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School of International Cooperation, Security & Strategic Languages (SICSSL)

Workshop on Introduction to Arabic Fundamentals of Language and Culture

Date: 01 July 2024 to 07 July 2024 Time: 1900 hours to 2100 hours



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Arabic in the Indian subcontinent

One of the oldest languages spoken today, Arabic has roots dating back to the 5th century BCE]. It is spoken by over 300 million people globally, making it the 5th most spoken language. It's also an official language in 22 countries and one of the six official languages of the United Nations.

For centuries, Arabic has played a significant role in India, shaping its religious landscape, cultural identity, and even offering economic opportunities. Islam, a prominent religion in India, considers Arabic sacred as it is the language of the Quran, the sacred book of Islam. Millions of Indian Muslims find deep religious connection by studying Arabic to understand the Quran in its original form. Furthermore, trade routes and cultural exchanges between India and the Arab world for over a millennium left an indelible mark. Arabic loanwords are woven into many Indian languages, and the study of Arabic sheds light on this rich shared history. Current India's strong economic ties with Arab nations make Arabic a valuable skill. Fluency can open doors to jobs in business translation, diplomacy, and the Middle Eastern energy sector.

Workshop Main topics

- Features of Arabic language and script
- Arabic culture and dialects: geographical and linguistic diversities
- Spoken Arabic: Greetings and self – introduction
- Asking about opinions /suggestions/ views
- Thanks and compliments
- Useful Arabic expressions for everyday life
- Daily routine and activities
- Basics of Arabic sentence

Outlines

- Speaking: Greetings and self – introduction
- Asking about opinions /suggestions/ views
- Thanks and compliments
- Expressing impressions, polite disagreements
- Cultural and linguistic aspects/Arabic dialects
- Introduction to Arabic writing
- Arabic sentence: types and structure
- Components of Arabic sentence
- Styles and types of Arabic writing
- Modern Arabic writing
- Basics of writing: filling an application form, writing letters, writing a short passage.

Introduction to Arabic: Fundamentals of Language and Culture

Session 1: Introduction to Arabic and Overview

- Introduction to the workshop objectives and structure
- Brief overview of the Arabic language and its significance
- Introduction to Arabic-speaking countries and their global influence
- Ice-breaking activity: Basic greetings in Arabic

Session 2: Features of Arabic Language and Script

- Introduction to the Arabic alphabet and script
- Unique features of the Arabic language (e.g., right-to-left writing, phonetics)
- Differences between Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and other dialects
- Writing practice: Basic letters and forming simple words.

Session 3: Spoken Arabic: Greetings and Self-Introduction

- Common greetings and phrases for self-introduction
- Role-playing: Introducing yourself in Arabic
- Practicing pronunciation and listening skills
- Interactive activity: Practice introduction.

Session 4: Asking About Opinions, Suggestions, and Views

- Phrases and questions for asking opinions and suggestions
- Interactive practice: Role-playing scenarios
- Understanding cultural contexts in conversation
- Strategies for polite and respectful dialogue

Session 5: Thanks and Compliments

- Expressing gratitude and giving compliments in Arabic
- Practicing common expressions of thanks and praise
- Cultural significance of compliments and polite expressions
- Writing and speaking exercises to reinforce learning.

Session 6: Arabic Culture and Dialects

- Overview of Arabic-speaking countries and cultural diversity
- Differences between major dialects (e.g., Egyptian, Levantine, Gulf)
- Impact of geography on dialects and cultural practices
- Cultural norms and etiquette in various regions
- Role-playing: Cultural scenarios and appropriate responses

Session 7: Useful Arabic Expressions for Everyday Life

- Essential phrases for daily interactions (e.g., asking for help, shopping)
- Role-playing: Using expressions in everyday contexts
- Review and practice of key expressions
- Incorporating expressions into simple conversations

Session 8: Basics of Arabic Sentence Structure

- Fundamental grammar rules (nouns, verbs, adjectives)
- Constructing simple sentences (subject-verb-object order)
- Examples of common phrases and their grammatical structure
- Introduction to definite articles and simple prepositions

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