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University Vision, Mission, Objectives and Values

Vision

The vision of Applied Science University is to be one of the leading private universities supporting practical learning and scientific research in Bahrain and the Gulf.

Mission

“ASU is committed to offering an education that is accessible to academically competent students of Bahrain, the Gulf and beyond, and to deliver academic programmes of quality that graduate students equipped with knowledge and skills relevant locally and regionally. ASU is further dedicated to the promotion of a culture of learning and scientific research for its students, staff and faculty regionally and globally to engage meaningfully with the community at large.”

Objectives

- To assume social responsibility and to serve the local and regional community.
- To further enhance scientific research standards in all fields of knowledge.
- To offer new specializations to meet the market demands.
- To keep abreast of scientific developments and to provide all the means of academic success.

Values

- **Integrity:** ASU’s community values honesty, fairness and academic integrity as fundamental to its vision and mission. It recognises, affirms and upholds this value in a responsible and committed manner.
- **Collaboration and Team Spirit:** ASU’s community recognises collaboration and team spirit to be at the heart of the institutional culture and to promote these values in a dedicated manner.
- **Loyalty:** ASU’s students, faculty and staff cherish loyalty, commitment and recognise these values to be part of their culture of cooperation and dedication.
- **Social Responsiveness and Community Engagement:** ASU’s students, faculty and staff value their allies, networks and communities and intend to engage with them, in a thoughtful, respectful, responsible and meaningful manner.
- **Quality:** ASU’s community values, quality as an ideal standard that should characterise its processes, outcomes, people and partners.



Community Engagement Strategic Objective

Ensure that ASU is committed to creating an impact on society through all activities, recognizing its duty to ensure that students, alumni and staff understand their obligations as citizens to engage with and support the community





Message from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Community Engagement at ASU is built on traits such as harmony and social rapport. We enjoy a variety of differences in our mental and physical traits; one completes another. Community solidarity is achieved when we all mutually serve our community, and therefore, one of the main purposes of our community engagement office at ASU is to build harmony with the local and international communities.

Warm Regards,

Prof Waheeb Ahmed Al Khaja



Message from the President

Dear Readers and Students,

Community Engagement is considered one of the many means that aim to uplift the performance of individuals, on the other hand, Community Engagement enhances the quality of education, thus, Community Engagement focuses on the development of groups and individuals within the community through the activities it initiates, it is also a tool used to achieve communal well-fare, it utilises human capital and stimulates to build a rapport between each individual at the core of the Community Engagement which in turn the Community Engagement activities transforms those individuals into productive, loyal and cooperative citizens within a civilized community. ASU has been working hard and with passion in achieving its three main pillars that are Education, Research and Community Engagement. This Booklet will give you a summary of what ASU has been doing over the past year with regards to engaging with the public. I am thankful for those who were able to make community engagement the heart of the University activities.

All the best,

Prof Ghassan Fouad Aouad



Message from the VP for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement

It is my great pleasure to be introducing ASU's Community Engagement Booklet for the Academic Year 2017/2018. I hope you enjoy reading it, and hope you benefit from knowing how to engage and serve the community yourself. There is a huge difference between the past and the current time, we live in many disciplines of life, these days we are much more developed scientifically and professionally, education has spread and increased, technological advancement has changed the way we live, societies' needs changed, thus, universities have taken a new role in developing a new and a progressing discipline called Community Engagement. Community Engagement serves many different aspects; we find it within a family, education, students, staff and the corporate world. It also helps in serving the unfortunate segments of the society like the poor, needy and the unemployed. Community engagement plays a vital role in achieving and building engagement with society, and it has become a need. The community engagement office at ASU have initiated many successful activities throughout the last academic year, and the office is ready to start a new academic year with new approaches and activities.

Best wishes,

Dr Mohammed Yousif



Message from the Manager of Community Engagement Office

Community Engagement is a top priority for ASU, it is a strategic objective, and it has been included in the University mission and considered one of the most important University values. Community Engagement is incorporated into all aspects of ASU. The University through its different colleges and units works in conjunction with many societies, NGO and companies to give its services to the community. Deanships, departments and different organisational units contribute to serving this noble cause. The Community Engagement college members are driven to bridge our teaching and learning process with the community. The students are the main factor of these events, and our staff are keen to make the community a focal point for development and flourishing.

The strategic objective of the Community Engagement Office is to ensure that the Office is committed to creating an impact on society. Recognise that it has a duty to its students, alumni, and staff to ensure that they understand their obligations as citizens in engaging and supporting and supporting their community. The strategic objective of the office can be reached through achieving the following key priorities: Consultancy and Advisory and Knowledge Sharing, Community Support, Open Campus, and Public Outreach.

Best wishes,

Dr Mohammad Alaa Hussain Al-Hamami

Consultancy, Advisory, and Knowledge Sharing Activities

1. ASEAN Seminar

On 13 September 2017, Prof Saad Darwish attended ASEAN Seminar (Association of Southeast Asian Nations), where many investors attended to build contact with ASEAN progressing countries. Together they have become a very critical economic block that cannot be ignored under the current economic scenario.

The event was attended by heads of prominent financial institutions, industrialists and businesspeople from various sectors. ASEAN countries are an ideal investment ground for Bahraini investors and businesspeople alike.

With high growth achieved by ASEAN economies in the last couple of years, there is growing interest from many investors, including the Middle East, to take part in various projects in the Asian region. Opportunities are arising out of urbanisation among Asian countries such as Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, etc. and growing interest of large economies such as China and Japan in this region, which in turn is fuelling growth in this significant economic block.

With 600 million population having majority young under the age of 30 years, ASEAN is poised for a long and sustained growth trajectory.



2. Seminar on “Moving Forward in Business”

Prof Saad Darwish attended a seminar titled “Moving Forward in Business”. The Seminar was held in BIBF on 10 October 2017.

Dr Ilene Agana, an Entrepreneur and an Educator from REEM Management Consultancy, was the speaker at the Seminar. She presented the urgent need of revisiting the Business Plan and evaluating the business performance where it considered as the roadmap to move forward in business. The entrepreneurs were encouraged to conduct regular schedule of reviewing their business plan and find the areas where they have grown.



3. Qualification Placement Capacity Building Workshop

The Education and Training Quality Authority in Bahrain organised a Qualification Placement Capacity Building workshop on Wednesday, 11 October 2017.

The workshop is an important event for the University in view of our preparations for the placement of the two qualifications, Bachelor in Business Administration and Bachelor in Law early next year. The workshop was attended by Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, Dr Ahmed Arbab, Acting Vice Dean for the College of Administrative Sciences, Dr Khairi Omar, Acting HoD for the Department of Business Administration, Dr Qais Maaitah, Academic staff from the College of Law, Dr Mohammed Aghbari and Dr Roy Tumaneng from QAAC. The workshop was beneficial and gave us insight into many issues, including the Qualification Placement Process for mapping and confirmation, and preparation of the application form.



4. The President Attends the 50th AGM Meeting of the Association of Arab Universities

The President attended the executive council meeting of the Association of Arab Universities and its 50th AGM meeting that was held at United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain between 22 and 24 October. At the AGM meeting, a new Secretary General and two Secretary General Assistants were elected. The President served as the rapporteur of the AGM meeting and Chair of the election committee. At the meeting, Prof Amr Ezzat Salama from Egypt was elected as Secretary General (to replace Prof Sultan Abu Arabi whose term of office is coming to an end by 30 June 2018), and Prof Abdelrahim Al-Hunaiti from Jordan and Prof Humaidi Khamisi from Algeria were respectively elected as Assistants to the Secretary General.

Prof Amr Ezzat Salam elected as Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities.

Prof Amr Ezzat Salama is the counsellor of the American University in Cairo. He was also a former member of the Shura Council (Upper House of Parliament in Egypt) and head of its housing committee. In addition, Dr Salama is the chairman of the Management Engineering Society. Formerly, Prof Salama served as Minister of Higher Education, chairman of the Housing and Building National Research Centre, and President of Helwan University in Egypt. Prof Salama has worked as Professor of Civil Engineering and chair of the University's Centre for Technology Development, stressing Egypt's need to boost the science and technology sector, especially in fields such as biotechnology and information technology. He promotes closer research ties between universities and industry, as well as greater public understanding of science. He received the State Award for Science in engineering science.

Prof Abdelrahim Al-Hunaiti, elected as Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities.

Prof Abdelrahim Al-Hunaiti was Born in Amman in 1952, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of Jordan in 1975, a Master degree in Microbiology from the University of California, Fresno, USA, in 1979, and a PhD in Biochemistry from Washington State University, Pullman, USA, in 1983. Prof Hunaiti joined Yarmouk University in Irbid, Jordan, in 1983 as an Assistant Professor where he was promoted to Associate Professor in 1987 and Full Professor in 1992. Prof Hunaiti moved to Mu'tah University in 1993 to become the Dean of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies. He then assumed various academic and administrative positions including Vice President for Administrative Affairs and Projects and Vice President for Scientific Faculties. In 2004, Prof Hunaiti assumed four high ranking administrative positions in

quick succession from Vice President of Philadelphia University, to Dean of the Faculty of Science at Yarmouk University, to Director General Manager of the Higher Education Accreditation Council, ending with President of the University of Jordan where he remained until May 2007. In June 2007 Prof Hunaiti became President of the Higher Education Accreditation Commission before becoming President of the Hashemite University in February 2008, and President of Mu'tah University in March 2009 where he remained until March 2013. He then returned to the University of Jordan to resume his academic career as a Professor of Biochemistry.

Prof Humaidi Khamisi, elected as Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities.



