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CALENDAR DATES

12 October: Iftar

WHAT BETTER time to come together than during the Holy month of Ramadan? Come along with your spouse/partner to a MEGAA Iftaar dinner to be held on **12 October** in Dubai. Note this date in your diaries!

Come along and meet new MEGAA members, learn more about the MEGAA website and have some fun! Venue and cost per person is yet to be confirmed, suggestions for a venue are welcome. To book your seat please contact Nada.

21 September: Meeting

NEXT COMMITTEE meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 21 September at 1pm** at the Australian Consulate in Dubai. Please let Nada know if you would like to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the arrangements for the upcoming MEGAA events.

January 2007: BBQ

JANUARY 2007 BBQ and sporting event – details to follow in the next issue of MEGAA'zette.

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THIS MONTH'S NEWS

Australian students to visit the UAE

THE QUEENSLAND University of Technology is organising a study tour to Dubai next month. The study tour includes 20 final year Australian students undertaking courses in Engineering, Town Planning, Architecture, Quantity Surveying and Construction Management. The group will be led by a senior professor at the University.

The purpose of the QUT study tour is to expose students to international construction methods and processes in different cities. As Dubai is the pinnacle of construction and development at the moment - it seems like the best place for these students to visit, don't you think?

As part of the visit program the study group would be eager to visit a couple of construction sites in Dubai and perhaps meet up with Alumni working in the construction industry in the UAE. If anyone is interested in meeting the group and/or arranging a site construction tour please contact Nada on nada.salha@aei.gov.au.

The group will be visiting Dubai from the 21st to the 28th of September, 2006.

MEGAA Website

THE DESIGN and building of our website is progressing beautifully and has reached Prototype stage!

- **CONTENTS:** The MEGAA website will include an online registration form, "about us", job vacancies, news, upcoming conferences and information about social events, photo gallery, profiles, links to Australian government and education providers and much more. If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to tell us.
- **BLOG:** The website includes the MEGAA Blog link. The blog is already operating. Please feel free to log onto the blog at www.megaanetwork.com/blog/ or www.megaablog.com and start chatting. You have been assigned a username and password. If you don't know what it is or have any difficulty logging onto MEGAA blog, please email Jo Clarke or Nada Salha.
- **FLASH:** As most people have Flash installed on their computers, we are going to include an animated introductory page to the web site, as well as animation in the logo and other elements of the site. There will be alternative pages for those who do not have Flash, as well as link to download Flash application.
- **MUSIC:** Are you musical? Do you have original and/or royalty free music clips that we could use (with acknowledgement) on the site? Ideally in .wav, .mp3 or .aiff format but any will do. Please email the sound file to Jo Clarke
- **COMMENTS:** Do you have other content that you think may be good to put up on the website, perhaps in the profile section? For example, your artwork/ photo/ info about you and projects you have done, etc. Please submit it!

MEGAA Sponsorship

TO INCREASE exposure of the MEGAA network we need to get the word out. If your organisation produces a monthly newsletter please let us know if we could contribute a small article about MEGAA.

Perhaps your company may be interested in a sponsorship deal with MEGAA? The sponsoring company will be featured on the MEGAA website and will also be invited to attend MEGAA events. Please let Nada know if you can help with this!

MEGAA Newsletter

...for us and by us!

IF ANYONE would like to add any notifications, news stories, articles, etc. to the next newsletter you are most welcome to. Please feel free to drop Nada an email at anytime with further suggestions, questions or ideas to Nada.

We need your story!

EVERY QUARTER the MEGAA website will feature a MEGAA member profile. The profile is basically a short synopsis about the Australian graduate; where they are from, what and where they studied in Australia and what they are doing now.

We would love to include your profile, so please send through a short profile of 200 words or so along with a photo of yourself!

LINKS

MEGAA Blog

www.megaanetwork.com

Australian Education International

www.aei.gov.au

Who we are

THE MIDDLE East and Gulf Australian Alumni Network (MEGAA) is made up of extremely high calibre nationals and expatriates who have graduated from an Australian education institution and are now living, working or residing in the Middle East. MEGAA Network operates under the auspice of the Australian Government through Australian Education International (AEI).

What a MEGAA member does

MEMBERS OF MEGAA provide support and mentoring for prospective students who are interested in exploring study opportunities in Australia, establish partnerships with local employers to help link graduates of Australian institutions with job opportunities in their local countries, and assist in building stronger bilateral business, cultural and trade relationships between Australia and the Middle East. MEGAA members also have the opportunity to organise social events such as BBQs, sports, dinners and informal gatherings.

Prospective students

ARE YOU considering studying in overseas, or through an Australian institute? Would you like to talk to others who have? Would you like to ask questions and get first hand experience? The MEGAA Blog is just the place to meet experienced alumni and staff from Australian Education International. Join the MEGAA Blog online or call Nada on +971 (0) 4 315 9513.

Become a MEGAA member

TO BECOME a MEGAA member you will need to have gained a degree/ diploma through an Australian education institution (TAFE, College or University).

MEGAA Logo

Congratulations to Partha Ramaswamy for designing the winning logo for the MEGAA network.



It's a great logo don't you think? This logo will be attached to all our marketing and promotional material for MEGAA. Thank you to everyone else that contributed their designs and ideas for the logo.

MEGAA Photo Library

**We need YOU!
Well at least photos
of yourselves!**

Remember docking your cap and proudly wearing the famous black cloak on your graduation day at University?

Family and friends taking pictures of you as you proudly posed for the camera?

Well, we would love to see these photos and include them on the MEGAA website. Portrait, landscape, individual or group photos are welcome.

Please send them through to admin@megaanetwork.com.