

INDIAN SCHOOL, AL GHUBRA

18th FOUNDERS DAY



The Indian School – AlGhubra celebrated its 18th Founders Day at the school auditorium on Tuesday 4 November 2008. His Excellency Anil Wadhwa, the Ambassador of India to the Sultanate was the Chief Guest and Her Excellency Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa the Ambassador of India to Sweden was the Guest of Honour. The other dignitaries included Dr. Mohammed Ali, Founder of the school, Mr. Ahmed Rayees, President of School

Management Committee, Mr. Yusuf Nalwalla Chairman Board of Directors, Indian schools in Oman and Mr. B S Bhatnagar Founder Principal of ISG.

The welcome address by the school Head Girl, Nihitha Mohan was followed by the floral welcome of the guests by the Vice Head Boy, Vivek Kumar Ashok and the Vice Head Girl, Glynn George.



In his address the Ambassador



emphasized the purpose of education was not just learning but develop personality, open mind, apart from successful communication and the courage to overcome challenges. He reminded the students that success lay in the ability to become good human beings rather than in acquisition of material wealth and power.

Dr. P. Mohammed Ali, in his message, gave a brief history of the school. He noted that in order to provide quality education there was the need to limit the number of students in a class. He added that there was a growing need for more schools in the capital area.





The President of the Management Committee, Mr. Ahmed Rayees reiterated that the success of the school lay in giving each student an opportunity to grow and proudly noted that to this effect, the morning assembly at ISG was conducted by the students.

The Annual Report highlighting the achievements of the school, students, and alumni was presented by the Principal Mrs. Papri Ghosh. Students who excelled in various fields like academics sports

general knowledge and art received prizes and certificates from the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour.

The Cultural Programme began with the Geet Vaadya Sangam, a classical music composition based on Raga Yaman Kalayan presented by the Indian Orchestra and the school choir. The composition included the Sargam Geet and the Taraana. The fusion of Indian and Western instruments combined with the delightful vocal support had the audience swaying to the mesmerizing melody and rhythm.



The main attraction of the evening was the musical Aladdin, which held the audience spell bound with its wonderful characters, scintillating dance and catchy tunes. Faizan Sheikh played the role of Aladdin, the street smart vagabond. Nivedita Raju played the free spirited princess, while Nizamuddin Sharaf and Snehangshi Bose did justice to



their roles as the King and the Queen. Sanaya Soonawala as the fun loving Genie sent the audience to peals of laughter with her superb performance. Saad Rayees as the wicked Jaffar and Shamak Datta as Iago the Parrot performed their roles with aplomb. Ishita Biswas too carried her mute role as the Carpet with ease. The other supporting cast included Rohan Gupta Roy, Prasad Sundaram, Utsav Motilal and Antony Justin. Aakrit Punnoose and Sadia Cidar gave melodious rendition of the songs as the playback singers. The splendid props and stage setting drew gasps from one and all.



Popular piano pieces were presented by Akshy Deshmukh, Sagar Saha, Prashanth C, Swetha C and Athul George.

The 18th Founder's Day of ISG came to a close with the vote of thanks proposed by the School Head Boy, Asmeet Bhatia, followed by the National Anthem.