Prof Humaidi Khamisi is President of University of Algiers 2, which was established in 2009 in the north of Algiers Province. He studied for a PhD in Philosophy at the University of Algiers. He has published many books and articles. He is considered as an international scholar and his work has been widely published and disseminated. He progressed to the rank of the President of University of Algiers 2 after serving in many Senior Academic and Administrative Positions.



5. Workshop on “Strategic Management in Libraries and Information Centres”

Under the patronage of HE Dr Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Executive Director of the Isa Cultural Centre, a three-day workshop was held on 24-26 October 2017 titled “Strategic Management in Libraries and Information Centres” in cooperation with the Association of Specialised Libraries (Arab Gulf Branch) for libraries employees and information centres in various governmental and private sectors. The workshop was attended by more than sixty librarians representing the public and private sectors. Dr Ammar Jalamneh was chosen to be the official presenter for this workshop upon the request of the Essa Cultural Centre and the Association of Specialised Libraries. The workshop was free and represented a part of Applied Science University’s Library efforts to serve the Bahraini community. Mr Ezaldeen Aboualasal and Mrs Mona Albana also attended the workshop.



6. Conference on “Sustainability of Achievements on National Grounds Towards International Competitiveness”

On 5 November 2017, Applied Science University, represented by Dr Faiza Zitouni (Dean of Student Affairs, Acting Assistant VP for Academic Affairs and Development), Dr Islam Abohela (Head of Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering) and students from the same college (Mrs Howra Murad and Mrs Enass Asbeeei) attended a Bahraini Women and Engineering Conference on “Sustainability of Achievements on National Grounds: towards International Competitiveness” at Isa Cultural Hall. The conference was under the Patronage of HRH Princess Sabika bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, the wife of the King of Bahrain and President of the Supreme Council for Women. The conference was well attended and was divided into three main sessions following an initial panel of discussion on “Empowering Women Engineers in light of the New Urban Agenda. The first session was on “Women’s participation in Engineering”, the second session was on “Labour Market Requirements in Light of Emerging Engineering” and the last session was on “The Role of Professional Civil Society Organisations and Networking with International Professional Organisations to expand women’s Engineering Potentials”.

Our students were inspired by the importance and the impact of women’s contribution to Engineering for a sustainable future.



7. Academic Integrity Seminar at the Arab Open University in Kuwait

Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, was invited by Tech-knowledge, Turn-it-in and the Arab Open University (AOU) in Kuwait to deliver a keynote presentation at the Academic Integrity Seminar that took place on 6 November 2017. Dr Assem's presentation was on "Anti-Plagiarism as a Tool to Improve Academic Quality". The seminar was attended by the AOU Director Prof Naif Almutairi, Prof Ashraf Saad Hussein, VP for Education and Information Technology and Academic Staff and students. The presentation was well received by the audience and followed by questions and answers session that attracted many questions and valuable contributions.



8. 3rd MENA Higher Education Leadership Forum 2017

The President attended the 3rd MENA Higher Education Leadership Forum 2017, which was held in the UAE and organised by CLICKS (Centre for Learning Innovations and Customized Knowledge Solutions). The subject of the forum was: Strengthening the Dialogue between Higher Education, Government and Industry: Working Together Towards a Common Vision.

The Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities and many Universities, Presidents and Senior Academics, Industrialists, and International Quality Agencies including the UK QAA and Saudi Arabia's NCAAA (National Commission for Academic Accreditation and Assessment) attended the Forum. The Kingdom of Bahrain was well represented with attendance by the Presidents of University of Bahrain, Bahrain Polytechnic, BIBF and Applied Science University.

The forum started by Dr Narimane Hadj-Hamou, Chief Executive of CLICKS who provided insights into the changes in the Higher Education sector and the importance of building strong partnerships between Universities and Government, Private Sector, and Civil Society.

Prof Mohamed Zairi, Executive Chairman, the European Centre for Best Practice Management (ECBPM), UK chaired the morning session with two keynote addresses. The first one was by Dr Francisco Marmolejo, Lead, Global Solutions Group on Tertiary Education and Lead, Education Specialist for India, the World Bank, on strengthening the dialogue between Higher Education, Government and Industry: Working Together towards a Common Vision.



9. The Role of Academic Guidance and Assistance in Supporting Women Engineers to Keep on Practicing within the Field

On 3 October 2017, Applied Science University, represented by Dr Mohamed Mahgoub (Programme Coordinator, BEng Architectural Design Engineering) and students from the same college (Mrs Muneera Al Kaabi and Mrs Sara Rashed) attended the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) and Supreme Council of Women in Bahrain Forum titled "The role of academic guidance and assistance in supporting women Engineers to keep on practising within the field".

The forum aims to convey the Kingdom's experience in empowering Bahraini women in an attempt to monitor and analyse women's learning and work in the engineering sector in public and private sectors by examining the current situation of Bahraini women engineers monitored by the Commission.

The sessions started by presenting the current status of Engineering Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain in the light of the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) reviews through a working paper presented by the Director of Higher Education Reviews, Dr Wafa Al-Mansoori.

This was followed by two main discussion sessions, the first one was on "The role of Academic Guidance and Technical Support in Education and Engineering Work", and the other session was on "The role of Higher Education Institutions in Coordinating Academic Programmes with the Needs of the Future Labour Market".

At the end, Dr Jawaher Al Mudhaki, Executive Chairman of the Quality Education and Training Authority, concluded that Bahraini women succeeded in becoming an influential social figure in the field of engineering as well as other fields that promote the country and adopt its generations and they are thankful to the support of HRH Princess Sabika bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, the wife of His Majesty the King and the President of the Supreme Council for Women. The forum is considered an attempt to chart a roadmap that contributes to the sustainability of the work of the Bahraini Woman Engineer to continue her path towards excellence, creativity and mastery.



10. How to be a Good Writer Seminar

Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor attended a seminar on 8 November 2017 run by Mr Mohammed Isa at BIBF describing and explaining how to be a good Writer. The Bahrain Society for Training and Human Resources Development (BSTD), which is a Bahraini forum of HR and Management professionals invited professionals for this seminar. Bahraini Society for Training and Development is committed to enhancing the capability of the workforce through continuous people development and the promotion of excellence in people management. Mr Isa gave an excellent lecture and reflected his own experience and how he produced a book that was a success best seller.



11. Bahraini Chinese SME Conference 2017

Prof Saad Darwish attended the Bahraini Chinese SME Conference 2017 in coordination with SME's Bahrain and Dragon City. The Conference took place in Manama at Gulf Hotel on 16 November 2017. The Conference addressed issues on how to increase business with China and to reflect it in the Kingdom of Bahrain economy in the future.

Both the Chinese and Bahrain government supports the Bahrain Dragon City project to invite Chinese enterprises to operate in Bahrain. The project is invested and constructed by Diyar Al Muharraq and operated by CHINAMEX.

Bahrain Dragon City, is a key project in the plan of Bahrain's Vision 2030, widely draw attention in both the Kingdom of Bahrain and neighbouring countries. Many institutions from the service industries of logistics, finance, e-commerce, insurance and law attended the Bahrain Investment Environment and Dragon City Project.

Participants paid great attention to the progress of the project implementation and expressed willingness to cooperate in the project and provide service for tenants together with CHINAMEX. The organisers gave insights about Foshan City in China, which is an attractive area for investment.

The GDP of Foshan has been growing at an average rate of over 19% for three consecutive years. The city's manufacturing industry keeps prospering, and its logistics, exposition and commercial service sectors are all booming and obtain unlimited business opportunities. Overseas buyers can purchase high quality and cost-effective commodities in Foshan, and the Foreign Investors could enjoy low investment costs, excellent industrial complementation and seek partners for cooperation in the city. Foshan is being a penetrating access to explore the huge Chinese market, foreign investors should fully share the benefit of the soaring Chinese economy.



12. 7th International Quality Assurance Programme (IQAP)

Dr Roy D. Tumaneng, Deputy Director of QAAC, and Dr Mohammed Al-Aghbari, Head of QAA for Academic Affairs Unit, participated in the 7th International Quality Assurance Programme (IQAP) which was held on 12-16 November 2017 in Dubai, UAE. The said training programme delivered by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA-UK) is intended for QA professionals across the globe. Over the years, QAA has welcomed delegates from over 35 different countries to take part in lively and perceptive discussions about the quality of Higher Education.

Some issues and concerns affect Higher Education providers, internationally, whichever country they are located. This programme is also about enabling participants to learn from each other, to help shape and improve the learning experiences of students worldwide.

IQAP provides the participants with opportunities to (1) learn from other colleagues from around the world who are working in similar roles but different contexts; (2) reflect on their roles and practices within a broader context of contemporary thinking about Higher Education and Quality Assurance; (3) learn about current issues in the strategic management of Higher Education Assurance; and, (4) develop new skills relevant to the improvement of quality assurance processes and practice in their context and to identify areas for further development.

This year's batch of IQAP delegates consisted of fifteen QA professionals from the United States, UK, Hong Kong, Botswana, Mauritius, Bulgaria, Turkey, UAE, and the Kingdom of Bahrain participated in the programme, both Dr Roy and Dr Mohammed believe that IQAP has enabled them to comment more effectively on the major contemporary issues facing quality improvement in education globally and that they have acquired comparators to their experiences by working with colleagues from other countries.



13. ASU International Conference on Sustainable Future

The Conference that took place on 26-27 November 2017 was held under the patronage of HE the Minister of Education, Dr Majid bin Ali Al-Nuaimi and in association with London South Bank University with sponsorships from the Chartered Institute of Building (partial sponsoring of the conference proceedings and best paper on innovation), Nass Group (sponsoring the Gala Dinner), the Higher Education Academy in the UK (sponsoring two best papers on sustainable futures), LSBU (partial sponsoring of the proceedings and best paper on research methodology) and many other sponsors.

