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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 7th issue of the 2nd year of the President's News Digest.

I am really pleased to inform you that our new proposed LLB Law with LSBU has successfully passed the validation stage subject to some minor conditions which can be easily accommodated. The conditions are related to professional accreditation confirmation (CILEx Chartered Institute of Legal Executives), clarification about Direct Entry to level 4, general housekeeping of some courses and a mapping of mark allocation equivalence.



Two Recommendations:

1. Assessment format for comparative law
2. Maintain dialogues about training for the future, related to qualifying legal practices

Three Commendations:

1. Students’ council activities and engagement
2. Training needs analysis
3. Engagement of ASU and LSBU and close collaboration between the two universities



This is indeed pleasing news for all of us and many thanks to all our colleagues in the College of Law led by the Dean and to all colleagues from across the University who helped us achieve this, especially Prof Hussein Zedan. Many thanks are also due to our law students who were real stars and to the President of Bahrain Bar Association.

On behalf of Prof Waheeb and myself, I would like to congratulate all staff and students on this fantastic achievement which is another step in the international transformation of our University.



On 13 December 2016 and under the patronage of Prof Waheeb Alkhaja, Chairman of the BOT, we celebrated our Kingdom National Day and Accession to the throne by HM the King. It was a fantastic event and Abdulla Nass Hall was packed with students and staff until 10:30pm that night. We had about 600 students and staff inside and outside the building. I would like to acknowledge our Student Council for doing a fantastic job in organizing the event in collaboration with the Deanship of Students Affairs and Evening Studies as they have worked day and night to make this event a success. Mr Mohammed Najjar is a true asset to our University, I am grateful to you and all colleagues in the Deanship for all your hard work and support to our students. This will pay dividends during the accreditation visit. Please always remember the students are the bread and butter of our university and they are our daughters and sons, we should look after them as part of our moral duties. The accreditation panel will look at Governance, Management, Teaching and Students Support as the key measures of meeting high standards.

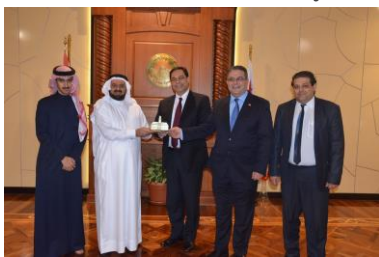


I would also like to thank Ibrahim in Security and the team for their hard work and contributions during the event and our daily lives.



Last week, the new Dean of Admissions and Registration, Dr Issa Alkhayat, joined us, please make him feel very welcome. I would like to acknowledge the excellent work done by Dr Faiza Zitouni in an acting role for nearly a year now and to all colleagues in Admissions and Registration. You have done a fantastic job!

Last week, the University was lit and it looks amazing at night.



On 11 December, we hosted HE the former Lebanese Minister of Education and VP at the American University of Beirut, Professor Hassan Diab, to discuss opportunities for collaboration. On the same Day, Dr Mohammed Alhamami, hosted a great event to celebrate the international day for people with disabilities.

On 14 December, the President delivered a lecture at a conference organized by the Bahrain Free Labour Unions Federation and held under the patronage of H.E the Minister for Education. The President addressed in his presentation the challenges facing the Higher Education sector in Bahrain and the Arab Region.

On 15 December, the Deanship of Students Affairs and Evening Studies organized an award ceremony for students and staff who helped with the Students' Educational Exhibition that was successfully run by Dr Rawya. Mr Ibrahim from Security, Ustaza Hessa from Arts and Science, and Mr Francesco from IT were recognized during the ceremony.

On the evening of the same day, the President visited the stand that was set up by Edyta and the Marketing and PR team and as part of the celebration of National Day by "This is Bahrain".

This week, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the President, Mr Adel Nass and Mr Abdulla Alkhaja are visiting Cardiff Met to sign the Memorandum of Cooperation about our Business and Finance Programmes. In addition, this delegation will visit LSBU to strengthen the collaboration with our British partners.



DR. ROY D. TUMANENG JUDGES THE XVII AL MAHD INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE

More than 30 students from different private schools in the Kingdom of Bahrain participated in this year's "XVII Al Mahd Inter-School Debate" held on 10 December 2016 at the Al Mahd Day Boarding School in Saar. For eight consecutive years now and being a debater himself during his school days, Dr. Roy D. Tumaneng, Deputy Director of QAAC, has been invited to judge the said prestigious debate which has been graced as well by an official representative from the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom. Two other judges were invited: the QA Directors of Ahlia University and Royal University for Women.



The debaters presented their constructive and rebuttal speeches for or against the motion, depending on which side they have been assigned. The topic for the junior group was 'Elders are Neglected these Days' and for the senior group, 'Genius is Inherent'. Among the schools which took part in the event include Abdul Rahman Kanoo International School, Al Hekma International School, Arabian Pearl Gulf School, Asian School, Bahrain Bayan School, New Millennium School, Hawar International School, Ibn Al Haytham Islamic School, Indian School, New Millennium School, Pakistan Urdu School, and Sacred Heart School. The AMDBS Managing Director, H.G. Sharma, welcomed the delegates highlighting the importance of public speaking for the youth of today. At the end of the contest, trophies were awarded to the Top 3 Best Debaters in each group.

Meanwhile, Dr. Roy has been invited again to give a post-activity workshop for the debaters of Al Mahd Day Boarding School on 15 December 2016, highlighting the Do's and Don'ts of debate.

POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS ORGANIZING A WORKSHOP IN REGIONAL NEGOTIATION



On Wednesday, 7 December 2016, students of Political Science Department have organized a workshop on the practices of organizing conferences in "Gulf Union future and destiny". The workshop has been facilitated by Dr Khaleel Al Samarae, an Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science and the instructor of the course titled "Diplomacy in Theory and Practice".

