



MAYO COLLEGE

ROUND SQUARE REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2011 **HOSTED BY- KINGS ACADEMY, MADABA, MANJA, JORDAN** **DATE- 8-14 DEC, 2011**

December 8-14, 2011, five Mayo boys of grade 10 and myself as Chaperone, were part of Round Square Regional Conference at Madaba, Manja, Jordan. Apart from Mayo College, Ajmer, twelve schools from India, Bangladesh, Kenya, Jordan, Portugal and Turkey participated in this Conference.

The conference was declared open formally by His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan. He addressed the various issues concerning Jordan and Middle East Asia. He also responded to queries raised by delegates on these issues.



Mayo Delegates at Petra, Jordan
Maanav, Nitin, Prakhar, Hardik, Shubham

After the ice breaking sessions and Baraza, the King's Academy students staged a play "Miracle Worker" which was appreciated by each and everyone.

On adventure day, we went to Petra to witness this heritage site which is one of the Seven Wonders of World.

Swimming in the Dead Sea was great fun thereafter at Amman Beach. Delegates planted saplings at Eco Park at Jordan Valley. We also saw the Lunar Eclipse at Eco Park.



Presentation of Mayo Service Project

Presentation on service projects by RSC schools was the next thing to do. Maanav Saraf presented Mayo College Service project, which was highly appreciated by every one.

The Baraza discussions were based on the Key Note Speaker's Address to delegates. The Key Note Speakers were Dr Rana Dajani, Mr Daniel Dudley and Mr Matthew Westman who spoke on "We love Reading" and International Community Service Projects at Malawi and Kenya respectively. Mr Peter Millet, British Ambassador to Jordan was also a Key Note Speaker who spoke on "Meaning of Ambassador and Challenges in this Job". Their presentations were extremely good and motivating.

The International Cultural Evening was the most enjoyable evening for the delegates. Different schools presented their programs with great zeal and fun. Mayo College boys presented Contemporary Dance.

The community service day landed us at the school of the challenged children at Madaba, where delegates prepared breakfast for the special children and served items on their table. Others took dance classes for them, marked the parking area and basket ball court of the school.

Some students taught painting to the children. The exceptional thing was the dance item presented by these challenged children for us. These kids were simply fantastic at that.



Mayo delegation at King's Academy
Nitin, Maanav, Hardik, Prakhar, Sidharth, Shubham

King's Academy also took us for Sightseeing at Amman and we got an opportunity to shop at the City Mall, Amman and Madaba. The Head Master Dr John hosted a 'sit-down formal dinner' on the final evening of the Conference where he thanked the delegates and their school authorities for having sent their delegations at King's Academy for the Conference.

On 14 Dec, 2011, we bade farewell to the new friends at King's and thanked the King's Academy for a wonderfully organized and successful Conference.