On the first day, the conference started with opening remarks from the President of the University and Conference Chair who provided the context for the conference and the rationale for organising it and provided some research results about the status of competitiveness of the Kingdom of Bahrain concerning other Arab nations and trends over the last five years.

A welcome speech was then delivered by Dr Abdul Ghani Al Shuwaikh, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council, on behalf of HE the Minister of Education who spoke at length about the importance of the topic in light of the National Research Strategy developed by the HEC.

Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of ASU and Honorary Chair of the Conference, then delivered a speech about the importance of sustainability from Universities' perspective and how ASU is keen to embrace a sustainable approach.

In his speech, Prof Waheeb said "As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Applied Science University, it gives me great pleasure to welcome our distinguished guests and scholars and researchers and practitioners who have come all the way to Bahrain from as far as Australia, the United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa, Nigeria, and Turkey and many other countries".

Prof Waheeb added that "this conference organised by Applied Science University in association with London South Bank University and with great support from the Chartered Institute of Building, the Association of Arab Universities and the Higher Education Academy in the UK covers important topics related to our globe and its future sustainability. It was pleasant to see the Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Building, Mr Chris Blythe, amongst our distinguished guests. This conference will undoubtedly contribute to HM the King's vision 2030 to make the Kingdom of Bahrain a truly international knowledge hub. The wise leadership of our Kingdom is enabling us to generate knowledge and conduct research that is relevant to our society and communities". He then thanked HE, the Minister of Education in Bahrain, Dr Majed bin Ali Alnuaimi for his continuous support and for

the patronage of this conference and added that our Ministry, the Higher Education Council, and the Bahrain Quality Assurance Authority are doing a great job in transforming Education and Higher Education in the Kingdom, and we are all committed to their vision and state of the art guiding strategies.

Prof Waheeb added, "ASU has signed a strategic partnership with LSBU, and we launched the College of Engineering last September, and we are jointly organising this conference and soon we will be announcing a joint venture to support research, innovation and enterprise. It is pleasing to see Prof David Phoenix, Vice-Chancellor and President of LSBU and many colleagues from LSBU attending this conference. We have also signed a Memorandum of Collaboration with Cardiff Met, and we launched two programmes in Management and Business Studies and Accounting and Finance last September".

He concluded by stating, "building a sustainable future is an important priority for many universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain and beyond. The future leaders of tomorrow need to preach what they learnt about sustainability and universities can play undoubtedly a major role in producing these future leaders. It is important to address the issue of sustainability by covering the three pillars of Environment, Technology and Economics. Applied Science University in the Kingdom of Bahrain and since its establishment has operated to be environmentally friendly within the sustainable buildings and campuses context, particularly in terms of the efficient use of energy and resources, especially the use of wastewater" and concluded by once again thanking HE, Dr Majed bin Ali Alnuaimi for his patronage and by wishing participants a successful conference and a pleasant stay in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Following Prof Waheeb's talk, speeches were made by HE Mr Simon Martin, the British Ambassador to Bahrain, about the importance of joint collaboration between Bahraini and British Universities, Prof David Phoenix, Vice Chancellor of LSBU who spoke about the value of linking research and innovation, and finally Mr Chris Blythe, Chief Executive of the Chartered Institute of Building about the role of professional bodies in supporting sustainable futures. The opening ceremony, which was attended by around 200 people, concluded with awarding the speakers and a group photograph. It was pleasant to see Mr Sameer Nass, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Honorary Chair of the Conference, attending the opening ceremony.

Following the opening ceremony, keynote speeches were made by Dr Farzana Al Maraghi from the Higher Education Council in Kingdom of Bahrain about the status of research in the Kingdom and internationally and gave a detailed description of the Bahrain's National Research Strategy, and Prof Charles Egbu, Dean of the School of Built Environment and Architecture and Co-Chair of the

Conference who spoke about the link between innovation and sustainability. Then, three parallel sessions started with twenty-four presentations on various topics such as construction, sustainable futures, finance, economy, education amongst many others. The first day of the conference was concluded with a panel discussed chaired by Mr Chris Blythe, Chief Executive of the CIOB, with members from different backgrounds sharing their views on the latest trends in sustainable futures relevant to their respective fields. The panellists were Mrs Paula Boast, Mr Christopher Core, Mrs Emilia Mateva and Dr Jassim Haji. The guest speaker at the Gala Dinner was Prof Riyad Hamzah, who delivered an interesting speech about the future of sustainability.

The second day of the conference started with keynote speeches by Dr Roy Blatchford from the Office of the First Deputy Prime Minister about the significance of education in creating sustainable futures, and Prof Mustafa Alshawi from Unisearch UK who spoke about Building Information Modelling. Then, another three parallel sessions started with thirty-six presentations presented throughout the day on topics related to culture, HR, Advanced IT in support of sustainability amongst many others.

The conference concluded with a successful closing ceremony where speakers, members of the organising committee and volunteering students were awarded certificates of appreciation. Speakers presented a total of sixty papers from twenty countries from all over the globe. A total of sixty-five papers were published in the 730 pages Conference proceedings, which was printed in hardcover with an ISBN.





14. National Consultative Meeting on the International Contention in Migrants: By Labour Market Regulatory Authority

Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects acted as a moderator for the "National consultative meeting on the International Convention on Migrants" on 27 November at the Gulf Hotel. The meeting tackled the issues raised by the Head of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority, Mr Osama bin Abdullah Al-Absi, who said that the Kingdom of Bahrain has taken a number of steps towards reforming the labour market and protecting expatriate workers without prejudice to the rights of other parties to work, including the freedom of movement of workers to new employers.

The meeting was attended by Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for International Affairs HE Dr Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, a Number of Embassies of Major Labour-Exporting Countries, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), and a Number of Representatives of Civil Society on the Rights of Migrants and Migrant Workers and Human Rights.



15. Bahrain's 6th Annual SMEs Day Conference and Exhibition

The President participated as a Panellist at Bahrain's 6th Annual SMEs Day Conference and Exhibition titled "The Role of Leadership and Training in SMEs Development Towards Technology Transfer", which was organised by the Bahrain Small and Medium Enterprises Society ("BSMEs") under the Patronage of HE Mr Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism. The conference was held on 10 December 2017 at Wyndham Grand Hotel - Bahrain Bay. The conference discussed highly significant issues and provided unique opportunities. Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, Dr Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects, and Mrs Tania Kashou, Director of the President Office attended the conference. In addition, ASU exhibited a table at the conference represented by Mr Baha Karaimeh, Office Manager of Public Relations.



16. Reimagine Education Conference and Awards

Dr Mohammed Yousif, VP for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement attended the “Reimagine Education Conference and Awards” held in the USA on 4 and 5 December 2017.

The Reimagine Education Conference is an elite educational forum for academics, ed tech innovators, investors, policy-makers and teachers to come together to drive discussion about how we can transform educational practice.

During the conference, Dr Mohammed networked with innovators from across the educational landscape and discussed key issues facing the world’s educators, from the future of work to potential uses of virtual reality in the classroom; from the need to create new learning spaces, to the future of the University itself.



17. Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, Keynote Speaker in International Conference on Mathematics, Statistics and their Applications

Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty has participated in the International Conference on Mathematics, Statistics and their Applications, which took place on 4-7 December 2017, in University Utara Malaysia (ICMSA2017). Prof Abdel-Aty stated that attending this conference has fruitful discussions and presented a conference paper as an oral talk and gave an extended lecture on Scientific Publications and how to publish in high impact factor journals.

As an interesting and stimulating result, his paper has been published by the American Institute of Physics, USA in the Conference Proceeding with volume, page number and DOI number. This proceeding has been published, indexed in SCOPUS, ISI and Google Scholar and has been appeared in the database.

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Also, the results which have been presented in this conference attracted the innovation team (Computer Sciences Team) at University Utara Malaysia showed high interest to join and apply for a patent using our new Algorithm in the presented paper.

The conference brought together over 180 professionals from twenty countries from all the world, including, Bahrain, USA, Canada, China, Jordan, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, the Philippines, India etc., to share their experiences.

The conference was structured around posters, lectures and presentations to allow all participants to enter into a practical discussion.



18. Master in Finance and Accounting Programme Advisory Board Meeting



The Master in Finance and Accounting Programme held its advisory board meeting for the first semester of Academic Year 2017/2018 on campus. The board discussed topics related to the programme, and members provided recommendations to improve the programme to become one of the leading programmes in the region.

19. Workshop on “Reimagining Student Services: Creating and Innovative Responsive Student Experience”

Dr Faiza Zitouni Dean of Student Affairs and Acting Assistant VP for Academic Affairs and Development attended a workshop on “Reimagining Student Services: Creating and Innovative Responsive Student Experience” on 11-13 December 2017. The workshop that was organised by CLICKS (Centre of Learning Innovation and Customized Knowledge Solutions) was fascinating and beneficial. The main important areas covered over the three days’ workshop including; (1) The challenges and the change imperatives in student services, where all participating universities realised that student affairs services share almost the same challenges either within the University or externally due to emergent challenges, various student affairs management models and student affairs seven change dimensions were discussed; (2) Student experience, student lifecycle and the importance of the identification of MOTs (Moments of Truths) in student lifecycle, walking through the student journey and applying service innovations to improve student experience, for example by using technology and predictive analytics to improve students’ learning outcomes in student affairs; (3) Identification of critical touch points to reduce services silos and bottlenecks; (4) Increasing vertical and horizontal integration and alignment; (5) Highlights of the best practices and increasing efficiency and effectiveness in student services processes; (6) Managing human capital in student services and enabling competencies for successful student services, (7) Highlighting the imperatives of a student centric culture of leadership and teamwork, using various student services governance model and the four critical organisation alignments, namely; (i) alignment of student affairs with core academic units, (ii) alignment of administrative support units and student affairs services, (iii) alignment of student affairs employees at all levels and (vi) alignment with external stakeholders. In other words, alignment of student affairs should be carried out within, across and beyond the University taking into consideration value proposition to students and the student affairs learning outcomes at all levels throughout the student life experience and beyond.



