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## From The Director's Desk

The celebration of the Silver Jubilee of The Asian School which we held a few days ago was truly a memorable event in the history of the school. I feel much honour while expressing my sincere gratitude to parents, advertisers, sponsors and all well-wishers for their contributions. While time is opportune I also want to express my admiration for the faculty and students for their stellar efforts.

My deepest gratitude goes to the many guests who took time off their busy schedules to travel to Bahrain from different Gulf countries and India to take part in our special celebration.

Education follows one instinct, which is to diffuse information. We have patterned The Asian School into the entity it is today by divulging means and ways to foster learning, encourage independent thinking and instill awareness of interdependence. Spurred by the righteous belief that education is every child's entitlement, The Asian School's endeavors have been at the very heart of this aim.

During the past 25 years, the School garnered impressive reputation and achieved top ratings as it strode into the domain of public prominence. Fruition of ambition came with perseverance, cherished and coveted goals with the meticulous application of hard work. The model of education imparted fulfilled and enriched lives of students as well as prepared them for the future. By continually interacting with their environment, the School helped

reshape their perception of the world. They say human intelligence develops in stages, each of which enhances understanding of the world in a new and complex way. Diligence kept the School going when many impediments came its way.

The teachers at The Asian School are well aware that education is a process which is a never ending one and that each educator has to be prepared to take up the challenges thrown by young inquisitive minds and lead them towards the correct path.

Looking ahead to the future, let us buckle up and brace ourselves to take up the numerous responsibilities which are ascending on us. I humbly beseech the Almighty's blessings on us as we stride forward.

**Joseph Thomas M.A., B.Ed.,**  
Director.

**Kingdom of Bahrain  
Ministry of Education**

*Asst. Undersecretary for Private  
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**Mr. Joseph Thomas**  
Principal  
The Asian School

Dear Mr. Thomas,

It gives me great pleasure to express my thanks and appreciation for kind invitation to attend as a guest of honor on occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebration. The celebration was really well managed and very impressive.

I can not describe how I was immensely delighted with the outstanding organization and the hospitality that depicted the great effort put by everyone to reflect their love, honor and sincere happiness during the celebration.

I wish The Asian School every success and prosperity.

Yours sincerely,  
**Asma Mohammed A. Ghani**  
Asst. Undersecretary for Private & Charitable Education





## Ceremony Chronicled

**May** 10, 2008 marked the end of one epoch and the beginning of another. The Silver Jubilee celebrations were held in grandeur at the Bahrain Exhibition Center from 7.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

The evening so sensitively conceived had an extraordinary quality to bring people together to celebrate the Silver Jubilee. The gala reflected a lineup of creative abilities. To the sound of music and cheering crowds, a delightful evening witnessed novelty and vitality of both form and content of performing students. Crowds converged without interval to catch a glimpse of program. Time and distance scarcely made any perceptible effect on the event, as several thousands participated in the festivity.

The Chief Guest, H.E. Dr. Majeed al Alawi, Minister of Labor, Kingdom of Bahrain was formally received to the strains of a low and impressive tone. H.E. Balkrishna Shetty, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain and H.E. Ayesha Mohammed Abdul Ghani, Assistant Undersecretary, Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Bahrain, were the Guests of Honor. Other notables were Mr. P.C. Thomas, Member of Parliament, India, Mr. Ashok Kumar Singh and Mr. Anand Kumar Singh Directors of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha respectively of the Indian Parliament, Dr. A.T. Devasia, former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Mr. George Kulangara, Chairman, Labour India Publications and Gurukulam Public School, Mr. M.C. Sebastian, Chairman, Council of C.B.S.E.-affiliated schools in the Gulf of Arabia, Mr. Soman Baby, Associate Editor and Director, New Indian School, Dr. P.V. Cherian, Chairman, Coordination Committee of Indian Associations and Mr. Johnson Joseph, President, Marangattupilly Panchayath, Kerala. All guests were accorded a red carpet welcome.

Commencing with a warm welcome, the Director, Mr. Joseph Thomas presented an intertwined arrangement of cardamoms in a garland to the Chief Guest. This "Elaka Mala" as it is called in Malayalam was specially flown in for the occasion from spice land Kerala. The Chief Guest barred tidings from the Ministry of Labor of its intent to relax the L.M.R.A. rules for expatriate teachers. The audience accorded a standing ovation to the revelation

**P.C. THOMAS**  
Member of Parliament  
(Lok Sabha)  
Ministeria



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08 May 2008

### MESSAGE

Dear Mr. Joseph Thomas

I am really very happy to note that Asian School has progressed well in Bahrain. I understand that opportunities for development of Students in all fields are being ensured in your school in a big way. The personality of the Student is being developed to face any challenge in future. I am sure that the great contribution by the school is to be applauded, and I wish that the school will go forward in the most befitting manner as has been in the past.

Mr. Joseph Thomas  
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Very sincerely  
  
(P.C. THOMAS)

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that the Ministry of Labor would continue issuing local permits for school teachers for one more year.