Each student of the group participated in the negotiation as a diplomatic representative in a playing role to discuss this important topic and its consequences on the gulf region as well as the Middle East as a whole. Such workshop has given the students a great opportunity to exercise their skills in diplomacy in terms of language and expression, and to learn how to be involved in dialogues at an international level.

"THIS IS BAHRAIN"

On 10 December 2016, Prof Ghassan Aouad, President of the University, Mohammed Alkhaja, member of ASU Board of Directors and Edyta Przybyla, Head of Marketing and Student Recruitment Office attended the press conference "This Is Bahrain" at the Domain hotel.





UNIVERSITIES TRADEQUEST CHALLENGE 2016-2017

On Thursday, the Vice Dean of the College of Administrative Sciences, Dr Ramzi Nekhili and six of our Accounting & Finance students attended the quick off of Universities TradeQuest Challenge 2016-2017 at the Bahrain Stock Exchange. Eight Bahraini universities including ASU are competing, and our students are officially enrolled in this investment trading competition. This prestigious competition goes over 4 months of investing and trading at New York Stock Exchange and Bahrain Stock Exchange. It has many aims as it gives a realistic experience of trading, builds on the foundation of financial principles, creates a broader understanding of the financial services sector in Bahrain, develops skills, and more importantly it prepares for future career. Teams will work cooperatively to build portfolio, conduct research, develop strategies, and make buy and sell decisions. Our ASU team has been assigned to a university advisor, Dr Ramzi Nekhili, and to an investment advisor from Bahrain Bourse. Let's all wish that ASU team will produce the best portfolio performance.



ASU'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL DAY ORGANIZED BY "THIS IS BAHRAIN"

On 15 December 2016, the Marketing and PR team set up a stand as part of the University's participation in the celebration of National Day's event which was organized by "This is Bahrain". The event was held in the parking of the National stadium and the stand was visited by the President, ASU students, H.H Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Thai Ambassador, Principal of French School and other participants of the event.



CELEBRATING "BAHRAIN HABIBATY" FESTIVAL

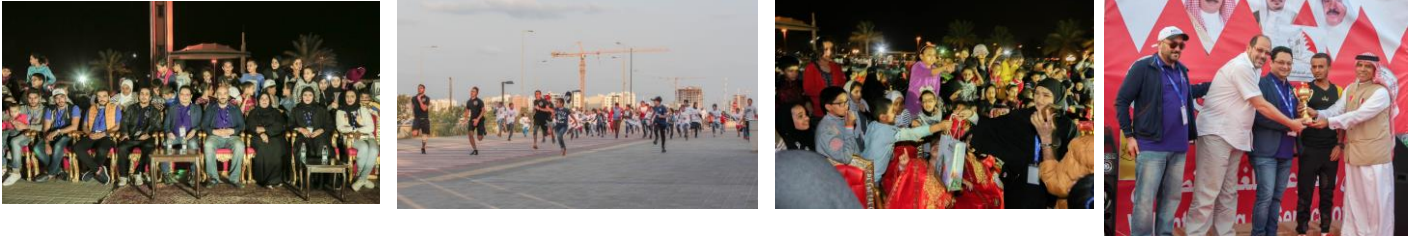
On Friday, 9 December 2016, the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University and "Volunteers for others" voluntary team organized "Bahrain Habibaty" festival which was held at Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Park at Hidd.

The event was under the patronage of H.E. Mohammed Bin Abdulah Al Sinan, Chairman of the Municipal Council of Muharraq Governorate, and the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University.





The festival included many activities including a marathon, a marketing show, handicrafts exhibition, competitions and giving awards, singing by a group of gifted children, honoring a number of orphans, and distributing gifts to the audience.



CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Under the patronage of Professor Ghassan Fouad Aouad, President of Applied Science University, the Community Engagement Office organized “Disability is not the End” ceremony on the occasion of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. The event took place on the University premises on Sunday 11 December 2016.

H.E. Former Lebanese Minister of Education and Vice President of the American University of Beirut, Professor Hasan Diab, H.E. Mohammed Bin Abdullah Al Sinan, Chairman of Municipal Council of Muharraq Governorate, and H.E. Municipal Council Member Yusuf Bin Ahmed Al Thawadi attended the Celebration.

In addition, the audience included a number of disability challengers’ champions, personalities and associations of people with disabilities; including Bahrain Deaf Society, Bahrain Friendship Society for the Blind, Bahrain Mobility International, Down syndrome, Ta’awn Centre, voluntary teams, and a number of academic and administrative staff and students from the University.

A film was displayed during the celebration about challenging disabilities titled “The Begin of a Life”. The film was produced by students under the supervision provided by Mr. Thaer Mustafa Fahmi.

Ms. Abeer AlSalloum, Coach in the field of motivation and change (hearing impairment) presented a lecture about changing the thinking style and improving the society’s perception about persons with disabilities. Mr Ahmed Fawaz (blind) played a musical clips, followed by the story of the disability challengers champions successful experiences delivered to the audience. The whole event was translated to the deaf audience by Coach Zainab Aswad from Bahrain Deaf Society.





LSBU DELEGATION'S VISIT TO BAB AL BAHRAIN

On Monday night, 12 December, LSBU delegation accompanied by staff members of the Directorate of Marketing & Public Affairs went on a site visit to Manama Suq at Bab Al Bahrain.



The delegation enjoyed the tour and the vibrant collection of shops which offers a wide range of goods from textiles, spices, incense, perfumes, handicrafts and souvenirs. It was a new experience for them in terms of knowing the Bahraini people, products and food which they found interesting.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If you don't have integrity, you have nothing. You can't buy it. You can have all the money in the world, but if you are not a moral and ethical person, you really have nothing.”

Henry Kravis



Happy Reading