20. Prof Saad Darwish Represented ASU in Tamkeen Consultation Forum

Prof Saad Darwish President's Advisor for Special Projects represented ASU in Tamkeen Consultation Forum. Tamkeen announced its new strategy for 2018-2020, which focuses on diversification of offerings, acceleration of delivery, and sustainability of impact.

The strategy aims at assessing the status of the labour market and ways to address its specific needs and gaps.

The strategy follows some research analysis and studies aimed at assessing the status of the labour market and ways to address its specific needs. Tamkeen is keen on introducing new products and services to better cater to evolving market needs.

Tamkeen served more than 165 thousand individuals and enterprises and launched more than 210 initiatives in different fields, of which 145 serving individuals and 65 serving enterprises.



21. The Computer Science Programme Held their Advisory Board Meeting

On Wednesday 20 December 2017, the Computer Science Department held its advisory board meeting.

The following attended the meeting: Dr Belal Zaqaibeh, Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Dr Moaiad Khder, Head of Department, and Dr Jamal Sultan, Programme Coordinator, and Mr Nizar Ma'roof, Mr Nawaf AbdulRahman, Mr Salah bin Jassim and Mrs Maha AlBanki from industrial companies.

Dr Moaiad and Dr Jamal presented the new study plan and the changes done to the contents of the courses since the last advisory meeting, including further improvements in the department.

Mr Salah bin Jassim explained the types of memberships in Bahrain Information Technology Society (BITS), Mr Nawaf Abdulrahman explained the types of memberships in Bahrain Internet Society (BITS), Mrs Maha AlBanki discussed the support that can be provided by TAMKEEN to students, Mr Nizar Ma'roof encouraged the Computer Science Department to arrange a visit to e-Government and finally all of them showed their interest and willing to give a talk or workshop at ASU for Computer Science students.



22. MBA Programme Advisory Board Meeting

On 27 December 2017, the MBA Programme held its advisory board meeting for the 1st Semester of Academic Year 2017/2018 on campus. The board discussed topics related to the programme, and members provided recommendations to improve the programme to become one of the leading programmes in the region.



23. Workshop On 'Referencing Project: Bahrain NQF to SCQF'

Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development and Prof Hilal Al Bayati, Director of QAAC attended a workshop with the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) on 'Referencing Project: Bahrain NQF to SCQF'. The workshop took place on Thursday, 11 January 2018, in the BQA premises in Seef Area.

The workshop was attended by Higher Education Institutions, schools, and vocational training institutes.

The workshop discussed the following issues:

- The referencing project plan.
- The country report of Bahrain: Education and Training System.
- The Bahrain response to the five Referencing Principles.

It is worth noting that the Applied Science University will be submitting the NQF placement applications for two bachelor programmes, namely Bachelor in Business Administration and Bachelor in Law on 18 January 2018.



24. Management Information Systems Advisory Board Meeting

The Management Information Systems Advisory Board held its meeting on Thursday 11 January 2018. The meeting was attended by the Dean of the College of Administrative Sciences, the Head of the MIS Department, the BMIS Programme Leader, and Members and External Members (Bahrain Central Bank, Bahrain e-Government, Bahrain Olympic Committee, and the Office of the Crown Prince for the Kingdom of Bahrain). The meeting discussed several issues related to the programme such as the curriculum content, the internship process, and issues related to the classification of BMIS Degree by the Civil Service Office in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



25. Methods of Participations in Community Engagement

On 11 January 2018, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office delivered a lecture titled "Methods of Participation in Community Engagement". The lecture was organised by the Staff Development Unit at the University.

During the lecture, Dr Al-Hamami identified the importance of the Community Engagement to the community itself, the University, as well as to individuals. He clarified the key objectives and strategic plans of the Community Engagement Office. He also stressed on the importance of being engaged and the effect on academic promotion. He also explained methods for participation, including HEC regulations, and the process for getting approvals.



26. Meeting the Business Challenges in the Kingdom of Bahrain

On 17 January 2018, Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects, attended an event for SMEs titled "Developing Minds to Run Business of the Future". The event was in collaboration with Tatweeri; a programme designed to foster and enhance skills of Business Owners, Entrepreneurs, Directors, Executives, Managers and Team Leaders, aiming to steepen the learning curve, allowing these individuals to expand their market reach as well as increase the quality of the products and services their companies have, to offer. The discussions were based on how to deal with the challenges facing businesses and enhancing the economy during times of economic downturn. The programme drives the process of rapid improvement. Individuals will be trained predominantly on the strengths of their overall competence and background by having an efficient leading edge.



27. World Energy and Environment Conference and Exhibition (WEEC) 2018

Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, represented Prof Ghassan Aouad, President of the University, at the World Energy and Environment Conference and Exhibition (WEEC) 2018, held in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 16-17 January 2018, under the patronage of MP Ahmad Ibrahim Al Mulla, Chairman/Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The conference is the 5th Series 'Shifting to Clean Renewable Energy in Times of Transition'. Speakers included personalities from the Kingdom of Bahrain and abroad (Canada, Pakistan).

Dr Assem presented a paper entitled 'The Role of Academia in Capacity Building for Sustainable Energy Development' on behalf of Prof Ghassan on 17 January, the second day of the conference.

The conference was also attended by some Applied Science University (ASU) students who also exhibited the "Green ASU" prototype, a project which students have designed proposing a sustainable and eco-friendly ASU.



28. Civil and Architectural Engineering Programmes Advisory Boards Meetings

After the formation of the industry advisory boards for both the Architectural Design Engineering Programme and the Civil and Construction Engineering Programme, the meetings were held respectively on 29 January 2018 and 6 February 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

The meetings were attended by the Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr Assem Al-Hajj, the Dean of the College of Engineering; Dr Ashraf Hendy, the Head of the Civil and Architectural Engineering Department; Dr Islam Abohela, the Coordinator of the Architectural Design Engineering Programme; Dr Mohamed Mahgoub, the Coordinator of the Civil and Construction Engineering Programme; Dr Mohamed Assiadi, the Director of the Foundation Year, Mr Noel Lavin and all faculty in both programmes. The external members of the Architectural Design Engineering Programme Advisory Board are Eng Manar Sirriyeh (Founder and Managing Partner of Design Studio Architects), Dr Mohamed Abdul Aziz (Chief Architect, IKA Associates) and Eng Simon Dennison (Architect, Director-Partner, SSH). As for the external members of the Civil and Construction Engineering Programme Advisory Board, they are Mr David Anthony (General Manager, Nass Contracting), Mr John Barnes (Principal Engineer/ Associate Senior Consultant, Hill International Inc.) and Mrs Reem Alotaibi (Civil Engineer at Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company). The board members elected Eng Reem Alotaibi and Eng Manar Sirriyeh as the chairs of both boards.

The boards discussed the main responsibilities and different ways in which they can contribute to the development of both programmes. Other agenda items included the institutional accreditation the University is going through, an overview of the programme advisory board policy, an overview of the offered academic programmes in collaboration with LSBU, discussion on the labour market and employers needs in the field of Architectural and Civil Engineering and discussion on enhancing the students' skills for better employability. The boards' members were very enthusiastic about contributing to the continuous development of the offered programmes.



29. "The Parliamentary Conference National Action Charter"

Under the Patronage of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, ASU students participated in the "The Parliamentary Conference National Action Charter" on Thursday 8 February 2018 at the Gulf Hotel.

A delegation from the University, including some faculty members, participated in the event.



30. Knowledge Exchange Meeting at HEC

On February 2018, Dr Faiza Zitouni, Dean of Students Affairs, and Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor attended a workshop titled "Knowledge Exchange in Entrepreneurship" at HEC which was attended by the Secretary General of HEC, Dr Abdulghani Al Showaikh and Director of Evaluation and Follow-up, Mrs Nadya Buqais. Dr Faiza and Prof Saad, who gave a joint lecture about the University strategy on Entrepreneurship and its implementation and ways of promotion also shared ASU's continuous achievements with the audience.



31. 7th International Conference on Mathematics and Information Sciences

Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty participated in the 7th International Conference on Mathematics, and Information Sciences, which was held in Sohag University in Egypt, on 15-17 February 2018 as a Chairman of the Conference and Keynote Speaker.

Prof Abdel-Aty spoke about the entanglement and its relation to quantum communication. The analytical mathematical model has been presented with an application to the superconducting materials interacting with Nano-resonators.

The main aim of the conference was to promote, encourage, and bring together researchers in the field of pure and applied mathematics. This international conference was open to all researchers in pure applied mathematics. Young researchers and PhD students have participated and presented some papers and posters. One hundred twenty members from 16 different countries participated in the conference.

