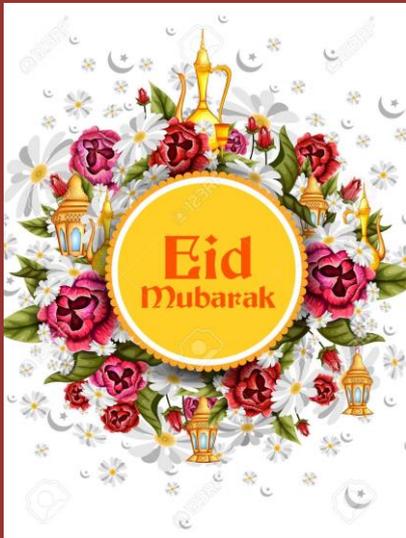


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 33rd issue of the 3rd year of the President's News Digest.

In this issue of the News Digest, I will address the subject of “getting prepared for accreditation”.



As you are aware, this is the last issue of the President's News Digest before the accreditation visit that will take place on 24-27 June. It is important for all of us to be well prepared for the visit. The accreditation portal has all sorts of useful information including the full SER report, a shortened version of the SER, all SMs, some audio description of the SER, in addition to many other useful materials. All staff should become familiar with the SER report and the accreditation handbook. Achieving accreditation is a very demanding task, but it is rewarding once achieved. We should use the accreditation task as a change agent in order to transform our University. The briefing meetings that have been conducted with all stakeholders including staff and students have helped all of us to understand how the University operates in support of an excellent learning experience for our students.

It is important that we answer the questions during the visit up to the best of our abilities with confidence, honesty, transparency, and high ethics. There is always a room for improvement and the experienced inspection panel will understand this. Getting all supporting materials and supporting documents checked is very important, as this will help us during the visit to support our arguments.

We have been working on the accreditation task for more than 2 years and should all have the confidence that it will be successfully achieved through teamwork, embracing of quality and the many improvements we have achieved over the last few years including the ISO certification and the establishment of a HEC accredited center.

The provision of a pleasant inspection experience of our panel is also important in terms of logistics and to make them feel welcome and provide any extra materials they may ask for.

THE RELAUNCH OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT UNIT

Under the patronage of Professor Ghassan Aouad, President, Dr. Assem Al-Hajj, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development, the English Language Support Unit held its official relaunch ceremony on 14 June 2018.



Speaking about the relaunch, Professor Ghassan Aouad expressed his admiration of the books that were available in the unit in addition to the computers and the software for teaching the English language. He mentioned that more announcements must be made about the Unit in order to attract as many students and academic staff as possible to use the facility. He also spoke about the importance and role that the English language plays in our daily lives and the need for our students to develop strong English skills.

Members of the English Department said that there were plans to establish an English Language club related to the Unit where students could utilize the Unit and discuss general topics in the English language. In addition, students will have the opportunity to read short stories and essays in order to gain a stronger understanding of the English language and the culture of English speaking countries. Professor Ghassan thanked all involved in the relaunch of the Unit including



colleagues from the Department of Finance, Procurement, the English Teaching Faculty, the Dean of Students Affairs and all those who attended the relaunch ceremony.

INTERVIEW OF THE WEEK

We would like to feature the interview this week with:



Name: Dr Islam Abohela

Position: Head of Civil and Architectural Engineering Department

1. Tell us about yourself: (Your childhood, academic background)

I was born and raised in Cairo, Egypt where I studied Architectural Engineering at Ain Shams University. While in Egypt, I worked for the British University in Egypt as a lecturer in addition to practicing Architecture. I continued my Master degree in Architectural Engineering in the same university before moving to the UK for my PhD at Newcastle University where I also worked as a Tutor for Architectural Design Studio then a Research Associate working on an EPSRC funded research project. I also had the chance of working in Turkey working as Assistant Professor of Architecture before moving to Bahrain.