Nineteen teaching and two non-teaching members of staff received long service awards. H.E. the Indian Ambassador stressed the importance of education in today's world of wider horizons. The Chairman of the Council of CBSE-affiliated schools, Mr. Sebastian conferred the award of excellence on Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and the award was presented by the visiting Member of Indian Parliament, Mr. P.C. Thomas.

A colorful array of dances, skits and music exalted the evening which received raves of applause. The evening showcased an assortment of talented displays. The finale descended on the theme "Silvery Struck" as the curtain fell to the accompaniment of "Thank You For ....." fading to a close.

A sumptuous dinner was hosted by the School at Palace Hotel on the following day for the staff and dignitaries from Bahrain, India and other Gulf countries.

**Mrs. Molly Mammen**  
Head Teacher, Senior Section

**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - 10th May 2008**



The Theme



The Asian School Band



Band Ensemble



Enthusiastic Enchanters



Mr. Johnson Joseph, President, Marangattupally Panchayat, Kerala being graced by H.E. Balkrishna Shetye, The Ambassador.



Arrival of guests



Receiving Mr.P.C.Thomas, member of Indian Parliament



Director of the school welcomes Mr. Isha A. Aubrey General Manager of Oman Airways

## SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Comperes Mrs.T.Menon & Mrs.B.George



Sayed Faizan-Qureh reading



National Anthems - sung by Ashwini, Christina & Mr.Sovic D'Costa



Standing in respect for the nations



Invoative Initiation



Angelic Apparition



Theme Presentation



Whirling Welcome

## SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Entire Audience



Welcome Address



Floral Tribute



Chief guest F.L.Dr. Majid Al Alawi's address



Garlanding with stringed Garlands - 'Eese Maki'



Releasing the Souvenir



Awards for dedicated service



Mrs. Gracyamma Koshy receives award for longest tenure

## SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Mrs. Elizabeth Sadan, Head Teacher (Junior Section) receives Award of Long Service



Token of Appreciation



Words of Wisdom-Ambassador of India, H.E. Balkrishna Shetty



Memento for the guest of honour



Mr. Suman Baby-Associate Editor, GDN, speaks



I.T. Agha Khilash Assistant Under Secretary, Ministry of Education



Kids' Karagattam



Mezhal Meedy

**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**



Cineasts Celebrate



Firnic Fare



Fusion Fantasies



Hawaiian Headlines



Rosarians Rhythm



Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Thomas receive the CBSE Gulf Council award of excellence from Mr. P.C.Thomas M.P.



Token of Appreciation for Mr.P.C.Thomas M.P.



A keepsake for Mr.M.D.Subastian

# SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Sultana of Arabia



Amusing Arabia



Semi Classical



Enchanting.....



The Pic & the Tart



Hatching a plot



Traditional Maharashtra



Having it Goals



**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**



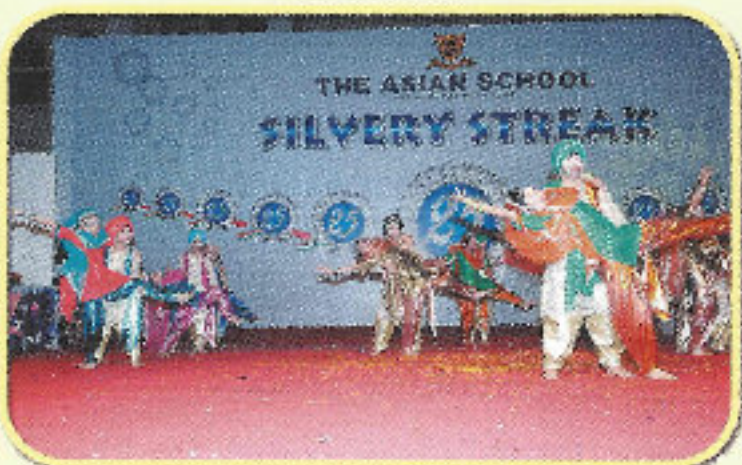
Dr. A. T. Doss, former Vice-Chancellor, Malaysia Gandhi University receives a memento from Mr. G. Sebastian



Mr. Job Thomas presents a memento to Mr. V. J. George Selanga, Chairman, Anurath.



Peacock Parvati



Pristine Punjab



Japanese



Gypsies



Tribals



Folk Frolic

**SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**



Foral formation



Kritically Kashmiri



Fusion: Furoto



Well mixed



Dhum Dhumi Nadam



Shari - e - Hind



Praystichill: (Hindi sat)



Scheming Fakrs

## SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



Dr. P.V. Cherian receives a memento from Mr. Riji Sebastian



Tabla recital by Amrit and Govind



Nagada-chi Purjeb - drama



Vote of Thanks by Mrs. Molly Mamer - Head Teacher

## RECEPTION GRANDIOSE - 11th May 2008



Dignitaries from the Education Department



Opening prayer by Rev. Fr. Theophine



Steffy P. presents a bouquet to the Guest of Honour  
Mr. Mukhtar Al Shareekh - Head of Evaluation & Dev. Sect.