The conference is a part of a series of conferences dedicated to bringing top scientists and technologists to Egypt thereby helping to raise science and technology to the highest international standard, raise awareness of governments and industry to the importance and excitement of new research and development in technologies, and engender collaborations and research exchanges. The previous conferences of this Series were:

- 1st International Conference on Mathematics and Information Security, Sohag, Egypt, 13-15 Nov. 2009
- 2nd International Conference on Mathematics and Information Sciences, Sohag, Egypt, 9-12 Sep. 2011
- 3rd International Conference on Mathematics and Information Science, Luxor, Egypt, 28-30 Dec. 2013
- 4th International Conference on Mathematics and Information Science, Zewail City, 5-7 Feb. 2015
- 5th International Conference on Mathematics and Information Sciences, Zewail City, 11-13 Feb. 2016
- 6th International Conference on Mathematics and Information Sciences, Zewail City, 11-13 Feb. 2016



32. Knowledge Sharing Session on Institutional Accreditation

On 8 March 2018, a delegation from ASU attended a Knowledge Sharing Session on Institutional Accreditation, organised by the Higher Education Council (HEC). The ASU delegation consisted of Dr Assem Al Hajj (Vice President, Academic Affairs and Development), Prof Hilal Al-Bayatti (Director of the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Centre), Mrs Catherine Hogan (Head of International Partnerships) and Mrs Eman Alsadeq (Head of Governance and Strategic Planning). Delegates from two other universities also attended the Session.

The purpose of the Knowledge Sharing Session was to provide information on the HEC accreditation process for the three universities who are in the first batch to submit applications and who will be visited this semester by Inspection Panels.

There were two presenters at the Knowledge Sharing Session. First, Dr Muna Al-Qouz (HEC's Director of Accreditation and Licensing) spoke about the general principles of accreditation and the benefits of the process. Then Dr Reem Al-Buainain (Bahrain Polytechnic's Director of Quality, Measurement, Analysis and Planning) spoke about the experience of going through the accreditation process as part of the HEC pilot. Her talk included general activities during the process and a section on "Lessons Learned".

Questions addressed to HEC about the accreditation process included:

- Why was the accreditation/reaccreditation cycle for four years and not five or seven years?
- Why was the follow-up visit scheduled after only one year?
- Why did the process include classroom observations?

- Why were there no local or regional representatives on inspection panels?
Dr Muna promised to take the questions back for discussion at the Secretariat.
Overall the Knowledge Sharing Session provided a valuable opportunity for participants to gain knowledge of the process and to consider aspects that would be useful in their preparations. The ASU delegates were pleased to note that, as a result of our thorough preparations led by the Accreditation Group, most of the useful suggestions mentioned by Dr Reem in her presentation had already been considered. ASU is therefore well on track for a successful accreditation later this year.



33. Advisory Board Meeting

The Bachelor in Accounting and Finance held their Second Advisory board meeting on 9 May 2018. This was conducted by the Programme Leader, Dr Nympha Joseph and chaired by Mr Osama Abdulrahim Al Khaja, Head of Projects Development - Kuwait Finance House.

Mr Al Khaja spoke about the whole banking and Finance sector going digital and that students should be aware and informed about this technology.



34. Advisory Board Meeting

The Master in Accounting and Finance held its Advisory board meeting for the second semester of the academic year 2017/2018.

The board discussed topics related to the programme, and members provided recommendations to improve the programme to become one of the leading programmes in the region.



35. Dr Al-Hamami Delivered "Social Media Fundamentals" Workshop

On Saturday the 10th of March 2018, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami delivered a workshop titled "social media Fundamentals". The workshop was presented as a part of "يلاسوشال#" programme to provide the Bahraini community with the skills of the best use of social media in the field of entrepreneurship in cooperation with Dair Charity Society.

The free workshop was organised by Tafawuq Consulting Centre for Development and Social Media Club in Bahrain and in a strategic partnership with Tamkeen Labour Fund and in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the management of Legend PAPI for Marketing Consulting.

During the workshop, Dr Al-Hamami explained some important topics about social media with practical examples such as how to listen and search about what is related to the brand and to the professional specialisation and the market, how to identify goals and objects and knowing what you want from

using social media, how to set up and develop a plan that helps in reaching the goals and objectives, knowing what kind of content that should be published, how to engage and encourage the target audience to talk about you, and what should be measured to evaluate the performance and success of the social media accounts in different platforms.

At the end of the workshop, Dair Charity Society thanked and awarded Dr Al-Hamami for delivering the workshop.

The workshop is a part of “#يلاسوشال” programme that aims to train 450 Bahrainis on the skills of the best use of social media in the field of Entrepreneurship in cooperation with civil societies in the cities and villages of Bahrain.



36. The AAB Committee for Enterprises Meeting

Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects, a member of the AAB Committee for enterprises attended their meeting at Gulf Hotel on 3 March. This committee is part of the Arab Youth Council for Integrated Development under the Umbrella of the Arab League. The members discussed future plans and formation of the committee bylaws and ways to expand membership from to other countries. Representatives from Tamkeen gave an insight into the available service they provide. The information given to the audience covered all aspects on how to run a business; from the development of strategic objectives to strategy execution plans. The aim was to develop ways to lead in the area of entrepreneurship.



37. ASU Participates in Employability Summit

Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects attended the Employability Summit which was organised jointly by RCSI Bahrain and Bahrain Polytechnic. The Summit took place at the RCSI Bahrain campus on Sunday, 11 March. The Summit focused specifically on Higher Education and its role in producing highly employable graduates for the Bahraini job market. The event featured a series of high-quality speakers with valuable insights into the needs of Bahrain and its employers, and it provided plenty of opportunities to network with key stakeholders, including employers, academic institutions, sponsoring bodies, ministries and students from around the country.



38. “Women between Competitiveness and Empowerment”

As ASU continues its support to empower women, Prof Saad Darwish President’s Advisor for Special Projects attended a Regional Forum on “Women between Competitiveness and Empowerment” on 11 March, which was under the patronage of the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Mr Zayed R. Alzayani. The forum aimed to revise legislation that supports women; motivates women to contribute to economic development, and helps them to lead. The forum discussed eight papers which covered a broad spectrum of issues related to women empowerment and competitiveness.



39. ASU at the Foundation Programmes Gateway to Success Conference organised by UOB

On 31 March and 1 April, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, Dr Ashraf Hendy, Mr Noel Lavin, Mrs Diana El Hageova and Mrs Dagmara Pluta attended the First International Conference organised by the English Language Centre at UOB for the faculty of Foundation Programmes in Higher Education across the region. Some keynote speakers included renowned experts from the UK, local and regional universities. Dr Rachel Wicaksono, from York St John University, talked about the necessity of embedding the teaching of subject-specific language into specialist content teaching along with some ideas on how to put it into practice.

Workshops on the meaningful use of technology and creating SMART objectives were also full of great and practical ideas. One of the workshops that we all enjoyed was on introducing obligatory extensive reading programmes into English classes in the foundation year. The programme is supported by a simple platform that helps students organise their reading and tracks their progress. Students are given a chance to develop a greater joy of reading, automaticity of their decoding and acquire a great sense of achievement, all of which will pay off greatly in the following years of their education. It is interesting to note that in one particular university in the UAE, students are required to read 50,000 words in the first semester of the foundation year.

Finally, Dr Charles Hall from Alfaisal University pointed out how a small shift in focus and wording can create a major change in the approach to teaching and learning; what if we did not follow the 'deficit model', i.e. what our students are lacking, but the 'inclusion model' i.e. what can we add to their repertoire? The panels created space for the discussion of strengths and areas for development of some existing foundation programmes and gave us all a chance to learn from each other. The whole conference was a great success and a huge inspiration for the development of our Foundation Programme at ASU.



40. ASU President Delivered a Keynote Address at the 4th UAE Graduate Students Research Conference

On Saturday 21st of April, the President delivered the only Keynote Address at the 4th UAE Graduate Students Research Conference on the Art and Science of Doing a PhD., A synopsis of his talk is included below.

The Art and Science of Doing a PhD

It is widely known that doing a PhD can be a daunting experience considering the considerable length of time a PhD degree may take to complete. However, by understanding that undertaking a PhD is a process that can be planned and managed properly, the pressure of doing a research degree can be minimized. It is important for students to understand that doing a PhD is in part art and in part science. In this lecture, the PhD process will be explained, and real-life examples will be used. The research philosophical stance will be discussed as a good research methodology is the backbone of doing a PhD. This lecture will conclude with a set of recommendations and advice to research students that will help them in overcoming many of the problems that could be faced during their studies for a research degree.

The Conference, which included 348 papers and 50 posters, was attended by many top academicians and graduate students from across the UAE. The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education in the UAE was present as well as the President of the British University of Dubai, the Provost of the American University of Sharjah, and the Executive Vice President of Khalifa University. The Conference was hosted by the American University of Sharjah.

In his Keynote Address, the President spoke about the art of doing a PhD, including creativity, storytelling, passion, and presentation. He then spoke about the science of doing a PhD including evidence, research methodology, rigour, originality and validation of interesting findings. He then described the seven pillars of a good PhD, including critical literature review, strong theoretical underpinnings, research methodology, data collection and analysis, validation of results, writing style and references. The President concluded his presentation with a set of recommendations to help PhD students complete their degrees on time.



41. VP for Academic Affairs and Development and Director QAAC Attended a Forum on NQF

On Thursday, 19 April 2018, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Prof Hilal Al-Bayatti, Director of the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Centre attended a forum titled “The National Qualifications Framework: Are We Closer to Market Needs?”. The forum was organised by the General Directorate of Qualifications Framework (GDQ) in the Kingdom of Bahrain and held at the Grove Hotel in Amwaj. The forum started with an opening speech by Dr Jawaher Al-Mudhahki, Chief Executive of the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA) followed by an update on GDQ activities and achievements by Dr Tariq Al Sindi, General Director of the GDQ. The forum continued with a panel discussion titled “Designing Innovative Curriculum to Support Market Needs” followed by a presentation titled “Building Linkage between Industry and Education and Training through NQF” by Dr Eddy Chong Siong Choy, Chief Technical Officer at the Finance Accreditation Agency in Malaysia who also delivered an interactive workshop titled “How to Utilize Market Research to Increase Learners’ Employability”. The last part of the forum was a presentation by Mrs Esmat Jaffar, BQA titled “Promoting Confidence in Bahrain’s NQF on a Global Scale: Referencing with SCQFP”. The forum ended by closing remarks followed by lunch.



