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PYP INFORMATION EVENING FOR NEW PARENTS

TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2013

This annual event takes place at the start of every academic year in the Junior School. This year we met in the Junior School Library at 17h30 but the heavy traffic in Mombasa dictated that we started at 17h45.

A reasonable number of new parents and "old" parents, who have their second or third children starting the PYP, attended the event. I would still like to see a greater interest and effort shown by new parents to have an introduction into the AKA, M Junior School as an IB World School offering all three IB Programs as well as the Dual Language Program.

The Principal, Mr. Les Wilkins introduced the proceedings by briefly outlining the history of the school and His Highness' vision for all the Academies.

He then spoke about the AK Learner Profile and the Aga Khan 5 Strands that are woven into the curriculum from Year 1 right through to DP 2.

His talks were supported by power point presentations and in his characteristic blending of humor with serious business he had prepared two AKA, M hats with the 12 Learner Profile attributes dangled down from the brim of the floppy-hat and the 5 Strand pinned to the cap. He mentioned: "If the hat/cap fits wear it! We should all be wearing these hats/caps as the AKA, M community vis. Students, Teachers, Parents, School Leaders and



others, and be seen to be modeling each of them all the time in our daily lives."

The Vice Principal/PYP Coordinator, Ms. Rukiya Cochu then concluded the official agenda by outlining the fundamentals of the IB PYP Program dealing with some history, the philosophy and pedagogy. She ably equated how the faculty practices these standards and practices into their everyday teaching and learning not only during the academic timetable but also in situations outside the classroom environment.

The informative evening ended with a question and answer session and a well prepared variety of 'bitings' and refreshments prepared by the Academy Catering Staff. The Principal and Vice Principal pass on their sincere thanks to these hard working support staff.

