



## What's New at AIMRI



### TALK SHOW AT AIMRI: SHIPPING & MARITIME OUTLOOK: 2020 AND BEYOND

With political, technological and regulatory disruptions, Shipping industry is looking forward towards an uncertain year ahead. According to the Lloyd's List Shipping industry post 2020 is likely to witness irreversible change triggered by the imperatives of regulatory reforms and the drive towards decarbonisation. To discuss more about the Shipping Outlook, AIMRI shall organise a talk show on Shipping and Maritime Outlook: 2020 and Beyond, The panel will comprise of recognised industry 'big thinkers' who shall debate on critical questions shaping the maritime markets like What the major threats which lies ahead for the shipping industry, macro factor affecting the shipping markets in 2020, what are the major measures taken to ensure safety and what are the biggest challenges to the future efficiency of shipping.

# Education News across the World



## HAWAII TO RECEIVE \$50M FEDERAL EDUCATION GRANT FOR LITERACY

The Hawaii Department of Education won a federal grant of nearly \$50 million for a long-term effort to enhance literacy among children, officials said. The state education department will begin seeking applicants in January for the effort that will use techniques grounded in data. The funds will supplement current instruction combined with other approaches known to be effective, from family education and engagement to ensuring educators at all levels have necessary tools and training, officials said. The \$49.8 million grant will be divided among grade levels, with 40% to elementary schools, 40% to secondary schools and 15% to early education from birth to age 5. The remaining 5% at the state level will cover grant administration and program monitoring, officials said. **Source: Education Week**

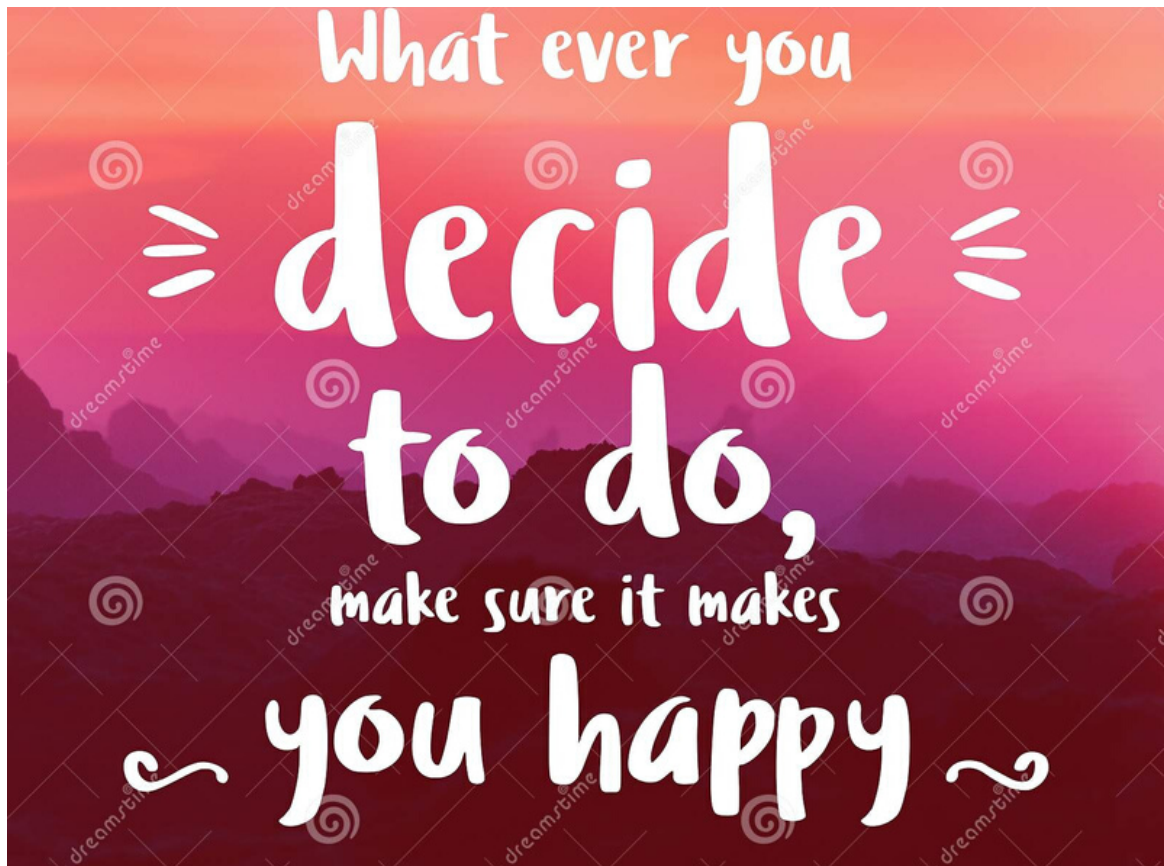
## EU AFFIRMS DESIRE TO ENHANCE RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT

