

## What's on

# GUST students successfully complete Public Institution for Social Security's IT workshop



Seven Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST) students successfully completed a 10-day intensive workshop with Public Institution for Social Security's IT Department. The workshop mainly focused on networks and communication.

The training was headed by Systems Engineer Trainer, Wasan Al-Khateeb, and Engineer Mariam Boshahri, from the institution, in coordination with GUST's Head of the Computer Science Department, Dr Taher Ali, and Networks professor, Dr Israa Omran. By the end of the course, students were able to seamlessly install Windows, servers, and workstations, as well as create domains, usernames, passwords, sharing folders, restricting access, policies to retract USBs and other devices, printer queues, and how to build a trust between two domains.

GUST College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr Ali Ansari, said, "It is evident that the training immensely improved the skills of our students, and gave them a practical demonstration on how to apply the knowledge they acquire here into the real world."

GUST continuously aims to encourage capable, well-rounded graduates, with hands-on experience. Well done to the students who completed the workshop: Ibrahim Al-Rishidi, Mohammed Sharawi, Karim Al-Maghrabi, Dalal Al-Salem, Bedour Al-Otaibi, Zahraa Bojabarah, and Munera Tawfiqi.



## Women Techmakers Kuwait hosts inaugural event

The Women Techmakers (WTM) group held its inaugural event on the 4th of Oct 2017 at Kuwait University Khaldiya campus, and was attended by over 60 students, academics, and IT professionals mainly from the University and more that joined in via YouTube Live streaming.

The event started with an introduction of the Women Techmakers / Google and Google Developer Group by Dr Zainab Al-Meraj and Sundus Al-Faresi. WTM Kuwait group lead organizers, followed by a discussion on the importance of empowering women in technology through creating a community, and promoting visibility and resources. The introduction was made complete by a call in from Lebanon WTM and GDG Lead Developer Rayan Al-Zahab who answered questions and shared her experiences with WTM the audience and answered multiple questions.

Women Techmakers mission is to drive developer success and contribute towards a healthy tech ecosystem in Kuwait. The target technologies involved include Google tech from Android, Chrome, Drive, Google Cloud platforms and APIs like Cast API, Maps API, and YouTube API. Dr Meraj then highlighted that by becoming a member both women and men have access to multiple Google and Udacity scholarships and certifications. The yearlong events by WTM were then listed and included two programming training workshops (Android App building and website building), and an International Women's Day conference event on the 8th of March 2018. Dr Meraj stressed the importance of diversity and equal representation of women in higher-level tech positions to drive performance and innovation.



The highlight of the event features a website security workshop that was presented by Engr. Mohammad Aldoob. The agenda revolved around three questions with practical implementations • Why should we secure the Web? • What are defensible applications and • Security in the cloud. The audience left with a better understanding of Web Attacks, Web Infrastructure, and attacks on Cloud Computing as well as how to avoid them. The workshop involved live demos of attacks on website databases, user targeted attacks and how to avoid them through code examples. Aldoob is a specialist and certified trainer in information security, an avid volunteer and the leader of the Open Web Application Security Project for Web Applications in Kuwait.

The WTM Kuwait workshop ended with some networking and a call to join as a member. WTM Kuwait is open to everyone interested to learn and to help others. Everyone is free to propose events and to drive workshops.

# FSHN announces 7th Runkuwait event



Fawzia Sultan Healthcare Network (FSHN) is pleased to announce the return of the most prominent charity activity of the year, Runkuwait. Organized by FSHN and with the support of the Founding Partner, Agility, the event will take place on Saturday, November 11th, where participants will gather at The Scientific Center marking the beginning of the run.

Runkuwait had successfully organized six seasons of the marathon since 2010 to support multiple community initiatives. Since 2013, Runkuwait dedicated all its efforts to raise money and awareness towards the rehabilitative treatment of vulnerable children with disability, where all registration proceeds are channeled directly towards the non-profit Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center (CERC), founded by FSHN. Last year's event successfully contributed towards free treatment of 20% of the children at CERC, while 60% of the children were able to receive subsidized treatment.

"As a non-profit organization we continually seek new approaches to connect with the community and Runkuwait this year returns with a new name and strengthened goal of

providing specialized treatment to the children at CERC. Contributing to the treatment process of children with disabilities is at the heart of what we do and we continuously count on the enormous support of our participants, partners and sponsors, whose generous spirit and commitment along with our team's efforts can change the lives of the children," commented Dr Elham Hamdan, medical director at Fawzia Sultan Healthcare Network.

Also commenting on this, Henadi Al-Saleh, Agility Chairperson said: "Not only does the Runkuwait initiative promote a healthier lifestyle, but its fundraising mission helps give children with disabilities a chance to receive much-needed support and services. Agility is in its seventh year of partnering with Runkuwait, and we anticipate even more participants in this year's race."

The event hosts a 5 km and 10 km fun run or walk, where the entire family is encouraged to support this noble cause. Continuous supporters of Runkuwait, interested athletes and sports enthusiasts can now register on [runkuwait.org](http://runkuwait.org) prior to November 4th in order to receive their timing chips and join

the race. Early bird registration at a discounted fee is currently available until October 31st.

Runkuwait is supported with generous contributions from the following sponsors: Agility as a Founding Partner, The Promenade Mall as a Platinum sponsor, The Scientific Center as venue partner, ASAR Legal and INTERSPORT as Gold sponsors, KDD as Silver sponsor, Fitness First as Bronze sponsor, IKEA, Porsche Centre Kuwait, Behbehani Motors Company, and Zain as Friend sponsors, Gotap as payment sponsor. The media sponsors for the Runkuwait initiative this year are Al Anba newspaper, Kuwait Times newspaper and 248am blog as the exclusive social media sponsor.

The event is targeting yet another successful season with an increased record of funds raised and continues to welcome generous company sponsorships and contributions to the run. Interested participants can register through the [Runkuwait.org](http://Runkuwait.org) website. Additional information or queries about the race can be channeled through the Runkuwait official social media channels, @Runkuwait on Instagram and Facebook.

## Al-Jahra Copthorne Hotel organizes annual beach cleaning campaign

Al-Jahra Copthorne Hotel and Resort recently organized its annual campaign to clean the beach in the region of Shuwaikh with the participation of a number of its employees as part of its continuous efforts to promote community awareness of the importance and preservation of the local marine environment. The campaign was launched from the Jahra area with the participation of a number of administrators and various staff members in the management of the hotel where gloves, t-shirts, garbage bags and vacuum cleaners were distributed. The Shuwaikh Beach cleaning campaign included a number of activities

of recycling and its positive effects on the environment.

Al-Jahra Copthorne Hotel and Resort's Director of Sales Mahmoud Hussein said "The success of this campaign, and attracting a large number of participants, reflects the commitment of the staff of the Copthorne Al-Jahra Hotel and Resort to their marine environment, Pollution on the marine environment and on marine organisms, and therefore on society as a whole". He added, "These activities are sure to enhance the individual's awareness of the need to take responsibility for his environment, even if it is simple in his view, but it will leave behind positive changes throughout the community."

