

From the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Applied Science University (ASU) has established a strategic partnership with the British University “London South Bank University” to offer distinguished academic programs that enhance creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship in the College of Engineering.

This collaboration between the two universities focuses on the needs on the Bahraini labor market and aims at providing it with graduates that are perfectly capable of competing in the highly competitive business environment in Bahrain and beyond.

This partnership finally bore its fruits as it resulted in the graduation of the first cohort of students from the College of Engineering, and a number of the college graduates had actually participated in the graduation ceremony held by London South Bank University (LSBU) in the United Kingdom, in the presence of the Acting Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. Muhammad Salama.

ASU had indeed signed a memorandum of cooperation with LSBU, through which it hosts the academic programs of the College of Engineering, offering so far the Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering and the Bachelor of Engineering in Architectural Engineering. This is perfectly in line with ASU’s strategic vision of consistently feeding the Bahraini labor market with academically fit and highly skilled graduates that can bring value to their employers or even create their own businesses.

President of the University, Professor Ghassan Aouad, congratulated the graduates of the first cohort of the College of Engineering, pointing out that the University is particularly proud of graduating a new group of young Bahraini men and women who will join their colleagues in various fields of work and serve this beautiful country under its inspired leadership, as these graduates represent the fruit of the University's hard work for many years. He added that he believes they are the best ambassadors for the University and expressed his trust that they would set the example when it comes to dedication, professionalism, patriotism and hard work.

Professor Ghassan also stated that the graduates of the British programs will participate in the graduation ceremony of ASU's thirteenth and fourteenth cohorts of graduates, which will be held by the University at Al-Dana Theater, on Saturday, February 19, 2022, under the patronage of Her Excellency Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council and Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council, in the presence of representatives from LSBU as well.

For his part, the Acting Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr. Muhammad Salama, expressed his great pleasure in graduating the first batch of students from the College of Engineering, underlining that the cooperation with LSBU showcases ASU's intent to

become an international university through collaborations with internationally renowned universities and by offering programs that set the students for success right after graduation by obtaining an international degree while studying at ASU in Bahrain. In addition, he stressed the fact that ASU follows the highest quality standards and best international practices when it comes to the delivery of its academic programs, providing an education that can help further develop societies and communities in Bahrain, the Gulf region and the Arab world.

It is worth mentioning that London South Bank University is considered one of the most prestigious British universities, with more than twenty thousand students, offering a variety of academic programs in various disciplines at bachelor, master and doctoral levels, and it also received the “Entrepreneurial University of the Year Award” by Times Higher Education in 2016.