42. Dr Al-Hamami Delivered a Lecture on “Youth and Social Media”

On Saturday, 17 April 2018, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami delivered a lecture titled “Youth and Social Media”. The lecture was organised by Fazat Shabab Society in the headquarters of the society located in Riffa.

Dr Al-Hamami’s lecture covered important topics about social media for youth, and the best practices of using social media in secure and safe ways.

At the end of the lecture, the audience who were members of Fazat Shabab Society, Bahrain Motives Society for special needs, and the local community asked questions about the related topics.

Fazat Shabab Society thanked and awarded Dr Al-Hamami for delivering the lecture.



43. Dr Al-Hamami Attended the 1st International Speakers Forum

On 14 April 2018, Dr Mohammad Alaa Hussain Al-Hamami attended the 1st International Speakers Forum #SpeakinBahrain at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel. The forum that was under the patronage of HE Sheikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa Governor of Capital Governorate was organised by the Social Media Club in association with the United Nations Development Programme in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Bahrain Society for Training and Development and other partners. The forum aimed to provide world-class speaking techniques and skills from thirty international speakers in thirty sessions and three workshops.



44. 3rd Meeting for Arab Directors of Libraries

The Director of Library, Dr Ammar Jalamneh, has participated in the third annual meeting for Arab Directors of Libraries titled "Towards an Ideal Investment of Digital Resources" that took place in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 29 April to 3 May and presented a paper titled "Electronic Resources through Institutional Digital Repositories - Publishing, Measuring Usage".

The conference was held by the Arab Organisation for Administrative Development and Directors of Libraries, with the participation of 17 Arab countries. At the end of the conference, certificates of participation and appreciation letters were presented to all participants.



45. ASU Participates at BQA's Workshop about Cycle 2 Institutional Reviews

On 29 and 30 April, ASU took part in a 2-day training workshop at the premises of BQA (Education and Training Quality Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain) in preparation for the Cycle 2 of Institutional Reviews.

The workshop was attended by representatives of several private universities in Bahrain, including ASU (a delegation composed of ten academic and administrative staff) and was delivered by Dr Wafa Al-Mansoori (Director), Dr Hala Obaid (Academic Consultant/ Advisor), Dr Nina Abdul Razzak (Academic Consultant/ Advisor), and Dr Salwa Elekyabi (Academic Consultant/ Advisor).

The workshop was centred around the understanding of the institutional review framework and how to prepare for BQA's review based on it. This included an overview of the framework (Arabic and English versions have been made available to all ASU staff), a presentation of the review process, some exercises on how an institution can evaluate itself against the standards and indicators of the framework and guidance on how to prepare a robust and evidence-based Self-Evaluation Report (SER).

The workshop was interactive and very informative and the staff participating from ASU, along with the participants from the other Universities, found it to be a good opportunity to understand the review process better to prepare for it in a methodical and well-founded manner.

Although a timeline for the Institutional Review of ASU by BQA has not been identified yet, it is expected to take place during the academic year 2018-2019.

Reporting to the Cabinet, BQA is the governmental education quality assurance authority in Bahrain, and it was established as part of the National Education Reform Project, a pioneering initiative of Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.



46. Training and Education Pre-Employment Expo 2018 (Medpoint)

The President presented on Thursday 10 May, at the first entrepreneurship panel discussion which was held on the side-lines of the Pre-Employment Career Expo organised by Midpoint, which focused on the role of education in supporting economic development. The presentation was about the economic impact of Universities. In this presentation, the President provided examples of how to measure the economic impact of universities using international benchmarks.

The Exhibition was under the patronage of HH Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain, inaugurated by HE Jameel bin Mohammed Humaidan, the Minister of Labour and Social Development and attended by Dr Faiza Zitouni, Dean of Student Affairs; Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, and a number of VIP guests.

The University participated in the two days Exhibition led by the Directorate of Marketing and Public Relations, which was held at the Sheraton Bahrain Hotel, with the participation of official parties, institutions, universities and training colleges. The event aimed to provide training, education and employment opportunities for Bahrainis that match their interests and career aspirations.

The exhibition attracted secondary school students along with their parents, University graduates, and job seekers in addition to training and recruitment agencies. During the exhibition, the University promoted its academic programmes and provided career advice to interested participants and visitors.



47. Bahrain Research Consortium

Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor attended a forum titled "Bahrain Research Consortium" on 12 May 2018 at Wyndham Grand Hotel. Six speakers discussed the future of research concentrating on Entrepreneurship. As Bahrain is moving towards establishing a consortium, this will create a base for researchers to have access to data that will promote entrepreneurship. This consortium is linked to the MENA Centre with the help of OECD (the Organisation for Economic Development). It is worth mentioning that the experience of Europe Horizon 2020 inspired specialists to follow the track. Horizon 2020 has the political backing of Europe's leaders and the Members of the European Parliament. They agreed that research is an investment in their future and so put it at the heart of the EU's blueprint for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and jobs. By coupling research and innovation, Horizon 2020 is helping to achieve this with its emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership, and tackling societal challenges. The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.



48. The President a Keynote Speaker at the 7th International Conference on Creative Construction

The President delivered a keynote address on the art and science of leadership in construction at the 7th international conference on creative construction held in Slovenia from 30 June until 3 July.

In his keynote address, the President highlighted how construction firms across the globe are facing serious challenges because of the economic downturn, changes in the political and social environments, and the pace of adopting innovative solutions. In his presentation, he demonstrated how strong leadership could help construction firms cope with such challenges. "People in our industry need to understand that leadership is in part art and part science", Prof Ghassan said. In his presentation, some frameworks for coupling leadership, innovation and competencies were presented and discussed.

In addition, the use of advanced IT solutions has been highlighted, and the types of leadership required in this area of technological advancements have been discussed. The presentation concluded with a set of recommendations to help construction firms develop appropriate leadership styles and approaches that cope with the challenges in a fast-changing environment.

The conference was attended by around 150 participants from across the globe and was an opportunity for our University to demonstrate the international profile we are enjoying on many fronts



49. The President a Keynote Speaker at the 3rd International Conference of the Impact of Research in the Arab World

The President delivered a keynote address on the art and science of research with emphasis on publications at the 3rd International Conference of the Impact of Research in the Arab World held in Dubai on 29-30 June. The conference was chaired by Prof Mahmoud Abdel Aty, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies at the University. In his keynote address, the President discussed how producing a high impact publication is in part art and in part science. In his presentation, the President also highlighted the main components that make a good publication. The research philosophy and methodology, critical review of literature, data collection and analysis and interpretation, and validation of findings, which are the backbones of a good scientific publication have been discussed. In addition, the emphasis has been put on writing styles, rigour and techniques to articulate key research findings. The presentation concluded with a set of recommendations which may enable novice researchers to maximise their chances of having their papers accepted by good quality journals and other types of publications.



50. The Vice President for Academic Affairs Attended the 5th International Conference on Pure and Applied Science and Contributed with a Paper

On 29-30 June 2018, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, Vice President for Academic Affairs, attended the 5th International Conference on Pure and Applied Science held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and contributed with a paper titled "Towards Effective Coordination of Infrastructure Works in UAE Municipalities". The conference was co-chaired by Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies at Applied Science University. Prof Ghassan Aouad, ASU President, was one of the key-note speakers at the conference.



51. The VP for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement, with Director of Administration & Finance Attended the Edudata Summit

Dr Mohammed Yousif, VP for Admin, Finance and Community Engagement, along with Mr Abdulla Al Khaja, Director of Administration and Finance attended the EduData Summit in the USA, Boston on 17 and 18 June.

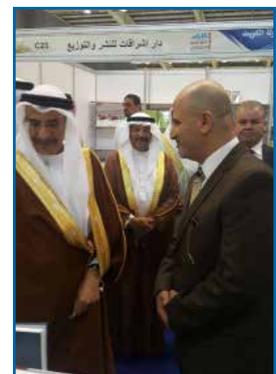
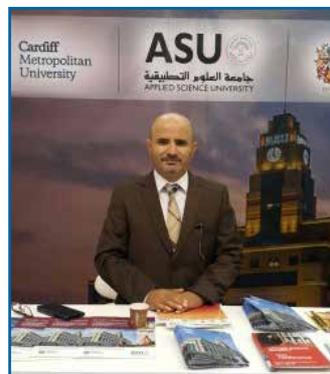
The EduData summit is the world's premium forum for data-driven educators - a platform for strategists, data scientists, CIOs and other data heads to discuss and share best practices at the intersection of big data, predictive analytics, learning analytics, and education. It is a summit to explore how Higher Education Institutions can respond effectively and promptly to global changes by understanding the value of efficient implementation and use of data. Attendees left EduData Summit with the tools and understanding necessary of how to get the most business value from your data, making their University a more innovative, competitive and data-driven organisation.



Community Support Activities

1. ASU's Library Participating in Al-Ayam Cultural Fair

ASU's library is participating in the 24th Al-Ayam Cultural Fair, a successful book sale with the participation of publishing houses from both Arab and International countries. The fair kick-started on 14 September and will go on until 23 September 2017. HE Sheikh Khalid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister visited ASU stand during the opening ceremony. ASU publications are being displayed and available for immediate purchase. The objective of this participation is to introduce the ASU publications to the Bahraini academic community and market the library as a contributing factor of ASU research community.



