



2008-09 CITA Five Star Conferences, Saudi Arabia *Moving from Theory to Practice*

Jeddah: 12 March 2009

Dar Al Fikr School

Riyadh: 19 March 2009

Riyadh Schools for Boys and Girls



18 February 2009

Dear CITA Schools and Educators,

CITA Services is pleased to announce the second educational conference in Saudi Arabia. The theme for the 2008-09 Five Star Conferences in the Kingdom is *Moving from Theory to Practice*, being held in Jeddah and Riyadh. The conference is cosponsored by the American English Language Teachers' Association (AELTA).

Two conferences, hosted by Dar Al Fikr School in Jeddah and the Riyadh Schools for Boys and Girls in Riyadh, will be offered separately for males and females, respectively. This year's conference will present more than 15 concurrent sessions, in each conference, to help enrich classroom instruction and improve student achievement.

Administrators, Pre-K to Grade 12 new and experienced teachers, and Ministry of Education teachers and supervisors are invited to attend. The conference is particularly valuable for schools that offer an American curriculum and for CITA candidate schools that are in the accreditation process phase. Educators from non-CITA schools are also welcome to attend.

CITA Services offers professional development and consultation, including on-site teacher workshops, large conferences and online learning opportunities for teachers and schools. CITA Services advances the quality of education worldwide by sharing best practices, research, and successful strategies to improve schools.

CITA Five Star Conferences advance the quality of education worldwide by sharing best practices, research, and successful strategies to improve schools. The five star areas are **Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, Leadership, and Accreditation**. The conference offers administrators and teachers the opportunities for professional development and continuing education credit, which can be applied to the CITA International Teaching Certificate. Participants of the conference will earn .5 credits towards continuing education (full-day participation is required).

Topics/Sessions:

Sessions and workshops will be taught by professional developers and educators from around the world who have practical experience and expertise in American, International, and National education, sharing best practices, research, and successful strategies. Topics include:

- We're on the Write Path in Grades 4-12! Improve Student Writing Using the 6-Trait Model
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) - The Latest in Assessment for American Schools
- How Cognitive Science can Inform the Creation of Learning Environments
- Educational Leadership: Developing and Improving International Schools
- Write Away in Grades K-3! Improve Student Writing Using the 6-Trait Model
- AdvancED / CITA Accreditation and School Improvement Process
- Student Design Projects for Science and Engineering
- Curriculum Development for American and International Programs
- Share Responsibility for Student Learning through Effective Supervision
- Science Projects for Elementary and Middle School Students
- Best Classroom Management Strategies in the Arab World
- Working with and Motivating Students and Parents
- Discover Motivating Teaching Methods for Science
- Designing Student Projects using Research Skills
- Developing and Improving Your School Library
- Effective Teaching Behaviors that Work Wonders
- Cooperative Learning in the Classroom
- Teaching Literature in Groups
- Stages of Second Language Acquisition
- Professional Development Matters!
- Connecting Classroom
- FISH! for Schools
- Teaching Literacy
- Strategies for Teaching Mathematics
- Assessment as a Teaching Tool
- Teaching Science for EFL Learners
- Elearning: Learner Autonomy

...and many more



The Conference Program will be sent to you prior to the conference. This will serve as your tool for planning your own personal schedule for the day. It's going to be a great day!

Conference Registration Fee

Pre-registration conference fee

\$90 USD or 340 SAR per attendee, per conference

Lunch and refreshments are included in the conference fee.

Same-day registration conference fee

\$120 USD or 450 SAR per attendee

Spread the Word & Reduce the Costs!



- Bring ten or more educators from the same school and receive a discount of \$15 per attendee, a savings of \$150! Only \$75 per attendee.

Payment Methods:

Check (preferred method) drawn on a US bank in US dollars, written to CITA, or cash (USD preferred)

Individuals who are not affiliated with a CITA applicant, candidate, or accredited school are asked to pay a registration fee of \$120 or 450 SAR.

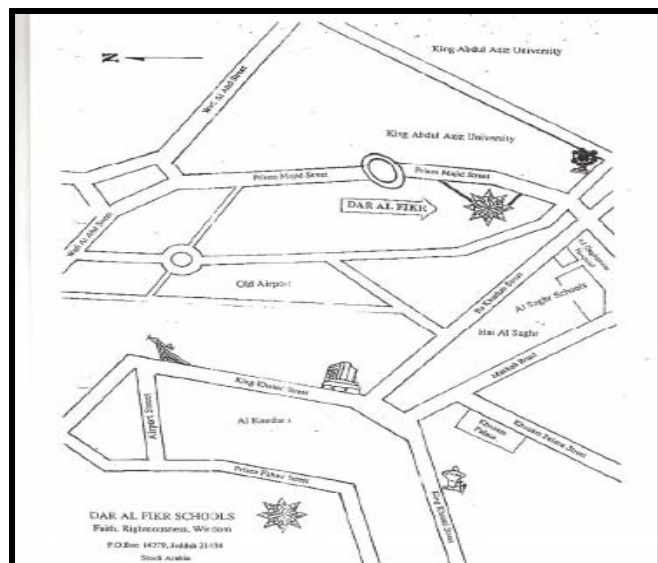
Riyadh Conference Venue

Riyadh School for Boys and Girls



Jeddah Conference Venue

Dar Al Fikr School



The conferences will be held from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Conference check-in and same-day registration will begin at 7:45 am. Please arrive early to receive your materials and to better prepare for the day.

