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REWIND

ECO SUMMIT 11TH - 13TH OCTOBER

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi participated in the Ecocity World Summit as a contributor and supporting organisation.

FLAG DAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi celebrated Flag Day.

CONFREMO 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD NOVEMBER

His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, minister of culture, youth and community development has opened the eighth conference of Heads of universities in the Middle East which was held for three days at the Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi campus in cooperation with Agency of La Francophonie. The conference sheds light on regional and international challenges and highlights the role of universities in transforming students to become active individuals in the community.

PARIS-SORBONNE UNIVERSITY ABU DHABI L1 SCIENCE STUDENTS @ THE ABU DHABI SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2015 12TH - 22ND NOVEMBER

Our Vice Chancellor Prof. Eric Fouache while giving our L1 Science students a certificate of appreciation for their participation in the Abu Dhabi Science Festival 2015 for the second year in a row.

As usual, we are extremely proud of our student's success.

GRADUATION 15TH NOVEMBER

Sheikh Nahyan Bin Mubarak attends Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi graduation

H. E. said in his keynote address "Graduation day is a start of a new chapter in your life towards a future career. We hope that every one of you will be a source of pride for this university and for the noble values and great ambitions it stands for and you will be a model of good citizenship and a role model for distinguished performance and good conduct."

UAE INNOVATION WEEK 25TH NOVEMBER

Solar Impulse 2 in Innovation Week Paris-Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi has organised "Innovation Bases from Education" lecture. The university hosted one of its graduate students Hassan al-Rudaini, who is a member of "Solar Impulse 2" airplane team, the first airplane that works on solar power.



NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS 25TH NOVEMBER

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi organised at its campus celebrations on the occasion of the 44th UAE National Day. The variety of the celebrations program prepared in collaboration with students brought joy and happiness to all the community. It included Abaya and traditional costume show, Heritage history road through exhibition of texts and photos gallery, hand craft exhibition, storytelling, poems, songs, presentations and audience quiz, folklore dance, Emirates Cuisine, henna and many more!

COMMEMORATION DAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi revived Commemoration Day through a number of activities in presence of all university students, as well as administration and faculty members.

ZAYED PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION 6TH DECEMBER

Rare pictures of Zayed on display for the first time.

A collection of photographs of Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan went on public display for the first time at the Paris-Sorbonne University on Sunday, with the pictures dating back to 1968. The pictures are from an archive belonging to French photographer and filmmaker Raymond Depardon, who visited the UAE in the late 1960s and was given exclusive access to Shaikh Zayed.

PRIX GONCOURT 13TH DECEMBER

For the second year, Paris-Sorbonne Université Abu Dhabi and the Department of French Studies participate in French literary award "Liste Goncourt / Le Choix de l'Orient", which brings together several universities in the region at the initiative of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie's Middle East Office and the French Institute of Lebanon.

MOC WITH UPC 15TH DECEMBER

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has signed a memorandum of collaboration ("MOC") with the ABU DHABI URBAN PLANNING COUNCIL on Tuesday 15 December at 1:00 p.m. in UPC premises. The MOC consist of a collaborate on research, development and training.

FUN DAY @ SORBONNE AD DECEMBER

The Fun day is an annual event taking place at the end of the year. The event is supported by our management and requests the participation of staff, families as well as those on single status. It is held at the Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi atrium so that families of employees can come and familiarise themselves with the environment where their family member works. There are inflatables, game stalls, activity stalls for kids, food stalls and plenty of raffle draws with prizes. There is also a photo competition for staff who snap the best pic of the event. At the end of the day the HR department ensures all kids are given personalised gifts whilst leaving.

ALIA AL MAZROUEI'S TALK "FROM STARTUPS TO STARTING OVER" 19TH JANUARY

The leading Emirati entrepreneur, Alia Al Mazrouei delivered an interesting speech about her personal experience.

CLIMATE 360° 20TH JANUARY

Climate 360° exhibition, was held at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Atrium, from 20th January to 11th February.

BLOOD DONATION 25TH JANUARY

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi hosted a blood donation day in collaboration with Khalifa Central Hospital on the 25th January 2016 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

SORBONNE THROUGH MY EYES FEBRUARY

Sorbonne through my eyes is a social media initiative launched in February 2016 which aims to enhance the interaction between our students through sharing their days at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. To see the videos please check our Instagram page SorbonneAD.

OPEN DAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Open day is a yearly event at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi that aims to gather students from different schools, Parents, teachers, counselors and many others involved in higher education under one roof. Open day lets visitors explore the campus





and the available graduate and post-graduate programmes. Language workshops and informative presentations about the French education system and how to apply are held during that day as well. Visitors most importantly get to interact with heads of departments and lecturers directly as well as meet students who match their profile and can give them a better insight on why would Paris-Sorbonne University be a great choice for them.

SORBONNE STAND UP PADDLEBOARD RACE 2016 26TH FEBRUARY

The second edition of the Sorbonne Race was held on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th of February.

<https://www.facebook.com/SorbonneAD/?fref=ts>

THE "MOOT COURT" AT THE FEDERAL SUPREME COURT IN ABU DHABI MARCH

Our L2 Law students during the "Moot Court" at the Federal Supreme Court in Abu Dhabi.

The "Moot Court" is a method of teaching law and legal skills that requires students to analyse and argue both sides of a hypothetical legal issue using procedures modeled after those employed in state and federal appellate court.

The exposure to real life experiences is vital to student's development and this is why at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi we are always keen to provide our students with the best opportunities to enhance their Academic journey.

THE CAREER WEEK: BUILDING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE 6TH - 10TH MARCH

In an effort to bring career guidance and professional development opportunities to Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi students, graduates and alumni, the Career Services & Alumni Relations Office has organised the 2nd Career Week event from the 6th to the 10th March 2016.

The Career Week featured a series of 15 interactive presentations, networking events, employer panels, workshops designed to help students discover strategies to build their professional project, plan ahead step by step their career exploration, develop their job' search skills, engage with industry experts and make exceptional useful connections.

The Career Week activities and programmes aim to provide assistance and guidance to students preparing to make the best possible transition from classroom to career and alumni seeking a competitive advantage in the workplace and in these regards constitutes a significant component of the career services offered by the University to the student population though out the year.

