

The Path of Happiness

Yesterday, Al-Othman House was honored to graduate the sixth senior class of memorizers of the Holy Quran in the late Abdullah Al-Othman's tournament, under the patronage of His Excellency, Minister of Justice Dr. Faleh Al-Azab and in the presence of Mr. Barak Al-Shitan, General Director of PAMA. During the beautiful ceremony and upon seeing the children and their parents, and the embodiment of the state sponsorship of community work, I became lost in thought and went back in time.

Years have passed since the opening of the House. I remembered the times I carried a notebook for the initial plans of an idea and a vision which was hard to translate into reality, just like a beautiful dream you never want to wake up from, not like nowadays' dreams which startle you and make you jump out for your bed in the middle of the night. But thanks to God Almighty, the dream has come true. Al-Othman House is merely a translation of my father's will, following the example of his charitable heritage. At that time, we were under the family's pressure to build a family-gathering diwaniya, but I was able to convince my family to build a community-gathering diwaniya, a house where the name of God is mentioned, serving the community and the youth. Thus, the House became a community partnership, embodying a bright vision. Every year, Al-Othman House graduates 100 students from a program which reflects the moderation that society needs and instills the foundations of citizenship. I can proudly say that our students are Kuwaiti and Arabs, Sunni and Shia. Al-Othman House does not differentiate between any segments of society, and focuses on memorizing the Holy Quran, studying the Arabic language, Arabic calligraphy, and ethics. A straight and true