11th May - A day to be marked

## RECEPTION GRANDIOSE



Rev. Frs. Anthony, Camus, Joy and Vincent from Sacred Heart Church



Gala Evening



Distinguished Guests



Smaa for a change



P&A Association Awards Mr & Mrs. Joseph Thomas



Mrs. Anju Murlidharan shares her views



A Duet song by teachers



Maestros of The Asian School

## RECEPTION GRANDIOSE



Guitarist Wilphy



Choirers (L to R) Savita, Anissa & Hussen



On Keyboards (L to R) Alistair, Arun and Shony



Drummer Lester



Staff-Jurfar Campus



Staff-Umm-Al-Haseem Campus



Teachers-Dancing to the beat

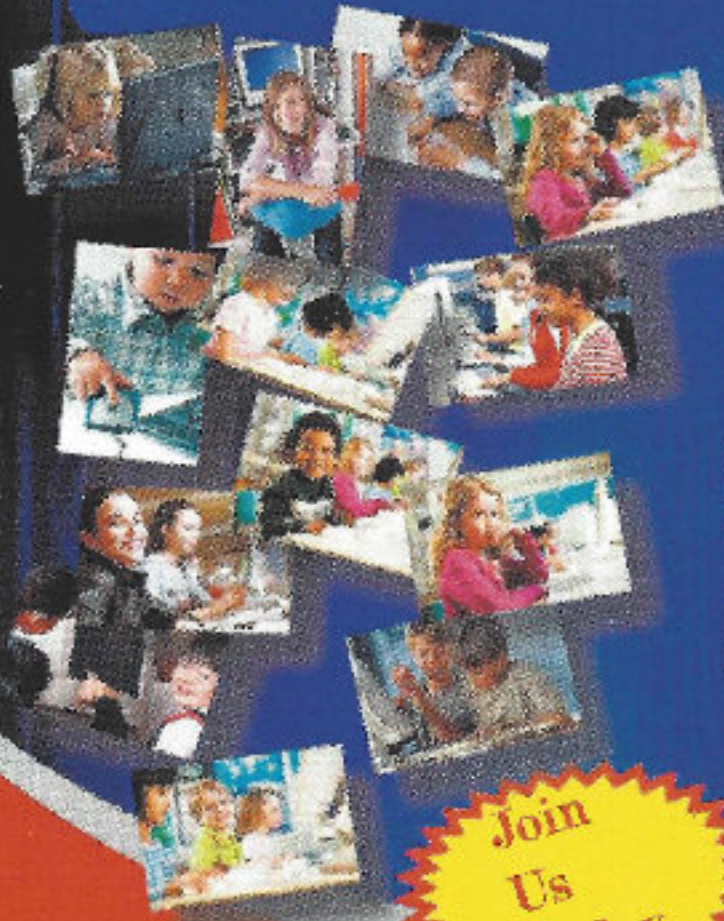


Jasranta Jaha and Athira Manon-1st Place Winners of the Inter School Debate held on 17.05.08, with their Teachers: Mrs. Jaleja Rajagopal & Mrs. Anu Meekhrani. Athira also wins the 'Best Debater' Trophy. School wins the Pulling Trophy.

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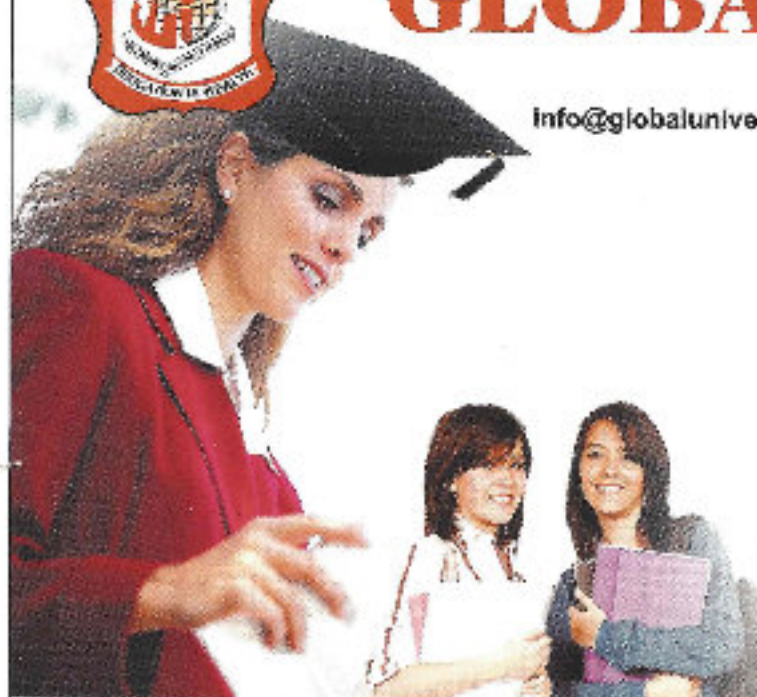
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