GUSTAVE MAHLER TRAINING.... 15TH MARCH

It was a great pleasure for Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi to host over two weeks the musicians of "Gustav Mahler Youth" for their rehearsals of the concerts given in the UAE.

INTERNATIONAL DAY 17TH MARCH

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi celebrated International Day, a theme that highlights one of Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi's core values: "A bridge between civilisations".

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY 21ST MARCH

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi celebrated Mother's Day in a "live" way. To see the videos please check our Instagram page SorbonneAD.

THEATER PLAY AT SORBONNE ABU DHABI 22ND MARCH

"Le Médecin Malgré Lui" was a big success. The Francophone community didn't miss the day.

ARABIAN NIGHTS - THE SECRETS OF ORIENTAL DANCES UNVEILED 23RD MARCH

Another successful event performed by our talented students.

MASTER PROGRAMMES OPEN HOUSE 12TH APRIL

Meet faculty and staff from our graduate programmes and learn how we can help you achieve your goals and master your future!

WORKSHOP RESEARCH PROGRAMME THE UAE'S NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARIS CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE 13TH APRIL

A lecture presented by Maria Cordeiro, Environmental Analyst at the Environment Agency in Abu Dhabi and a part of the Master of Sustainable Development Law programme at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. Maria is also a part of the research programme entitled "Fresh water, law and renewed stakes in the Arab States of the Gulf Cooperation Council".

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE LIVE! 16TH -17TH APRIL

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is pleased to host the Ministry of Science Live event; an educational, highly entertaining, explosive and fun exposition of science!

CONFERENCE PRESERVING OUR EARTH | UNEARTHING OUR TALENTS - TOWARDS CONTINUED SUSTAINABLE CAPACITY-BUILDING IN THE UAE 18TH APRIL

A series of panels featuring key individuals from the UAE.

NEW JOINERS

This April, it was a pleasure to welcome the following new members of staff to Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi:

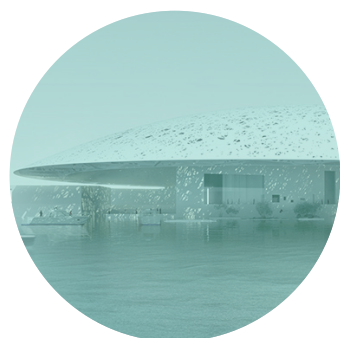


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**LECTURE
THE LOUVRE ABU DHABI,
A UNIVERSAL MUSEUM
IN A GLOBALISED WORLD
20TH APRIL**

A lecture by Jean-François Charnier, Chief Heritage Curator and Scientific Director of Agence France-Muséums, Louvre Abu Dhabi.

The lecture will be delivered in English.



**SORBONNE'S GOT TALENT
20TH APRIL**

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is pleased to invite you to attend a music and song show performed by its students.



**LECTURE
STRATEGY AND STRATEGIC
EXECUTION FOR PRO
SPORTS
21ST APRIL**

A lecture by Mr. Anter Isaac, FIFA/CIES Network Expert.

The lecture will be delivered in English.



**THEATRE PLAY
ART
25TH APRIL**

A theatre play by Yasmina Reza performed by Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi students.

The play will be conducted in French. Free admission.



**CINÉ-CLUB
OUT OF ORDER
26TH APRIL**

A movie by Mahmoud Kamel. The screening will be followed by a Q&A session with the Director.

The movie will be in Arabic with English subtitles.



**FLE MUSICAL
(ROBIN DES BOIS)
27TH APRIL**

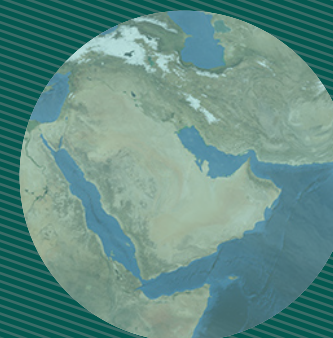
A musical written, choreographed and performed by Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi FLE students.

The musical will be in French. Free admission.



**LES ENTRETIENS
D'ABU DHABI
1ST MAY**

Panel discussion panels on the topics of sustainable energies and development and environment preservation with the participation of high level French politicians & CEOs (Total, KPMG)



**THE ARAB GULF STATES
AT A CROSSROAD
4TH MAY**

Dr. Abdulkalek Abdulla is having a lecture and will be signing his book.

COMING UP NEXT

FACE TO FACE WITH...



During my studies, I was lucky enough to meet some remarkable professors

Vital Rambaud

Head of Department
FLE & French Studies

So, Vital, what's your story? Tell us about yourself

I was born and raised in Lyon, the city of silk and gastronomy. At the age of twenty, I moved to Paris to continue my studies, before spending two years in Romania to serve as a French language assistant in the military service. Then returned back to Paris, prior to settling down in Abu Dhabi in 2011. Otherwise, I would have been married for 38 years and have a twenty-seven year-old daughter now.

Why did this type of work interest you, and how did you get started?

During my studies, I was lucky enough to meet some remarkable professors – real “instructors” – who have inspired me to become a professor, a literature professor.

What things did you do before you entered this occupation?

Since 1982, almost immediately after finishing my studies, I started teaching French literature at the Sorbonne, where I got the chance to be elected at a very young age.

What attracted you to Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

I have always loved to combine both teaching and administrative responsibilities. In Paris, I was responsible of the Continuing Education programme, as well as the coordination between university teachings courses. However, if I have accepted to serve as a Director of French Studies Department

at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, it is because when I first came here, as a missionary, I was amazed by the students' expectations, curiosity and desire to discover France and its culture, and hence I wanted to get to know them better.

What do you prefer in your experience here in the emirates?

I loved the kindness, elegance and tolerance of UAE people, as well as the “challenge” represented by the keen view to disseminate the French language and literature, here. It was of utmost importance to convince the students of the cultural and economic interest of the French language – given the fact that French-speaking countries are becoming one of the most important markets in the world- and usefulness of literature, regardless of the future profession one can choose and exercise. Yes, the Bachelor of Arts in Literature (Literature, Publishing, Media, Audiovisual Media) offers numerous opportunities to Emiratis in the field of education, publishing, journalism and communication; not to mention all companies and entities looking for candidates capable of analysing documents, as well as drafting summaries or web pages.

