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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 45th edition of the President's News Digest.

I would like to start this message by welcoming returning colleagues and new staff who have just joined the University.



A comprehensive staff induction day was held on the 7 September with a welcoming speech by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb AlKhaja and a detailed presentation by the President about strategic directions, opportunities, challenges and our values. This was followed by various presentations addressing academic and administrative matters. In addition, we had a presentation from the Director of the Oxford Business Group about opportunities for working with this prestigious group.

Last week, the University was buzzing with activities including students' registration and meetings of the University Council and Board of Trustees.

Our top priority remains student recruitment, preparation for the launch of new programmes and a review of all course portfolios, especially the programmes with limited confidence.

The preparation for the University accreditation is still underway and progressing according to plans.

I would like to conclude by wishing you and your families a very happy Eid Al-Adha.



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## NEW STAFF INDUCTION DAY (BY YASSER ABU SENEH)

ASU has welcomed and inducted its new academic and administrative staff (21 in total) on Wednesday, 7 September. The event started with a warm welcome by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Prof. Waheeb Alkhaja, followed by an inspiring presentation by Prof. Ghassan Aouad, the President of ASU. Prof. Ghassan shared with the new staff the vision, strategic plan and opportunities available at the university. The induction also included an introduction to the VP Academic Affairs and Development office and the VP Administration, Finance and Community Engagement office. Furthermore an introduction was given about Research, Library services, staff development, IT, students services, admissions and registration, procurement, and finance by respective staff. A presentation about Life in Bahrain was delivered by Ms. Ruqaya. In addition, there was a presentation from the Director of the Oxford Business Group Ms. Clementine Cabault about opportunities for working with this prestigious group.



## LEARNING ORGANIZATION, AN INTERESTING TELLING QUOTATION

There's a telling quotation from a man named Ray Stata. Stata was for many years CEO of Analog Devices, a semiconductor company. And he said, the rate at which organizations and individuals learn may well become the only sustainable competitive advantage. Products can be copied. Services can be copied. Even processes can be copied. Things, like Six Sigma are available on the open market. But if you're learning more rapidly than the competition, you can get ahead and stay ahead.

## IMPACT ON TECHNOLOGY ON THE LABOR MARKET; IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORKPLACE AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects attended a discussion forum about "Impact of Technology on the Workplace: Implications for Education and Training on 6 September 2016, as part of Community Engagement activities. The purpose of the forum was to share ideas, identify opportunities and challenges associated with technology and its influence on the future of education and training in Bahrain.





Geoff Stead, one of the world's thought leaders on new technologies provided an overview of how they can be used for learning, communication and collaboration. He and his team of technical inventors and educational wizards build mobile apps, tools and websites to serve learners and educators across the world.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”*

**Warren Bennis**



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