2. Dr Al-Hamami Honoured by UNDP Bahrain

UNDP Bahrain honoured Dr Mohammad Al-Hamami for his efforts in distributing awareness about Sustainable Development Goals SDG (Global Goals) in social media. The honouring ceremony was held in UN House in the Kingdom of Bahrain on 17 September 2017.

Dr Al-Hamami used his personal accounts to participate in the campaign that has been organised by UNDP Bahrain in cooperation with Social Media Club Bahrain to increase the awareness about SDG using social media platforms during the international celebration of Social Good Summit around the world.

The selected hashtags of the campaign (#SDGBahrain, #SDGSMC, #2030New) were a trend in Bahrain for several days. UNDP Bahrain used their official account on twitter to thank Dr Al-Hamami for his effective participation in the campaign.



3. Alumni Club Meeting

On 24 September 2017, the Deanship of Student Affairs conducted a meeting with the Board of Directors members of the Alumni Club for its 2nd cycle to discuss the forthcoming year's plan including the most critical points related to our graduates, institutional accreditation and the input of the Alumni club into the ASU' strategy and vision.

Another meeting was also conducted between the Board of Directors members to explain the importance of updating the alumni membership database, issuing the Alumni membership cards and agreeing on the privileges of the card users.



4. E-Government Excellence Award

Mr Rifat Hussain, ICT and KM Director, attended the awarding ceremony of the e-Government Excellence Award 2017, which was under the patronage of HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology (SCICT).



5. Red Arrows Air Show and Dinner at British Embassy

On Sunday 8 October, The President and Dean of Students Affairs attended the Red Arrows Air Show hosted by the British Embassy at the Ritz Carlton.

On Tuesday 10 October, The President and Dean of Students Affairs attended a dinner hosted by HE the British Ambassador to Bahrain at his Residence.



6. ASU Participate in "Brest Cancer Awareness Marathon"

On behalf of ASU, the Community Engagement Office and Deanship of Student Affairs, at the generous invitation of the Bahrain Cancer Society, participated in the walking festival that was held in Bahrain Bay on the occasion of the World Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The gathering to establish the marathon started at 3:00 p.m. and the walk began at 4:00 p.m. Some ASU staff and students participated in this event that included a huge number of participants from public and private sectors, institutes and organisations, and volunteers.



7. The First ASU Forum for Social Volunteerism for Youth

The Community Engagement Office in Applied Science University established and launched the First ASU Forum for Social Volunteerism for Youth that was held on Campus on Saturday, 21 October 2017, in Abdullah Nass Hall. Dr Mohammed Yousif, Vice President of Administration, Finance and Community Engagement, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Development attended the event with the participation of the Deanship of Students Affairs. Volunteer activists, local community, University staff and students also attended the event. The forum included lectures, presentations, questions and competitions. Ten specialised speakers participated in a variety of topics that highlighted the fields of volunteerism and its inspiration from all aspects. Mr Mohammad AlSinan, President of the Local Council of Muharraq Governorate, talked about achieving psychological comfort through volunteer work. Mrs Fatima Esa delivered a presentation about the definition of voluntary work and its objectives. Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of Community Engagement Office at ASU delivered a lecture and talked about using social media for charity and voluntary works. Mr Ahmad Salem BuQais spoke about the effect of volunteerism in behaviour. Dr Murad Al Janabi, Professor of Islamic Sciences at ASU presented a lecture about volunteering in Islam.

Dr Ali AlDada, Assistant Professor in Political Science Department at ASU talked about the role of volunteer work in spreading the creativity of literary youth. Mr Musab AlShakh delivered a presentation about developmental energy. Mr Mohammed Hasan Yousif talked about initiatives as the spirit of volunteerism.

ASU student coach Abeer Saloom talked about the role of volunteer work in empowering people with disabilities, and the last speaker was ASU master student Mr Suliman Farhan who presented a lecture on leadership and motivation in volunteer work.

The forum MCs were ASU students: Mr Mohammed Abdullah AlDosari, Mr Waled Mohammed Abad, and Mrs Bedoor Adnan Ahmed.

The University emphasised through this forum on the support of voluntary and charitable work that serves the community.



8. ASU Students Participated in "Citizenship and Parliamentary Culture" Training Course

The Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre in the Council of Representatives and with coordination of the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University and with the participation of Political Science Department in the College of Administrative Sciences and Deanship of Students Affairs established "Citizenship and parliamentary culture" Training course for ASU students.

The training course which lasted for two days included holding field visits to attend the weekly session of the Council of Representatives, in addition to attending meetings of parliamentary committees, where students were briefed on the manner of deliberations and presentation of the topics and vote on them in the session of the Council of Representatives, the mechanism followed for the work of parliamentary committees and passed the topics and public discussions.

The students have been awarded for their participation by HE Mr Abdullah Bin Khalaf AlDosary the Secretary General of the House of Representatives in a celebration held in Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre and attended by Mr Yaser AlSherawi the Assistant Secretary General for Resources and Services in the Council of Representatives, Mr Saddam Abu Azam, the Manager of Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of ASU Community Engagement Office, and Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini Member of ASU Community Engagement Office and Students Care. The Council of Representatives social media channels gave significant attention to ASU participation in the training course. It is worth mentioning that more training courses are planned in the future to provide a large number of university pupils with an opportunity to participate in such courses.



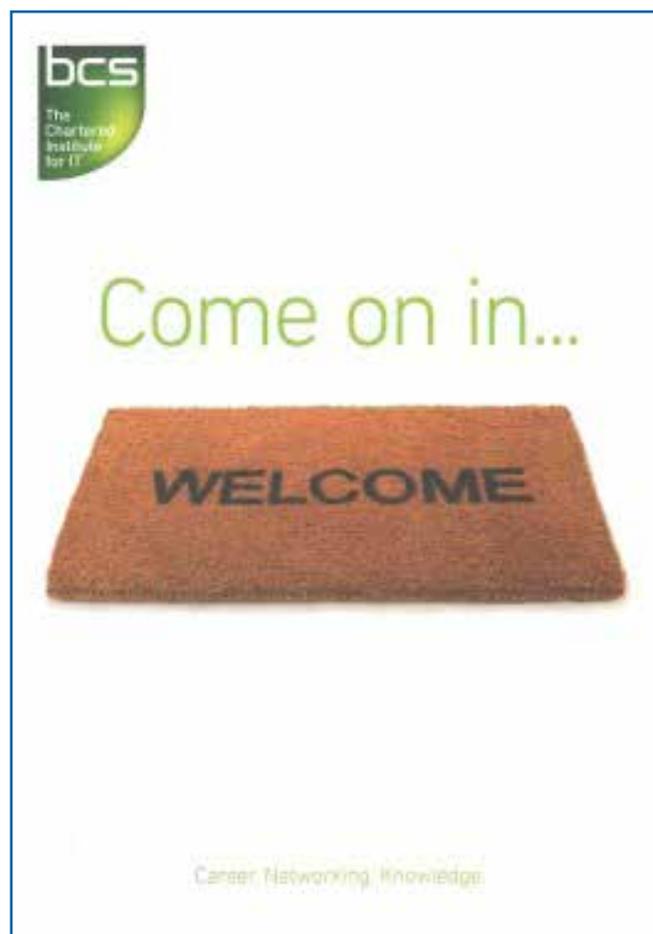
9. The Department of Computer Science Received an Organisational Membership in the British Computer Society (BCS)

The Department of Computer Science has managed to get the organisational membership in the British Computer Society BCS - The Chartered Institute for IT which it demonstrates a commitment to increase professional standards in IT practice.

The BCS is a professional body and a learned society that represents those working in Computer Science both in the United Kingdom and internationally.

Many thanks go to Dr Moaiad Khder, Head of Department of Computer Science, for his efforts in getting this achievement, and congratulations to each staff member in the department.

This is good news in conjunction with BCS celebrating their sixty years 1957-2017.



10. Dean of Research and Graduate Studies in ASU Appointed as Chairperson of the African Mathematical Commission on Mathematics Education in Africa

Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, Dean of Scientific Research and Graduate studies in Applied Science University has been appointed as Chairperson of the African Mathematical Commission on Mathematics Education in Africa. The president of the African Mathematical Union (AMU) and AMU Executive committee, have announced that Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty has been appointed as Chairperson of the AMU Commission on Mathematics Education in Africa. In her letter, she writes, I would like to congratulate you for the trust placed in yourself by the AMU Executive Committee. We are convinced, that your rich experience and your organisational skills would be beneficial for a revitalization of this commission and that various events would be organised through Africa under your relevant leadership during your mandate (2017-2021), enabling good progress of mathematics education in the continent. Let me emphasize that at the International level, the United Nations (United Nations, 2012), recognised Mathematics and Science Education as pillars for economic growth and national development; being the foundations for Science Technology and Innovation (STI), that is increasingly becoming knowledge-based. Mathematics skills are essential for building modern knowledge, readiness to take initiatives, and ability to solve problems and to innovate products and processes; elements that labour market mobility and regional integration are increasingly demanding! Otherwise, according to PISA and TIMSS results, the African students' achievements are poor until now. This comes through some unsatisfactory educational conditions, but essentially through unqualified mathematics teachers. So, the professional development of mathematics teachers should be among the commission objectives.

Short Biography: Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty completed his doctorate in quantum optics at Max-Planck Institute of Quantum Optics, Munch, Germany in 1999. After his analytical study of quantum phenomena in Flensburg University, Germany, 2001-2003, as a post-doctorate visitor, he joined the Quantum Information Group in Egypt. He received the D. Sc. (Doctor of Science), in 2007. His current research interests include quantum resources, optical and atomic implementations of quantum information tasks and protocols.