Do you recommend any good reads, yours included as a teacher of French literature?

Boussole (“Compass”) by Mathias Enard who tells the story of the Orient and recently received the Goncourt Prize. But, I do also recommend reading or flipping through everything that comes into your hands, as this is the best way to keep up with the



current trends. Otherwise, one shall not stop reading or rereading the masterpieces of great poets and authors, such as Chateaubriand, Proust, Gracq, and others...

Do you have a particularly memorable experience that you would like to share with us?

The “Literary Majlis” of the Sorbonne: When in 2013, I thought to launch a monthly cultural meeting every Sunday night in Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi library, I did not dare to hope that such initiative would succeed, that a loyal audience would attend it, and that some “Majlis” with Zaki Nusseibeh, Sylvie Brunel, Eric Fouache, or Patrick Dandrey would turn into real events.

Can you present us the “Teaching French as a foreign language” and the “Publishing, information and multimedia” Master's?

The Department of French Studies offers two Master's programmes: the Master in Applied French Language and the Master in Publishing, Information and Multimedia. The first was designed to train senior professors of French as a foreign language. The second, of which the Publishing option only exists for the time being, paves the way for acquiring a complete knowledge of the production line of a book, the various publishing sectors, the modern forms of the book, or even the legal and commercial aspects of the publishing business. The second semester of each of the two Master's programmes includes a practical internship in a school or a publishing house.

What other opportunities can you get with the same Master's?

The Master in Applied French Language, specialised in teaching French in the Arabic-speaking region, paves the way for all professions that ensure cultural mediation between the Arab world and France, while the Master in Publishing represents a valuable complementary training for anyone who already holds a degree or has a professional experience in the publishing, journalism or media fields.

What special advice do you have for a student seeking to qualify for these Master's programmes?

For admission to the second year, the student shall either have completed the first year of Master's (M1) or have a sufficient professional experience in the field. Otherwise, the candidate shall be willing to learn and discover new things!

How do you feel about your job?

I am very happy I got the chance to do what I love, however that does not mean I am always satisfied with what I do, but I do find it wonderful to, personally, participate in the unique, symbolic project of the Paris-Sorbonne University in Abu Dhabi.

So, what do you do for fun?

I may not surprise you if I tell you that I read a lot. In warm weather, I like to take a walk down the Corniche, swim or explore the Emirates. I also devote a great part of my

weekend to conduct my own research on French writers from the late 19th and early 20th centuries...

What do you read?

I often read several books at once. Right now, I am immersed in “Check-Point”, the latest novel of Jean-Christophe Rufin.

If we're sitting here a year from now celebrating what a great year it's been for you in this role, what would be that achievement?

In addition to serving as a Director of French Studies Department and coordinating the two Master's programmes, this year I am in charge of the intensive FLE course. This represents an additional responsibility, however it is exciting to follow up on students who are learning the French language in one year to be able to register in the Bachelor's programme of their choice. Their efforts are admirably remarkable and I am impressed by the dedication and professionalism of their teachers!

Aya Itani ,18
Lebanese, living in the UAE
Intermediate FLE

A MINUTE WITH...



Why did you pick Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

Paris-Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is providing me with the opportunity to work towards my dream of studying law at a prestigious university, without having to travel far away from home.

Why did you choose to learn French?

Ever since I was a young child I always loved and admired the French Language. I think it is a very refined language and it contains a certain diversity of expression.

Tell us about your experience here.

Starting university had a significant impact on my life. It's definitely a big change but so far I'm enjoying it. I managed to make new friends and participated in many events.

What is your favorite aspect in your student life at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

My favorite aspect of the student life would definitely be joining a variety of clubs and events hosted by the university, especially the Debate club as I feel it brings out my character.

What do you plan to study after FLE?

After FLE I'm planning to study law.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Hopefully in 5 years I would like to see myself as a trainee at A well-known and reputable law firm in the Gulf region.

Who is your role model, and why?

My role models are my parents since they have been my backbone and support system through all the ups and downs I have been through. Also for believing in me constantly and doing all they can to help me shoot for my dreams with a golden coruscating arrow.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies reading and doing sports.

What are you currently reading?

I am not currently reading a book but the last book I read was "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom.

What is your favorite social media platform, and why?

My favorite social media platform is Facebook since I feel like it helps you connect with people and it constantly updates you about what is happening in the world.

What would you advise the new students in Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

The main advice I would like to give them is to study really hard and to be passionate about their majors, and definitely to enjoy university since it will be the most interesting time of our lives.

Hasan Al Redaini, 26
Emirati, living in the UAE
LEA

A MINUTE WITH...



Today, you are one of the solar impulse team members – can you tell us more about your journey and how it all started?

It started off when my managers offered me the opportunity to be part of this historic project and this was due to the fact that I work in the communications field and my ability to speak three languages.

Why did you pick Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

I've always looked up for challenges. It was easier to go to an English speaking university; however, I chose to go to a reputed university and learn a new language, which is considered as a competitive edge now and has its benefits if used well.

How did your journey with Sorbonne Abu Dhabi help shape your professional experience?

Being in a multicultural environment helps shape you in many levels. As we know, the world is headed towards globalisation, hence dealing with people coming from different cultures and backgrounds is very crucial in today's world.

In the frame of the UAE Innovation Week you delivered a lecture at Sorbonne Abu Dhabi – how did it feel to lecture in the University you studied in?

Looking back, I would have never thought that I would be invited as a guest speaker in the university I studied in. It just feels different being on the opposite side of the room. Life just has a funny way in turning things around.

In which way do you think Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi can be an asset in developing innovation within the UAE?

I think Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has great potential to differentiate itself and excel in the arts domain and establish itself as a hub for liberal arts and other softer sciences in the

MENA region. And there is so much more room for innovation there.

In what ways have you changed since you graduated?

I think that in my own way I've become more mature, although I still think there is much more maturity for me to come ahead.

What do you do in your spare time?

I like to socialise and take strolls.

What are your thoughts on social media?

