

‘The Mikado’ steals the show at ISG Founders Day

Indian School Al Ghubra celebrated its 19th Founders Day in a unique Japanese environment. The event held on 5 May was presided over by H.E Anil Wadhwa, Ambassador of India to Oman and Ms Ayesha Bint Ahmed Al Balushi, Director General, General Directorate of Private Schools, Sultanate of Oman. Dr. P Mohammed Ali, Founder of ISG and Mr. Ahmed Rayees, President of the School Management Committee were also present at the occasion.



The school campus was transformed into a Japanese town with the bamboo gateway and traditional Japanese lanterns lighting the way. The authentic Japanese entrance frilled with cherry blossom left the guests intrigued as they entered the school.



The Principal Mrs. Papri Ghosh formally welcomed the gathering while Vice Head Boy Aby Thomas and Vice Head Girl Mahalaxmi Subramaniam presented the dignitaries with bouquets.

The visual 'Focus ISG' highlighted the achievements of the school, students and alumni with special reference to students who excelled in various fields. This novel presentation of the Annual Report was well appreciated by the audience.

The Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour later presented awards and Certificates to students for their exceptional achievements in academics, sports and art. This was followed by a Violin Piano ensemble by Raadhika and Saanika Venkatesh, who performed with exceptional skill and grace.

The Cultural Programme began with 'Lok Rang' - a medley of various Indian folk songs accompanied by the appropriate dance form. The vibrant dance steps and colourful costumes set all present in a foot tapping mode.



This was followed by the much awaited musical 'The Mikado' – the timeless tale of two young people Nanki Poo and Yum Yum whose romance remains unfulfilled due to innumerable obstacles and Ko-Ko the cheap tailor who tries his best to win over Yum Yum. The musical commenced with a Japanese interlude

presented by the choir.



The elaborate sets and the professional stage presence of the students held the audience spell bound with its wonderful characters, scintillating dance and authentic Japanese tunes. Siddharth Vaz played the role of Nanki- Poo, the love-lorn heir to the throne in disguise. Sadia Cidar played the beautiful and much sought after lass Yum Yum. Roshan Shakeel played Pooh- Bah , Ko Ko's accomplice and guide. Shyam Narayan played the free spirited schemer Koko, while Nishank



Bhatanagar and Jasly Kuttiyali did justice to their roles as the Mikado and the Queen. They were well supported by Tanya Pinto, Bhagyashree Gupte, Leena Vasaikar, Sai Narayan Natrajan, Naveen Anbazhagan, Nitin Babu and Nehal Vohora who performed their roles with aplomb. Lubna Khan the narrator also presented her role well.

The 19th Founder's Day of ISG came to a close with the vote of thanks proposed by the Lamya Mashuhur and Gavish Malhotra, followed by the National Anthem.