**END OF YEAR PARTY 2009**

Attending this party, we somehow make an end, me and my wife, to a period of 8 years of stay in Kuwait (more precisely, 8 times 9 months), and, as for me, of 8 academic years of teaching mathematics in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science of Kuwait University. As usual, in such occasions, the speaker will survey his activities.

First of all, I would like to say that we enjoyed our stay here, Kuwait being a country where you can live a peaceful, quiet, pleasant and very civilized life (of course, especially if you have enough money!).

Secondly, I must mention the warm and friendly atmosphere we had in our Department, with chairmen full of solicitude, always willing to help. Many thanks are due to Prof. Ismail Taqi, Prof. Mansour Al-Zinaidi and, in the last years, to the very dynamic and full of remarkable ideas, Prof. Saleem Al-Yakoob. My best feelings go to our precious secretaries, Nadia and Meena, and in the last year, Balquees.

Thirdly, I must mention the huge opportunities for research available in Kuwait University, and thanks are due to the Research Administration. In the last 8 years, I have completed 6 research projects and attended 6 conferences, including Japan and Australia, countries I never expected to visit. Personally, I am very satisfied of the Algebra research done all these years, research facilitated by the easy and simple life we had here. Of course, all my love and affection goes to my wife, who also made this efficient research possible.

Finally, thanks are due to Prof. Reyadh Khazal, who has wisely and with discretion supervised our Algebra group.

All my speech is of course, not easy to believe, since it is too positive! Fortunately, I am a very optimistic and positive thinking person, so if there were some negative facts (e.g. the last 3 weeks with every other day new regulations, not previously announced and to be applied right away), I will very likely soon delete these from my memory. What lasts, are fine and consistent memories, and, globally speaking, nice memories about Kuwait.

Thank you for your attention.