I am personally not a huge fan of social media, however I do understand and recognise its importance in the current time and how much of a powerful tool it can be, if used correctly, to spread messages, create awareness etc...

What are your future projects?

One thing I know for sure is that I will go back to the Solar Impulse by Spring 2016 and that I will be part of the plane back home to Abu Dhabi.

Based on your personal experience, what would you advise current students in Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

For non-native speakers: I urge you to study hard and excel in the learning the French language. The benefits do reap later - trust me.

For native speakers: Thank you for being part of Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi and I hope you have memorable days within the campus with the rest of us.

Thank you for sharing your experience with us. Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is proud of you!

Alumni Council Officers - Election Results

On the 14th March 2016, the Alumni Council Officers' elections took place. We are pleased to inform you of the results.

OFFICERS

President

Dr. Khaldoon Nabhan
Master degree in International Law, Diplomacy and International Relations (2011)

Vice-President

Khaled Al Mazrouei
Master degree in Urban & Regional Planning (2009)

Secretary

Meitha Al Noori
Bachelor degree in Law (2014)

Treasurer

Aisha Al Qaissieh
Master degree in International Business Law (2014)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dima Al Ayderous
Master degree in International Law, Diplomacy and International Relations – Major in Sustainable Development (2014)

Alyazia Al Hameli
Bachelor degree in Economic & Management (2015)

Mohammed Al Khudhiri
Master degree in Marketing, Management, Communication and Media (2011)

Sarra Al Riyami
Master degree in Marketing, Management, Communication and Media (2015)

Silvia Garneró
Master degree in Marketing, Management, Communication and Media (2015)

Thierno B. Kane
Bachelor degree in History, Civilisations and International Affairs (2009)

Philippine Médevielle
Bachelor degree in History, Civilisations and International Affairs (2010)

Emil Tomasz Powroznik
Bachelor degree in International Business and Languages (2009)

Amira Ioana Shaat
University Diploma in French as Foreign Language and Bachelor degree in Law (2008)

Eng. Jassim Al Hosani
Master Degree in Marketing, Management, Communication and Media (2009)

APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Dima Tarazi
Master degree in Urban & Regional Planning (2011)



Presentation of the Alumni Council's values

Develop a bridge between civilisations: the Council is made of 8 nationalities and well represents the diversity of Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi which is one of its main strength. The Council intends to communicate on the potential represented by this diversity of language, culture and backgrounds.

Improve networking: the Council will reinforce the network between actual students and Alumni (graduated students). This network will help to develop professional links and to give to Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi a better recognition among companies' recruiters.

Act with human values: the Council will work based on these values. It decided to support charities initiatives and to promote respect, tolerance, sharing and fairness in any way.

What is the role of the Alumni Council?

Why creating such a Council?

The 15 members of the Alumni Council has purposes:

- To introduce to the world that Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has a strong Alumni body, and that it helped in creating and aiding its student's future.
- Develop the network between students and Alumni in order to improve their professional relations and their career opportunities.

We plan on achieving this goal by hosting and attending educational and professional events. The diversity of each member's profiles will help to target different markets.

The Alumni Council is planning on working closely with the Students Council mainly to answer their questions about the life post Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. Alumni Council will give students them access to their future.

Any Alumni interested in being part of our actions is free to contact us at

alumni@psuad.ac.ae

Alumni First Event

WHAT IS SUCCESS? by Mr M. Kanoo

The Alumni Council attending a very interesting lecture on the perspective of success. Mr. Kanoo's main message was to change the public perspectives on financial success into personal success. In his terms, success is when you are proud of what you have achieved even if it was a small task, that feeling you when you get a good mark, helping someone in need, or clean up your neighborhood ... that feeling of good that should be the public persecution of success, because in the end that is all that matters.

Find more about us the Alumni Council on,

<http://www.sorbonne.ae/alumni/>

What is the Student Counselling Service?

The Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Counselling Center provides guidance and support to you, your friends and the campus community to help manage any personal issues and to assist you develop the skills and confidence to function more independently.

“When you learn, teach - when you get, give.” is the motto for the Au Debut-Peer Mentor Program at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. A pilot program, implemented in September 2015 the Au Debut-Peer Mentor Program is designed to provide academic, cultural and social support to First Year students as they transition into the university, and help them succeed.

Throughout the year, Peer Mentors provide ongoing support to a select group of mentees with a focus on easing their transition to higher education, bridging cultural gaps when necessary, directing them to on-campus resources and more. Most important they become a friend that the new students can speak with regarding issues related to their day to day experiences at Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi.

Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi students enrolled in the Licence 2nd and 3rd year were invited to apply as Peer Mentors last year. As this is a new initiative, the Advising and Resources Section of Student Life was pleased with the student response. Initially planning to debut the program with a maximum of 20 peer mentors at present 17 mentors are in place. The majority stated they joined the program based on the fact that they remembered what it was when they first arrived at the university. Along with the excitement and new experiences, there were moments when they needed additional support and while they appreciated faculty and staff support having this support from a peer would have been invaluable. In addition, students who started in the French Intensive program appreciated all the support they had received adapting to French higher education and want to share this knowledge to new learners. Peer Mentors can also help new international students who are experiencing cultural shock, homesickness and other struggles with a new environment.

Specific program objectives include:

- Provide role-models and leadership among students
- Promote social and cultural integration
- To strengthen a sense of campus community connections for participants
- Provide knowledge regarding campus resources, policies and procedures.
- Provide tutoring and academic support to students as needed

Students interested in having a Peer Mentor join the program via various ways. Faculty can refer them, students come to register on their own and sometimes they are referred by another student. While messages were sent out initially in September, students continue to join the program seeking a mentor as of today.

Prior to working with their mentees, the Peer Mentors all received extensive training provided by KnowledgeWorkxED with a focus on empowering global leaders able to engage across cultures to create an environment where everyone can thrive. Working with KnowledgeWorkxED, the peer mentors participated in both virtual e-learning sessions and face to face training utilising coaching tools focusing on cultural identity formation, understanding worldview drivers and building new cultural spaces together. In addition, the Peer Mentors are also involved in a Leadership Training sponsored by the Training Department of McDonald’s Middle East Development Company.

