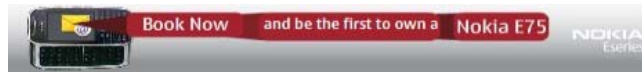




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International School of Creative Science pledges support to community for 7th consecutive year

Sharjah, March 10, 2009: Sharjah Autism Centre will benefit from a three-day charity event organised by Sharjah-based International School of Creative Science (ISCS). The school's 7th annual charity bazaar, which commences tomorrow (March 11) and will run until March 13, is being held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikha Jameela bint Mohammed Al Qasimi, Director General of the Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services and Vice President of the Family Supreme Council in Sharjah.

The annual charity event, which has become an integral part of ISCS's calendar of activities since its establishment in 2002, will raise funds to provide much-needed assistance to children with autism, a disorder that afflicts nearly one in every 150 children in the UAE, in addition to providing necessary support to their families. The charity bazaar is supported by key sponsors Dubai Sports City, Bukhatir Group and Sharjah TV and additional funds are expected to be raised from members of the community visiting the charity bazaar. The event features activities and entertainment for children of all ages in addition to a vast array of products, including handicrafts, household, toys, books and gift items for visitors to choose from.

Every year ISCS organises a charity event to support local non-profit organisations, dedicated to a host of causes. Beneficiaries of events organised in past years have included Sharjah Social Empowerment Foundation and Sharjah Old People's Home alongside long-standing partner Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services (SCHS). This year, proceeds will support Sharjah Autism Centre, a division of SCHS.

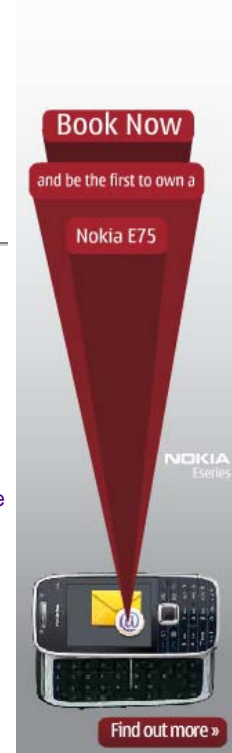
Commenting on the school's commitment to this initiative, Sheikha Jameela bint Mohammed Al Qasimi said: "It is indeed an admirable gesture of the school to continue to pledge their support to noble causes that affect the community. Their annual event has become a pillar of strength for the Sharjah City for Humanitarian Services and their determination to help children with mental and physical disabilities is truly a demonstration of their responsibility to the community and its welfare."

"Supporting Sharjah Autism Centre is the need of the hour as the disorder is on the rise in the UAE. Such events help to raise awareness of such disorders and special needs people in general in our community. This is in addition to the financial support needed to provide educational services and specialised treatment to patients and their families including diagnosis, early intervention, and therapy."

Early intervention for autistic children is necessary in enabling them to function better in society and increases their likelihood of successful integration. The rehabilitation process also requires proper counselling for parents of autistic children on how to deal with them in a manner that will promote their capabilities.

Salah Bukhatir, Chairman of ISCS and Vice-Chairman of the Bukhatir Group added that the school's emphasis on instilling values in its students and developing good global citizens of the future supersedes all other factors affecting society today."

"We at ISCS pride ourselves on the obligation we feel towards our community and its citizens, especially those with special needs. Although this year will be a tough year for all, considering the current global crisis, we believe now, more than ever, we must remain committed to supporting charitable causes. Extending our support should not be reserved only for prosperous times and we must be of the mindset that those in need will always be our responsibility



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