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**CELEBRATING A YEAR OF
CONNECTION, CULTURE
AND COMMUNITY**

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A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

The 2025–2026 year marked another meaningful chapter for the Harvard Club of Kuwait as we continued to strengthen our alumni community through intellectual engagement, cultural exchange, professional networking, and collaboration with distinguished institutions and global Harvard initiatives.

Throughout the year, the Club hosted and supported a diverse range of events that reflected Harvard’s spirit of lifelong learning, leadership, innovation, and global impact. From thought-provoking discussions on environmental health and education policy to cultural gatherings, networking events, and collaborations with leading organizations, our community remained vibrant, connected, and forward-looking.

We are deeply grateful to our members, partners, speakers, and supporters whose participation and contributions made this year possible. Together, we continue to build a strong and dynamic Harvard alumni presence in Kuwait and across the region.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Harvard Alumni Day Cultural Evening with Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah

In celebration of Harvard Alumni Day, the Harvard Club of Kuwait organized a private guided cultural evening in collaboration with Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah at the American Cultural Centre – House of Islamic Antiquities. Members enjoyed a rich cultural experience through guided tours of three captivating exhibitions:

- The Amricani Story
- Ancient Arabia
- Modern Architecture in Kuwait

The evening provided alumni with a unique opportunity to reconnect while exploring Kuwait's rich artistic and historical heritage in one of the country's most iconic cultural destinations.

Harvard Business School Virtual Student Session

The Club also promoted and supported a virtual session featuring current students from the MENA region at Harvard Business School. Participants gained firsthand insights into:

- The HBS MBA Program
- Student life on campus
- The Harvard Business School community experience

The event served as an inspiring platform for prospective applicants and alumni interested in higher education and leadership development.

Exclusive Visit to National Bank of Kuwait Headquarters

In collaboration with the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK), the Harvard Club of Kuwait hosted an exclusive visit to NBK's state-of-the-art headquarters in Kuwait City. The event included:

- A guided headquarters tour
- A focused session on fraud awareness and financial security
- Presentations on talent management and development programs

This gathering highlighted innovation, leadership, and capability-building within Kuwait's banking sector while offering members valuable professional insights and networking opportunities.

Ivy League Plus Alumni Networking Event

The Harvard Club of Kuwait proudly hosted the "Ivy League Plus Alumni Networking Event: Bridging Excellence," bringing together alumni from Ivy League universities and leading U.S. institutions. Due to overwhelming interest, the event expanded to welcome a broader community of distinguished professionals and graduates. The evening fostered meaningful conversations, professional networking, and opportunities for collaboration across industries. Held at The Chairman Club, the gathering reflected the Club's commitment to building strong academic and professional bridges within Kuwait and the wider region.

Harvard Moves Meetup – Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre

As part of the global Harvard Moves initiative, the Club organized a special guided evening at the Sheikh Abdullah Al Salem Cultural Centre. Members explored several world-class museums and exhibitions including:

- Natural History Museum
- Science & Technology Museum
- Fine Arts Centre
- Arabic Islamic Science Museum
- Space Museum

The event combined movement, learning, culture, and community engagement in one of Kuwait's most prominent cultural landmarks.

Special Gathering Hosted by the Ambassador of Poland

The Harvard Club of Kuwait was honored to host a special gathering generously organized by H.E. the Ambassador of Poland.

The evening featured exquisite desserts prepared by a chef from a Polish Michelin-starred restaurant and provided members with an intimate and distinguished setting to connect and engage with fellow alumni.

The Club extends its sincere appreciation to the Ambassador for the gracious hospitality and warm welcome.



YEAR IN REVIEW

Supporting Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs Accelerator 2026

The Club proudly supported and promoted applications for the 2026 Harvard Alumni Entrepreneurs (HAE) Accelerator, powered by Pegasus Tech Ventures. This prestigious 10-week virtual accelerator program helps alumni founders strengthen investor readiness, scale their ventures, and connect with world-class mentors and investors.

The initiative reflects Harvard's entrepreneurial ecosystem and commitment to innovation, collaboration, and global impact.

Harvard Alumni Summit Middle East & Africa 2026

The Harvard Club of Kuwait proudly participated in the creation of the Harvard Alumni Summit Middle East & Africa 2026, held at the iconic Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

The summit brought together Harvard alumni, innovators, thought leaders, and professionals from across the Middle East, Africa, and around the world. The event focused on:

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- Building meaningful connections
- Encouraging regional collaboration
- Advancing innovation and leadership
- Creating pathways for future impact

The summit represented a milestone in strengthening Harvard's regional alumni network and fostering cross-border collaboration.

Harvard Speakers Bureau Session with Professor Fernando Reimers

The Club invited members to a special Harvard Speakers Bureau virtual session featuring Professor Fernando Reimers, a globally recognized authority on education policy and educational innovation.

The discussion explored:

- The role of education in sustainable development
- Civic and economic participation through education
- How schools can empower future generations

The session reflected the Club's commitment to supporting thought leadership and lifelong learning

Evening Talk: Environmental Health in Kuwait – Past, Present, and Future

The Harvard Club of Kuwait hosted an engaging evening lecture featuring Dr. Petros Koutrakis, Akira Yamaguchi Professor of Environmental Health and Human Habitation at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Held at The Chairman Club in KIPCO Tower, the session examined Kuwait's environmental health landscape, discussing historical developments, current challenges, and future opportunities.

The event encouraged important dialogue around public health, sustainability, and environmental responsibility in Kuwait and the region.

Harvard Alumni Association Speakers Bureau Spotlight Series

Members of the Harvard Club of Kuwait participated in the Harvard Alumni Association Speakers Bureau Spotlight Series featuring Juliette Kayyem, Belfer Senior Lecturer in International Security at Harvard Kennedy School.

Her lecture, "The Risk Environment in 2026," explored modern global risks, crisis management, and international security challenges.

The session highlighted Harvard's continued contribution to global dialogue on leadership, resilience, and policy.

Community Engagement & Partnerships

Throughout the year, the Harvard Club of Kuwait continued to strengthen relationships with:

- Embassies and diplomatic missions
- Kuwaiti cultural institutions
- Leading corporations and organizations
- Regional Harvard alumni communities
- Ivy League and U.S. university alumni networks

These collaborations created valuable opportunities for learning, networking, cultural exchange, and regional engagement.

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UPCOMING EVENT

HAA Speakers Bureau session for the Middle East & Africa region featuring Professor David Yoffie of Harvard Business School. As organizations and leaders continue navigating rapid technological transformation, this session will provide valuable insights into AI, digital leadership, strategy, and the future of innovation.

Session Details:

Date: Tuesday, June 2

Time: 6:00 PM Kuwait Time

Topic: AI & Digital Leadership

Location: Virtual event

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look toward the coming year, the Harvard Club of Kuwait remains committed to:

- **Expanding alumni engagement**
- **Supporting lifelong learning opportunities**
- **Strengthening regional and global Harvard connections**
- **Encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship**
- **Promoting cultural and intellectual exchange**
- **Creating meaningful impact within our community**

We look forward to welcoming even more opportunities for collaboration, dialogue, and connection in the year ahead.

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