In the last few months, the Peer Mentors have worked with their mentees in a variety of ways. Some mentees merely need someone to talk with, others need an advocate to join them in speaking with

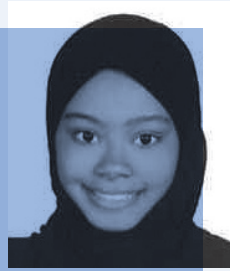
a professor, questions related to their assignments are numerous, a few students appreciate having regular information on campus activities and events and some need to identify tutorial support.

Peer Mentors and Mentees are maintaining weekly contact and taking time to introduce the program to both faculty and staff. The strength of the program is the ability of the Peer Mentors to identify additional programs and services specific to student needs that can also be implemented.

While the program was originally designed to be a major benefit to the students needing a mentor, it has also proven to be a major benefit to the Peer Mentors as they gain strong leadership, listening, and communication skills, which will make them highly sought after candidates in the workplace and in graduate programs. Soft skill development is also integral to the program including collaboration, communication and interpersonal skills, problem-solving, time management and leadership. Also, working as a peer mentor is proving to be a great way for them to become recognised student leaders, enhance their interpersonal skills, and enrich their resume.

When asked what motivates them to be Peer Mentors, the majority say that they wanted to give back to both the university and to the new generation of learners. Their role as Peer Mentors exemplifies the unique educational experience and commitment to excellence that is at the core of Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi education.

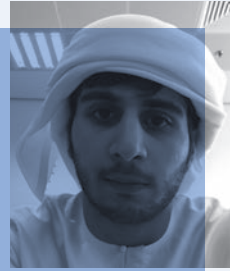
STUDENT COUNSELLING SERVICES



Afra Al Zaabi

Geography and Planning
President of the Student Council

You are closer today to success than you were yesterday



Ali Al Shamsi

FLE
Vice President of the Student Council

I don't dream, I set goals



Sara Mousa

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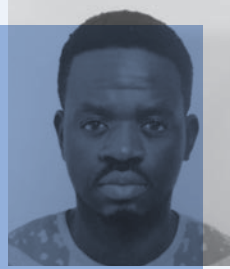
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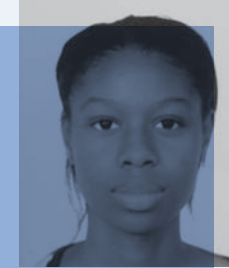
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AROUND THE WORLD SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka's ancient history spans from prehistoric indigenous tribes to an era of monarchy, starting with an exiled prince from India, Prince Vijaya. Then dubbed Ceylon, the island was perpetually colonised by the Portuguese, Dutch, and British respectively. This rich history left behind many cultural values and traditions, a proud heritage that runs deep through Sri Lankan veins and sacred sites belonging to many religions and crucial pieces of fallen empires.

Here is a list of the sites across the island worth visiting on your trip in paradise:

GALLE FORT

Built by the Portuguese in 1620, Galle Fort was fortified by the Dutch in 1667 for its strategic positioning along the Silk Route. Today, Galle Fort is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A walk through the fortified city surrounded by vast stonewalls, down narrow paths with stunning ocean views and archaeological treasures, transports you to the 17th century. Galle Fort has seen a recent influx of new shopping and dining options located in carefully revived, charming buildings.

ANURADHAPURA

The city of Anuradhapura was one of the first cities of Sinhalese civilisation and is built at the heart of the island, around a cutting of the Lord Buddha's sacred Bo Tree. Man-made lakes for irrigation, remains of vast palaces, intricately decorated temples, stupes, and sculptures give visitors an insight into the advanced archaeological, artistic and engineering feats of this early civilisation.

POLONNARUWA

The ancient kingdom of Polonnaruwa was built in the 11th century AD on the shores of a large man-made lake. The ruins of the city, scattered with dagobas, temples, and other historic buildings, stand as testament to a once-flourishing urban civilisation built by King Parakramabahu I. The city of Polonnaruwa has recently gained popularity with visitors, thanks to the Disney documentary film 'Monkey Kingdom', which follows a troop of rila monkeys, capturing their lives and behaviour in the ancient city.



DAMBULLA

The astonishing cave temples at Dambulla have been a pilgrim-age destination for centuries. The temple complex dates back to the first century BCE. A huge Golden Buddha statue sits at the foot of the chmb, and halfway up the rock with views of Sigiriya, are the five caves that house paintings and statues that tell the story of Lord Buddha's life.

KANDY'S TEMPLE OF THE TOOTH

The legendary city built in the hills around a picture-perfect lake is home to the Temple of the Tooth, which houses a sacred relic - a tooth of the Lord Buddha. The temple hosts the vibrant annual Esala Perahera, a parade with fire-dancers, acrobats, and beautifully adorned elephants.

KATARAGAMA

Located in the south of the island, Kataragama is considered a revered holy place for Sri Lankan Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims. The Kataragama festival draws thousands of pilgrims and takes place over a two-week period. Colourfully dressed dancers and elephants parade through the grounds during this time. Kataragama is known for the unbelievable acts of penance performed by the devotees - men in a trance swinging from hooks in their backs and people rolling over hot beds of tinder. The festival is an extraordinary experience, the air filled with wood smoke and a buzzing energy.

JAFFNA'S NALLUR KANDASWAMY KOVIL

This kovil is devoted to the deity Murugan. It is considered one of the most significant Hindu temples in Sri Lanka. The current structure dates back to 1734. The festival is held in August every year, and runs over a period of 24 days. Multiple ceremonies are performed daily for the temple's sacred deity. Visitors are required to remove their shoes, men to remove their shirts, and women to dress modestly, covering their shoulders and legs.

ADAM'S PEAK

The rich historic and cultural significance of Adam's Peak claims to date back to the first man. The mountain is known for the sacred footprint in the stone, nearly six feet in length, and is revered by many religions. Christians and Muslims believe it to belong to Adam, when he first stepped on to Earth. Buddhists believe it to be of the Lord Buddha, and Hindus claim its origin to Lord Shive. The pilgrimage season runs from December to May, when thousands of pilgrims and tourists make the climb to the top. It is key to reach the peak just after dawn, to take in the breathtaking views of the sunrise from the summit.

