AMS mathematics exams on computers.

SABIS Student Life Organization®

To complement their academic achievements, the SABIS Student Life Organization® at *ISC-Amman* also plays an active role in helping students to acquire superior communication and teamwork skills and to become responsible world-class citizens. The SABIS Student Life Organization® organized many events this year, ranging from field trips to the Royal Automobile Museum and



Cultural Day

a trip to Ajloun, a hill town in the north of Jordan, to a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. More adventurous trips included visits to Jordanian tourist attractions like Wadi Rum, a valley cut into sandstone and granite rock, for students from grades 9 to 12, and the magical Petra, an archeological site nestled in the mountains, by Grade 8 students.

Through the SABIS Student Life Organization® at *ISC-Amman*, students also had the opportunity to showcase their talents in two successful talent shows this year. They dazzled audiences with displays of creativity and talent as they engaged in vocal and dance acts and instrumentals.

6th Annual SABIS® Regional Tournament...600 Participants...29 Schools

Among *ISC-Amman's* 10th anniversary celebrations was the 6th SABIS® Annual Regional Tournament held from April 6 to 8, 2007. This annual event brought together SABIS® schools from Bahrain, Egypt, Erbil, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Syria, UAE, as well as some select schools from Jordan to compete against each other. All in all, the school welcomed twenty-nine schools and over 600 competitors to this spectacular sporting event.

"It is taking part that counts" was the tournament's theme and every student strived to live up to this motto. The thrilling games highlighted students' agility, determination, and skills as they competed for medals in swimming, basketball, soccer, and athletics on the newly refurbished green field.



His Excellency, Mr. K. Toukan, and SABIS® V.P., Mr. V. Saad opening the games



Football Field

The three days of fierce competition ended with remarkable wins for various SABIS® schools. *ISC-Cairo* came in first with 15 medals, followed by *ISC-Amman* with 13 medals. With the victories at home, *ISC-Amman* was able to demonstrate that it is well-gearred for any challenge.

From the academic success inside the classrooms to the athletic agility on the field, it has been a year of learning and fun for *ISC-Amman* students.

ISC-Amman Marks its 10th Anniversary with a Joyful Celebration

On the occasion of its tenth Anniversary, *ISC-Amman* held a dinner for its staff on April 30 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Many staff members have been with the school since its inception, and awards were duly presented to those who have provided 10, 9 and 8 years of service respectively to the school and its community.

Speakers during the course of the evening included SABIS® V.P., Mr. V. Saad, *ISC-Amman* Deputy Director, Mr. M. Bradley, and *ISC-Amman* Principal Mrs. M. Abu Hantash. Mr. Saad said that "it is the all-round standards we set, the relentless effort to achieve these standards, and the spirit that permeate an institution that make a great school." Each of the speakers in turn went on to speak of the school's growth over the past decade. It was an enjoyable evening with entertainment, dancing, and awards.



SABIS® V.P., Mr. V. Saad, *ISC-Amman* Deputy Director, Mr. M. Bradley, School Principal, Mrs. M. Abu Hantash with *ISC-Amman* KG staff

For further information on *ISC-Amman*, please visit www.iscamman-sabis.net.



Ms. Mims

Ms. Stacie Mims remembers being a 7th grader standing on the lawn outside of *the International Academy of Flint (IAF)* waiting for the fire marshal to announce the beginning of the 1999-2000 academic year. At first, Mims was apprehensive, but hopeful that this new school would be a safer, more secure learning environment than the public school she was leaving. As she became engaged in the SABIS® Educational System, her fears were soon alleviated and she grew confident that she had stepped into the right environment.

Throughout her years at *IAF*, Mims developed an increasing interest in learning and acquired an efficient, high-quality education. This is particularly true for her love for language study that was nurtured by the Spanish classes she took at *IAF*. The language skills Mims developed at *IAF* would later take her to Costa Rica on a study-abroad program through Mott Community College.

In fact, the SABIS® Educational System contributed to Mims' success in more ways than one, and by the time she graduated in 2005, she had realized that she had made an excellent choice. She comments, "*Due to IAF's rigorous academic program, I was able to test out of several classes at Mott Community College before the beginning of my college career in the fall of 2005.*"

Mims' involvement in the SABIS Student Life Organization® at *IAF* also contributed to her success. Being independent, responsible, and determined, Mims was well-suited for the challenges she encountered as an SLO™ Prefect, positions which included Deputy Head Prefect of Academics and Deputy Head Prefect of Management. While attending the Student Life Training Camp in 2003, she remembers very clearly the team-building exercise that helped her realize that there was more to leadership than just being "the boss." She learned that she could trust others and work together to reach a common goal. That year, she returned home from the camp with a new perspective that helped her develop her leadership skills.

Ms. Stacie Mims is currently studying nursing and languages at Mott Community College and is also working as a phlebotomist while pursuing her dreams of becoming an RN and then a physician's assistant. In addition, she plans to continue her language studies in Spanish, Arabic, and American Sign Language and is looking to transfer to a university in Utah.

SABIS® is an educational organization that manages K-12 coeducational schools worldwide. Today, the network comprises forty-one schools spanning across four continents. Since the first school was founded in 1886, thousands of graduates have joined top cities in North America, Europe, Australia & the Middle East.

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