2. Tell us about your job at ASU

I joined ASU in September 2017 as the Head of the newly established Civil and Architectural Engineering Department in partnership with London South Bank University. In addition to my managerial duties, I see myself responsible for ensuring a conducive teaching and learning environment for both our students and our team members ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency in delivering highest quality education for our students. We have a relatively small team in the department and we all enjoy working together with very high team spirit.

THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE ACTIVITIES

The Community Engagement Office Organized ASU's Second Ramadan Championship for Football

For the second year, the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University organized ASU's second Ramadan Championship for Football at Gulf Air Playgrounds from 5 to 8 June including 16 participating teams from the local community and University students.



The participating team were distributed into four groups according to the draw that was held in the Dome hall during the preparatory meeting which was attended by the representatives and members

of the participating teams. In addition to the draw, the administrative, organizational and technical aspects related to the championship were presented.

On the first day, teams of group A (الغضب، أشبيلية، تسونامي، الامل) and B (نادي العطاء، المتادور، البحرين تجمعا، الصايمين) played their games, while teams of group C (ASU1، محاربو الكرة) and D (الغنيمة، الاتحاد، فوكس، ASU2) played their games on the second day. Teams (ASU2، المتادور، الامل) were qualified for the final rounds and played their games on the third day.



Teams (ASU2 and الامل) were qualified for the final match that was held with presence of Professor Ghassan Fouad Aouad President of Applied Science University and a number of the University

academic and administrative staff. (الامل) team won the final match and raised the championship cup as they scored five goals against two goals scored by (ASU2) team who came second place.

3. Tell us about your aspirations for the University

First, achieving the Institutional Accreditation with flying colours.

Also, I see ASU as a leading University in the region producing high impact research and graduates with the skills and attributes needed in industry locally, regionally and globally. I also see the university expanding in terms of offering more high quality programmes through the College of Engineering and other Colleges.

4. What do you enjoy most about your job?

Working closely with my team and students to achieve specific goals is what I enjoy most. Also seeing the students progressing and developing their skills is so rewarding.

5. Tell us about your hobbies

My main hobby is playing Squash in addition to reading, travelling and watching Sci Fi movies.

6. Tell us about your favourite food

Kushari is my favourite dish which is a traditional Egyptian dish consisting of rice, pasta, lentils, garlic vinegar, all mixed together and topped with chickpeas, fried onions and tomato sauce.

7. Tell us about the book you are reading now

The Lost Symbol by Dan Brown.

8. Final words

Watch Metropolis

At the end of the championship, an award ceremony was held to honour the winners and the organizers, and Professor Ghassan, the President presented the awards to the winning teams.



As for the players, Ali AlMahjoob from (الامل) team won best player award, Mohammed AlSenjar from (الامل) won best scorer award, and Mohammed Suliman from (ASU 2) team won best goalkeeper award.

ASU Supported Gargaoun Celebration in Hidd City

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University supported Gargaoun celebration that was held for children with cancer disease, orphans, and local community in Hidd City on 28 May 2018.

Miss Hanaa Dowisan, member of Community Engagement Office, who played a major role in organizing the celebration, mentioned that the event that was organized with the collaboration of Mr. Yousif AlThawadi, a member at the Municipal Council for Hidd City, included many activities such as competitions, traditional games, traditional band, distributing gargaoun, and best traditional costume competition.



“رمضان امان” Campaign has reached to an end after successfully achieving its goals

“رمضان امان” Campaign, which the University has participated in, has now reached to an end after successfully achieving its goals in distributing 30000 iftar meals on the road in the Kingdom of Bahrain for 20 days during the holy month of Ramadan.

On the last day of the campaign, on 4 June 2018, all participants and volunteers gathered at the traffic light near the General Directorate of Traffic in Isa Town to distribute iftar meals and break the fast and celebrate their success.



REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Institutional Accreditation Inspection Visit: 24 to 27 June 2018 (1 week from today).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."

Chinese proverb

Happy Reading!