THE KALUTARA CHAITYA

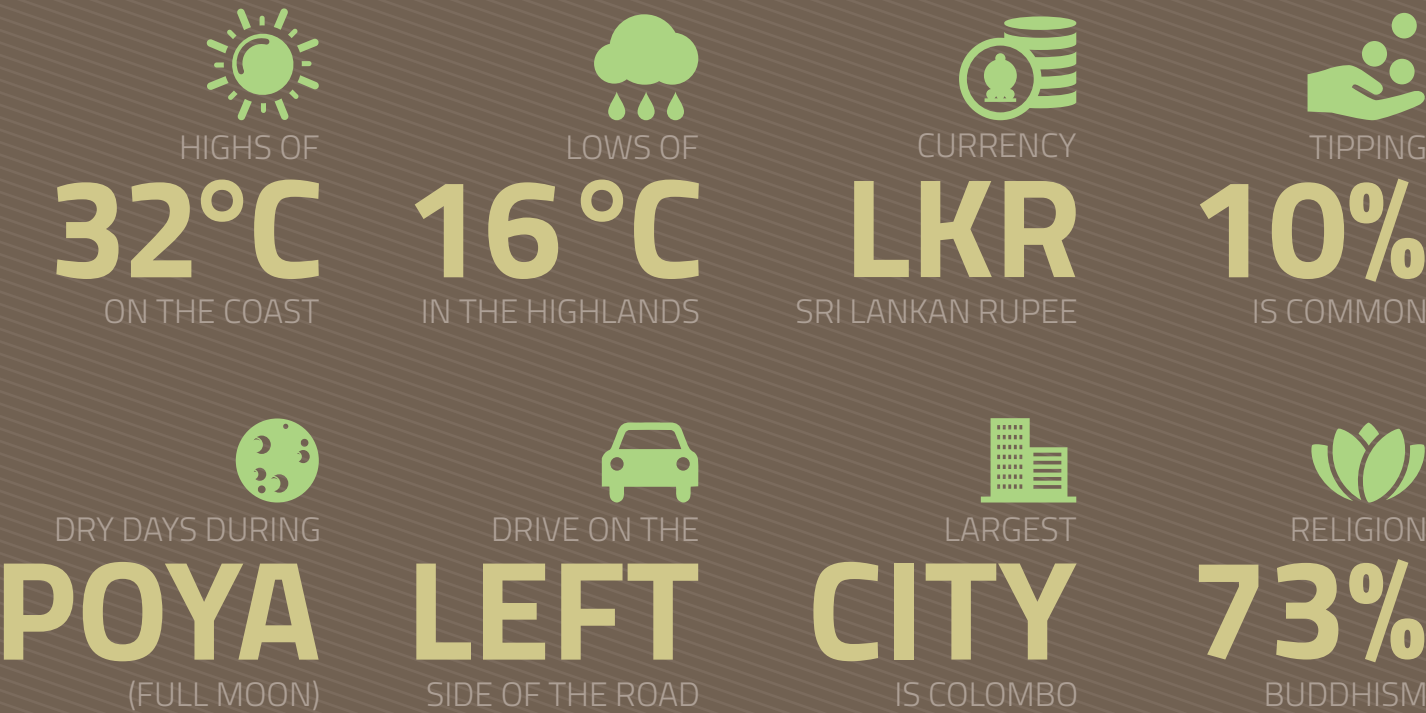
Considered one of the most holy Buddhist temples on the island, here you'll find the world's only hollow stupa (dome-shaped shrine), which houses 74 murals depicting Lord Buddha's journey. Devotees and travellers stop over the Kalutara bridge on their journeys to make a small donation to the temple, asking for good luck and safe travel.



SIGIRIYA

Also known as the lion Rock, this is the ancient King Kassopa's fortress that sits atop a huge rock in the middle of a Rat plain. This site was once accessible through the mouth of a gigantic lion, whose paws are all that remain today. Here you'll climb a staircase that will lead you to galleries filled with frescoes and poems inscribed on the walls of the rock. The most ancient re-corded Sinhala text is found here. At the top of this rock palace are the remains of pools and gardens and a view that will take your breath away.

SRI LANKAN FACTS & FIGURES



BEST LIST

- Best Beach** Marble Bay, Trincomalee
- Best Wildlife Safari** Yala
- Best Thrill** Paramotoring in Bentota
- Best Street Shopping** Pettah Bazaar

- Best Sunrise** Ella Gap
- Best Historical Site** Polonnaruwa
- Best Trek** Horton Plains
- Best Transport** Metered Trishaws

USEFUL TIPS

- A few key words in the local language (Sinhala) will go a long way. 'Ayubowan' (Hello) or 'Isthuthi' (Thank you)
- Look for metered trishaws (tuktuks) in Colombo, otherwise, bargaining of prices is expected. Carry change for under Rs. 1000 to avoid hassle.
- It is advisable to dress modestly when entering religious sites. Ladies, avoid shorts and carry a shawl to drape over exposed shoulders.
- When visiting temples, it is considered rude to turn your back to Buddha statues, so selfies are out of the question.
- Sample local cuisine! Sri Lankan food such as egg hoppers (a crispy bowl-shaped crepe with an egg cooked in the middle).
- Try a Thambili (King Coconut) - they are native to Sri Lanka. They're very refreshing on hot days and are packed full of electrolytes.
- Bathroom facilities during long drives can be very basic. Carry your own toilet paper.
- If you exchange foreign currency, keep the receipt so you can re-exchange any leftover rupees at the end of your trip.

LANKAN LINGO

ENGLISH	SINHALA	TAMIL
Hello	Ayubowan	Vannakam
How are you?	Kohomada?	Neegai-eepad?
What's your name?	Oyage nama mokadha?	Ungl peyr en-na?
My name is ..	Maaghe nama	En peyr
Where?	Koheda?	Eng-ghe?
Please	Kahrunaahkarala	Thayavu saydhu
Thank you	Isthuthi	Nandri
Goodbye	Gihilla ennam	Poytu-varukirehn

PUZZLING PHRASES

Sri Lankans may often say things which don't quite mean exactly what you think. Check out these examples.