Cristain Tudor, head of European Union delegation to Kuwait, said the EU is keen to enhance the dialogue in support of Kuwait's "Vision 2035" to diversify its economy, building up on the long established ties that EU member states enjoy in Kuwait. The economic ties between the EU and Kuwait are an important focus of the bilateral relationship as the EU is the third biggest trade partner for Kuwait", he told the reporters. EU regularly supports cultural and educational activities in Kuwait, in partnership with local civil society organisations, Kuwaiti people and civil society in Kuwait are thus an integral part of the relations between the EU and Kuwait. The EU offers the opportunity, to students, researchers and higher education and research institutions from Kuwait to participate in Erasmus+ and the Marie Skłodowska - Curie (MSC) actions, with special candidates from the Gulf regions. **Source: New Kuwait**



## UAE KIDS' APP CREATED BY FIVE WOMEN GETS \$1 MILLION IN SEED FUNDING

QiDZ, a one-stop destination for kids-related fun, education and entertainment in the UAE, announced earlier today that the company has raised \$1 million (Dh3.67 million) in seed funding. The round was led by several regional and international institutional investors, which included the Oman Technology Fund, 500 Startups, Launched in the UAE in November 2017, QiDZ was founded by five women, Simona Agolini, Ines Mena, Claudia Ribas, Nourhan Hassan and Therese Hundt. QiDZ is the first mobile app in the region to bring a unique platform that consolidates all the family-related entertainment and kids' activities of all ages in one place. The app enables users to discover more than 3000 hand-picked fun and educational activities, deals and restaurants and book online instantly. With QiDZ, parents no longer need to spend hours searching for activities and agonising over scheduling. Our app helps to explore different locations in the vicinity, filter by ages and interests of their kids, and ultimately enjoy exciting, fun-filled activities, which create lasting memories. **Source: Gulf News**



### ASK THE EXPERT

I am super confused as to what to choose after my 12th grade. How do I know which to choose or shall I just choose which ever subject I like? - **Asha Roy, Blue Bells School.**

Hi Asha, this question is quite intimidating for those who don't have a defined career path to choose from. As you come near to the end of your school life, a new life begins and if you are unable to make the right choices, it might lead you to a career path which is not a right fit for you. Hence it is important that you think clearly and have an in-depth knowledge of the choices that you have ahead of you. This is also a time wherein you can easily get influenced by various suggestions from people around you.

Decision making is an important skill which an individual must have to decide on your road ahead, since no matter which job you do, your success will be based on the reasoning applied behind the decisions you take. Consider your strength and weakness, and find the right stream for you. Nowadays, students are also choosing unconventional and exciting career paths which are both lucrative and interesting. Once you have the clarity regarding the needs of the chosen sector, remove all the subject options which would restrict your path to that career and replace them with subjects that can complement your choice. If you are not sure about your forte, take an aptitude test which will help you understand your strengths and weaknesses and also find the right career options for you. Finally, Check out the colleges which can help you provide the best faculty and amenities to achieve your career goals. Like every other choice, all you need to do is look at the wider picture and take the decision keeping in mind your future aim and your past performance.

Whatever you choose, make sure that you love it wholeheartedly. Because in order to be successful, you have to figure out what you're passionate about first. No matter what you aspire to, you've got to love what you do in order to be successful at it." - Michelle Obama

This specific corner has been introduced for those who seek advice on education and related matters. If you have a feel free to submit your questions to [aimri@ariesgroup.ae](mailto:aimri@ariesgroup.ae)