Registration Procedures

Pre-registration Dates: 28 February – 8 March 2009

Due to examinations and mid-term holidays in the Kingdom, **pre-registration is only open for one week.** Late registrants are welcome to register on the morning of the conference at an additional cost.

Pre-registrants will be guaranteed participation. In addition, the conference fee will be discounted and pre-registrant certificates will be issued the day of the conference. Registration forms must be accompanied by the conference fees listed below.

Those who do not pre-register will not be guaranteed participation and are asked to register the morning of the conference(s), arriving between 7:45 – 8:30 a.m. **Same day registration will close at 8:30 a.m. Latecomers will not be admitted.** Certificates for same day registrants will be distributed by the CITA Regional Office in Cairo in mid-April.

Attached please find the registration form. Please note that the name you register with will reflect your nametag as well as your certificate. Therefore, **it is essential for you to register as you would like your name to appear on your certificate.** Name change requests **will not** be accepted the day of the conference.

Please hand-deliver the attached registration form and conference fees to one of the following:

Pre-registration for Riyadh Residents and Surrounding Areas:

Registration forms will be accepted **28 February – March 8 only** at the following location:

Riyadh Schools for Boys and Girls (Please see map above)

- **Female Registration:** Ms. Najla Al Thawad
Tel: 01-402-8411 ext. 3413
Fax: 01-406-5159
Email: najla_444@yahoo.com

- **Male Registration:** Mr. Mohammad AbdulHadi
Tel: 01-406-8519
Mobile: 050-291-8206
Fax: 01-406-6471
Email: mo-hadi@riyadhschools.edu.sa
mytray_1234@hotmail.com

Office hours for registration: 9:00am – 2:00 pm only

Pre-registration for Jeddah Residents and Surrounding Areas

Registration forms will be accepted **28 February - March 8 only** at the following location:

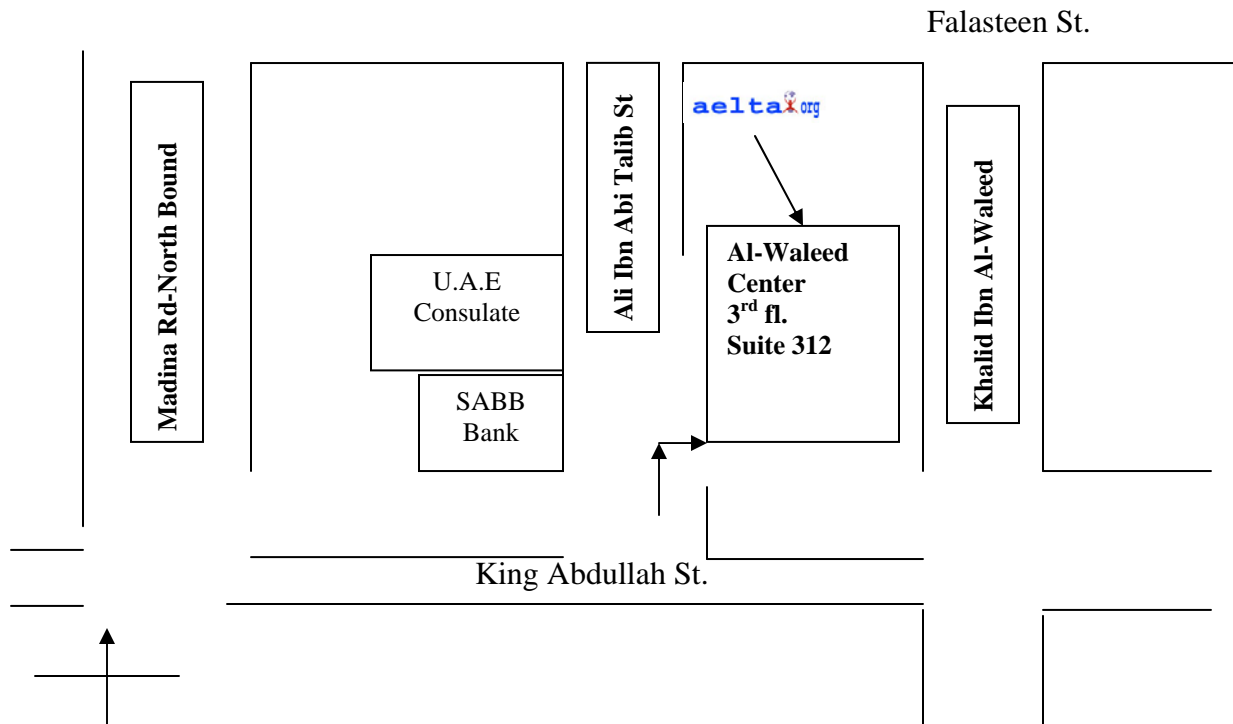
AELTA Office-Middle East Professional Development Center (see map below)

Mrs. Nawal Osman, AELTA Education Consultant

Tel: 050-368-9689

Email: osmannawal@gmail.com

Office hours for registration: 10:00am – 3:30 pm and 7:00 – 9:00 pm only



CITA would like to extend warm gratitude to the staff of Dar Al Fikr and Riyadh Schools for Boys and Girls for hosting the 2008-09 conferences and for their commitment to advancing the quality of education in Saudi Arabia. CITA would also like to thank the staff of Riyadh Schools for Boys and Girls and Mrs. Nawal Osman for managing the conference registration. Thank you all!

We are delighted to bring you this professional development opportunity. We look forward to seeing you next month. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the following CITA staff members:

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