So and so	An individual
What a scene	Describing an experience
Put a rock	To party
Come or go Chicago	Regardless
From the back	Out of nowhere
Dancing the merry devil	Having a good time
Shaa, how this one	Wow, check you out
Damn good!	You deserved it
I jolly well hope so	I certainly hope so
He played me ou	He deceived me
Turn at the colour light	Turn at the traffic light
This is the thing nuh	The matter at hand
You'll get from me	Don't provoke me
Don't talk one to one	Don't talk back
Nothing doing	Nothing we can do about it
I'll call my catcher	I'll speak to my contact

LANKANISMS

Speak with a hint of local charm.

Patta	Fantastic
Supiri	Superb
Aniwa	Definitely
Buwa	Dude
Ammatasiri	My gosh
Thadha	Solid
Shoke	Lovely
Charter	Messed up
Bokkeng	From the heart
Pandithaya	A know it all
Set vemu	Let's get together
Outs eke	Out of it
Fit eke	It's cool
Owllak nah	No problem
Bikka	Bikini
Romma	Romantic
Teledrama	TV show
Plug	Uninvited guest
Shape	Okay/good/can do/no problem

If you add 'eka' at the end of any noun, you immediately convert to 'singlish' e.g. bus eka, train eka, pool eka, party eka

Adding 'nuh' at the end of a sentence immediately transforms it into a question; e.g. it's hot nuh?

TEA PLANTATION

Camellia Sinensis, the plant we can thank for every single cup of tea, is native to Asia. Though there are over 3,000 varieties of tea, they all originate from the same basic plant. Today, tea is cultivated in tropical and subtropical regions around the world. Sri Lanka, formerly known as Ceylon, has proudly grown some of the best tea over the last century. Today, that same tradition is widely celebrated.

The history of tea on the island began with colonisation by the British Empire. In 1872, thanks to Mr James Taylor, the first tea plant was cultivated, and soon he opened and operated the first fully equipped tea factory. Thanks to the Brits, most land suitable for tea has been terraced and lined with tea bushes, creating Instagrammable landscapes. From the high-grown teas in the centre of the island to the low-grown teas in the south, the map is dotted with tea plantations, with each plantation sporting vistas more magnificent than the last. Unlike many other tea-producing nations, Sri Lanka does not use machinery to pick the teas. On most days you'll catch flamboyantly dressed ladies skilfully hand-plucking the sought-after 'two leaves and a bud' that make for the perfect cup of tea. These tea pluckers, dressed in traditional saris with baskets on their backs, laboriously groom each tea bush, filling their baskets with bright green leaves. As humble as they may seem, these leaves vary from place to place. Many conditions influence the tea leaf, including the altitude, soil, weather conditions, and even the time of day the tea leaf is plucked. All of these give subtle differences that the refined palate can detect.

Ceylon teas are grown in six major regions, each having a taste and colour of its own. Galle, to the south of the island; Ratnapura, about 55 miles east of the capital Colombo; Kandy, the low region near the ancient royal capital; Nuwara Eliya, the highest area that produces the most delicate teas; Dimbula, west of the central mountains; and Uva, located east of Dimbula. High-grown teas are produced at elevations between 3,500 and 7,500 feet, and low-grown teas range from elevations of 1,500-1,800 feet. Low-grown teas, although strong in taste and colour, tend to lack the distinctive flavours and fresh taste of higher-g teas. High-grown teas produce the best Sri Lanka has to offer: golden elixirs with an intense and distinct flavour.

BLACK TEA

Black tea leaves usually undergo a full oxidation process, resulting in characteristics of a dark brown and black leaf, typically with more pronounced and robust flavours. When brewed, black tea has a higher caffeine level than others. A favourite among the locals, this tea is served religiously during morning and afternoon tea times. Black tea in Sri Lanka is often consumed with milk and sugar, or even a piece of jaggery to bite on in between sips.

GREEN TEA

Green tea is only slightly oxidised; rapidly heating the leaves stops the process. This means that green tea has a lower caffeine level, and can be brewed at a lower temperature than black tea. Ceylon green tea is quickly gaining momentum with its unique character and strong flavours.

WHITE TEA

These teas are the most delicate, entirely hand-processed with no oxidation, they are hand-picked using the youngest of the tea plants. They are renowned for their subtle natural sweetness and complexity. These teas are only harvested at the beginning of the crop. White teas, in comparison to other teas, do not contain caffeine and, brewed correctly at a low temperature, give a very pale straw-coloured liquor. White teas have gained popularity because of their antioxidant and health properties in spite of the high price.

ORGANIC TEA

When it comes to tea, Sri Lanka ranks among the world's undisputed leaders. But few people know that this island gave birth to the world's first certified organic tea gardens. These teas qualify as organic since no artificial fertiliser is used and instead, the soil is seasoned with compost fertiliser. Idulgashinna, as an elevation of 1,000 to 1,900 metres located in the Uva region of eastern Sri Lanka, earned that distinction in 1987. Today, organic tea is gaining in popularity on the international market and we see more plantations striving for this qualification.

OOLONG TEA

The flavour of oolong tea is not as robust as black tea or as subtle as green tea. It is uniquely fragrant with underlying tones. The caffeine content of these teas is between that of black and green tea. The taste and aroma of oolong tea is most often compared to fresh fruits and flowers. Oolong tea is brewed and consumed without any milk or sugar.

Interview with

Chef Sébastien Pinson

at Brasserie FLO



Dear Sébastien Pinson, you are the globetrotter of the French cuisine! Your abroad experiences are numerous; can you tell us more about your long journey?

I left France in 1996, then I passed 13 years in the US, mainly in California (Berkeley and San Francisco). After that I in Spain for 4 years in Spain before going to India and few countries in South America. Food is a trade, everywhere you go people are hungry: people like to indulge themselves.

To what extent it has influenced you in the adaptation of your dishes. Have you adapted your card to their tastes?

The thing with AD is that when I arrived here I had not yet a menu, so I began to visit the most popular places for locals, in order to identify their different tastes. In addition, for the other communities, such as the Lebanese (a huge community here in AD) they are very close to the French cuisine. The problem was to find which food the locals prefer. Actually, I discovered that Emiratis are very into family when it comes to food; it is very user social oriented, and it is not complicated.

The flavors are very different but Emiratis do not like the complication in their food. That is why we hardly see them in haute cuisine restaurants. I do not think they really have an interest in haute cuisine. They will be more interested in a friendly atmosphere and a family one. Therefore, for the menu, we decided to make a “terroir” brasserie, very family oriented, with family tastes. We’ve chosen grandmother recipes not widely known but that will please all of them, and which will please the other communities also because a French who arrives here and sees a “St Honoré” – a dessert which is very difficult to find in the French bakeries nowadays – will tell himself “wow, I use to eat that when I was a kid”. This is the case for most of our desserts, and our dishes too of course! Obviously there are some dishes that we were forced to adapt to the cultural context. For example, many recipes are made without alcohol, such as

the onion soup (whereas there is some in the original recipe). After several months, I managed to create a version of this soup without a drop of alcohol, with almost identical taste. Not that easy!

You’ve been in Abu Dhabi for two years now, which product from the culinary heritage do you maintain in your recipes?

The date! I have four dishes in my menu with date. Whether it is for sweets or for salty dishes, the date always brings different flavors. This is a great product that fits perfectly with our traditional recipes especially with the “chèvre-chaud” (warm goat cheese) or in our “Paris – Abu Dhabi” dessert.

As a French chef, what is the biggest challenge you face every day?

In “Cuisine” it is difficult to convey knowledge. It is a cultural problem as each individual comes with his own know-how and his own experience. At the same time, it is also a richness. With the same recipe, taste is different everytime. The person makes the dish, that’s also why I never leave my kitchen.

Do you use the expertise of the cooks you work with to develop other flavors?

Yes, I am very open to any suggestions from the cooks I work with. For example, to explain the recipe of the “bourguignon beef” for one of the cook, I say “instead of putting soya sauce, combine different sauces and create a new sauce” and since then, the “bourguignon beef” became a very delicious dish and event better than many other dishes I’ve tried in France.

How would you define your customers in the UAE?

It is worth mentioning in the beginning that half of our customers are Emirati and most of them are regular customers. As mentioned before, the Emirati people are very attached to family and values and at the same time they also look for new flavors and particularly the French kitchen’s flavors.

Recipe

Fresh Goat Cheese Pastilla

Serves 4

- Method**
- Bake the nuts and almonds in the oven until slightly colored
 - Mix the goat cheese with olive oil
 - Shape into 4 balls
 - Melt the honey and butter together
 - Sprinkle the filo with walnuts and almonds
 - Spread the leaves on a table and brush with the honey and butter
 - Sprinkle the filo walnuts and almonds
 - Place the cheese balls on the filo and close each sheet around the cheese
 - Brush each fold with honey and butter
 - Place the balls on a roasting dish
 - Bake in the oven for 5 minutes on each side Th. 180C
 - Season the salad with olive oil, balsamic, salt and pepper
 - Cut the dates and apricots into strips and sprinkle over the salad
 - Place the crispy pastilla over the salad
 - Taste...

Pastilla		Salad	
Fresh Oat Cheese w/o Crust	500gr	Mixed or Rocket Salad	160gr
Extra Virgin Olive Oil	12cl	Pomengranate	1
Brick Sheet	4	Dried Abricots	4
Salt & Pepper		Dates	4
Butter	50gr	Salt & Pepper	
Honey	50gr	Extra Virgin Olive Oil	1 tbsp
Almonds	30gr	Balsamic	1 tsp
Walnuts	30gr		

▪ Warning: the cream cheese can become bitter if overcooked or too hot, do not overcook.



Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi places sport on the centre stage, as sport is important and well recognised for its physical, mental, and social benefits. Nearly 20 sporting activities are offered through dedicated structures. The university offers students several opportunities for discovery and development while participating in events and championships with local and regional universities.

Students have the option to choose whether or not to integrate sports as part of their curriculum to earn a qualification (depending on their major and on the activity).

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Past Sports Activities

Since the beginning of the academic year 2015-2016, the Sports Department of Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi has organised the following events:

- On October 23rd, the students experienced the Skydiving Simulation at the Country Club in Abu Dhabi, a great opportunity for a freefall or skydiving without jumping out of an airplane or using a parachute.
- October 24th, Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi had the privilege to welcome Antoine Deneriaz, the Ski Olympic Medalist. A Slalom Ski and Snowboard Competition was organised in Ski Dubai in this occasion.
- On November 6th, a Wakeboard, Standup Paddle initiation and Barbeque took place in Ghantoot Watersport resort in a friendly atmosphere. Families were also invited to try these two exciting sports activities under the UAE sunshine.
- From November 11th to 15th, students from Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi competed with universities from all around the world at the EuroRoma international university sports tournament in Rome, Italy. This event involved no less than 2000 universities.
- On December 8th & 9th, the Sports Department of Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi inaugurated its new Rock Climbing Wall with the presence of Romain Desgranges, the European Championships medalist. Students were enchanted to learn more about his experience as a high-level climber during a conference held at the University.
- December 12th, students took back their paddle board for a Standup Paddle Race at Lulu island, Abu Dhabi.

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Important Dates

- On February 26 and 27, the students have been challenged with another SUP race, challenging them for 2 full days!
- On the 04th of March, an international beach volley tournament took place. A 4-4, mixed 2-2 tournament.
- On March 11, the focus was on women with a female volleyball tournament held by the "Enthusiastic", a nice way to celebrate the women's day!
- On the 23rd of March, the Sports Department's bellydance coach Mrs. Jacqueline Foucroy has presented a beautiful and breathtaking "Arabic Night dance", an event high in color!
- On 24th April 2016, the annual Sports League's Gala in collaboration with the Ladies academy will take place in Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi with no less than 600 guests invited.

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FUN FACTS



01

Thinking burns calories.



02

There are 100,000 more bicycles in Amsterdam than there are people.



03

France is known as 'the hexagon' - because of its six-sided shape, sometimes referred to as l'hexagone.



04

Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch TV for 3 hours.



05

The total numbers of steps in the Eiffel Tower are 1665.



06

One cannot snore and dream at the same time.



07

Camels have three eyelids.



08

Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.

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