He has published more than 197 papers in international refereed journals, five book chapters and two books. He is the Editor-in-Chief of an International Journal "Applied Mathematics and Information Sciences, USA and Editor of more than 20 International journals. Prof Abdel-Aty is acting as a president

and founder of Natural Sciences Publishing USA. Abdel-Aty's research has been widely recognised and he has received several local and international awards such as Amin Lotfy Award in Mathematics in 2003, the Mathematics State Award for Encouragement in 2003, the Abdel-Hameed Shoman Award for Arab Physicists in 2005, the Third World Academy of Sciences Award in Physics in 2005, Fayza Al-Khorafy award in 2006, the State Award for Excellence in Basic Science in 2009 etc.

In 2014, he was elected as a vice-President of the African Academy of Science, and in 2016 as a member of Governor Council of Egyptian Mathematical Society and managing editor of its journal. Web: www.abdelaty.com



11. Dr Al-Hamami Attended "عشاءك سيدتي" Event

On 29 October 2017, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami attended "عشاءك سيدتي" event that has been organised by Bahrain Deserve Voluntary Team in Bahrain Mobility International Centre. The event aimed to spread awareness about breast cancer and included a lecture delivered by Dr Neven Khadem Al-Masri and free different check-ups. At the end of the event, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami was awarded by Mrs Hana Dawasan, President of Bahrain Deserve Voluntary Team for all his support to the event.

Members of Bahrain Mobility International Centre and the local community attended the event.



12. A Seminar Entitled “The Spirit of Forgiveness in The Kingdom of Bahrain”

On 24 October 2017, under the patronage of HE Dr Farid bin Yaqoub Al-Muftah, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs; ASU organised a seminar entitled “The Spirit of Forgiveness in the Kingdom of Bahrain” with the cooperation of the Community Engagement Office and the participation of the Deanship of Students Affairs in light of HM King Hamad bin Issa Al Khalifa’s article that was published in Washington Times journal in October 2017.

The event was attended by Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr Mohammad Yousif, Vice President for Administrative, Finance, and Community Engagement, and Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development; and the Scientific and Cultural Committee in College of Law.

The speakers of the seminar were HE Sheikh Dr Abdul Latif Al-Mahmoud, Chairman of the National Unity Group, and HE Sheikh Dr Rashid Al-Hajri, Head of the Sunni Waqf Directorate in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The seminar was managed by Dr Murad Al-Janabi, Professor of Islamic Studies.



13. British Council Dinner Reception

A dinner reception was held on Tuesday 31 October 2017 at Novotel Al Dana Resort organised by the British Council, titled "Study UK Discover You", where Applied Science University was invited as a partner of London South Bank University. The British Ambassador Mr Simon Martin delivered an opening presentation, and he mentioned the importance of the collaborations in the Educational sector to provide the market with well recognised international qualifications. The dinner was attended by the University President, Prof Ghassan Aouad, Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects, Dr Faiza Zitouni, Dean of Student Affairs, Mrs Catherien Hogan, Head of Governance, Strategic Planning and International Partnerships and Mr Abdulhameed Baqi, Acting Manager of Marketing and Student Recruitment Office.

14. British Council Education Fair

An Education Fair was held by the British Council Bahrain at University of Bahrain/ Sakhir Campus, where nineteen universities participated from the UK. London South Bank University was one of the participants in the fair and ASU took place in this exhibition as a partner of LSBU to promote its Engineering programmes in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The exhibition was attended by the British Ambassador, Mr Simon Martin, Assistant Secretary General of Evaluation and Accreditation, Dr Mona Albalooshi and other officials. ASU was represented by Mr Abdulhameed Baqi, Acting Manager of Marketing and Student Recruitment Office and Mrs Aissata Edmondson from London South Bank University.



15. Support of Women Entrepreneurship

Prof Saad Dariwsh, President's Advisor for Special Projects attended the Launch of Alwani Society in Bahrain on 7 November 2017. This society has the mission of highlighting the role that women can play in the Bahraini economy. The objective is to increase the percentage of women contributing to the labour market and to enhance the efficiency and capabilities of women to follow their chosen career. Further, to raise awareness within the wider Bahraini society of the rights and responsibilities of women to allow them to play a more active role in the economy. Many entrepreneurs' men and women attended the event as part of their support. At the end of the event, the board and the chair of the society thanked all those who supported them. This support is a great opportunity for our female students to join this society as it can be of good help for those planning to start their businesses.



16. ASU participates in the 2nd International Businesswomen's Forum and Exhibition

HRH Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW), patronised the opening of the second International Businesswomen's Forum and Exhibition held under the theme "Female Engineers in the Business World". ASU represented by Dr Assem Al-Hajj (VP for Academic Affairs and Development), Dr Ashraf Hendy (Dean of College of Engineering), Dr Islam Abohela (Head of Architectural and Civil Engineering Department) and fourteen students from the College of Engineering and the College of Administrative Sciences participated in the Forum and Exhibition. The event was organised by Bahrain Businesswomen Society (BBS) and took place at the Four Seasons Hotel between 13 and 15 November 2017. ASU representatives participated in the Engineering to Entrepreneurship Panel which took place on 14 November 2017. The event featured an international business Forum, B 2 B meetings and business networking. One of the themes of the forum was Sustainability, and Dr Assem Al-Hajj took this opportunity to invite the attendees of the forum to participate in the International Conference on Sustainable Futures which will take place this month at ASU between 26 and 27 November. ASU students found this event very useful and informative; they also highlighted that these events are eye-opening for them to the opportunities and what awaits them in the industry after graduation. Dr Islam Abohela asserted that ASU is keen on encouraging our students to participate in similar events which have a high impact on developing students' soft skills. Dr Ashraf Hendy added that these events are significant for networking and seeking advice from industry. The team took this opportunity to approach the keynote speakers for potential future collaboration.



17. Induction Day for The Alumni Club Members

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Club for its second cycle and the Career Development and Alumni Affairs office organised an Induction Day for the Alumni Club members at ASU campus on 21 October 2017. The event was very successful, the Alumni Club Members introduced themselves, presented the Club's objectives and strategic plan for their annual cycle, they also mentioned the available committees for anyone who would be interested in joining.

In addition, the importance of the Alumni Membership cards and its privileges in different sectors was highlighted, following this, a high number of Alumni registered for Alumni Club membership.

This event was attended by Dr Assem Al- Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development and Dr Faiza Zitouni, Dean of Student Affairs, in addition to other staff members to show their support for such significant event.



18. ASU Participated in Organising World Championships Amateur MMA 2017 and Brave 9

As part of the initiatives of the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University in support to the national and community activities, the Community Engagement Office and Deanship of Student Affairs represented the University, which was a strategic partner, at the World Championships Amateur MMA 2017 and Brave 9. The event was under the patronage of HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Charity and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and with the direct supervision of HH Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa the First Vice President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Honorary President of Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation.

The University participated in organising the championships and Brave 9 that was held in Sheikh Khalifa Sports City in the Kingdom of Bahrain for the period 12 to 18 November 2017. The opening ceremony of the championships was attended by Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Prof Ghassan Aouad, President of the University, and some administrative staff and students. The total number of Applied Science University volunteers who participated in organising the championships was one hundred and seventy; most were students, in addition to some administrative staff and the local community. The University volunteers were distributed to eleven main committees, in addition to sub-committees under the direct supervision of Dr Mohammed Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office. Mr Thaer Mustafa al-Ramini, a member of the Community Engagement Office and Student Care was the general coordinator. Mr Mohamed Mahmoud Al-Najjar, Manager of Student Services Office in the Deanship of Student Affairs, chaired the Technical and organisational Committee which included (115) individuals. Mr Waleed Abbad, student of ASU was responsible for the follow up of the administrative committees and knowing their needs.

ASU volunteers worked in different committees: The Committee for General Supervision and Coordination and follow up, the MC Committee, the Public Relations Committee for VIPs, the Complexes Committee, the Media Committee, Committee for Designs and Publications, Committee of the Secretariat, the Committee of housing and hotels, The Social Media Committee, and the Committee of Conferences.

The Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee and member of the Supreme Organising Committee for the International week of Brave and the World Amateur Martial Arts Championships, Director of the Information Office of HH Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Mr Omar Abdul Aziz Bokmal, praised the volunteers of Applied Science University during his meeting with

the University Management and through his press statements and extended his sincere thanks to them for all their efforts, which contributed to the success of the championships.

On the last day of the championships, Mr Densign White, Chief Executive Officer of International Mixed Martial Arts Federation, and Mr Khalid Abdulaziz Al Khayat, President of Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Federation, met with the ASU volunteers and thanked them for their efforts and professional work, and hoped to see them again in the next championships will be held next year in the Kingdom of Bahrain.





19. The Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) Honours ASU's Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty with Information and Knowledge Management Prize

The Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) announced the winners of the State Prizes of Institutions and Individuals on 27 November 2017. Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, Professor of Mathematics and Information Sciences and Dean of Scientific Research and Graduate Studies at Applied, Science University, was awarded the Information and Knowledge Management Prize for his Scientific Achievement. Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty has been granted the award for his high impact research published in highly cited international journals and for his contributions and achievements in the Arabic Impact Factor Project. Arab Impact Factor Project yields impressive benefits to individuals and scientific organisations looking for concrete and high impact Arabic journals and Arabic Authors. Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty was very happy to hear such news and states that getting such a high-value recognition is a motive and added responsibility to complete the research project that has been started to serve our nation and the scientific community in large in the field of Information Sciences.

Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty has been elected as a Vice President of African Academy of Sciences twice, elected as a chairman of African Mathematical Union for Math and Education, member of National Committee for International Mathematical Union and chairman of more than 15 International Conferences. He has published more than 197 papers in high impact peer-reviewed international journals and awarded several prizes both national and international. He also serves as an Editor-in-Chief of Applied Mathematics and Information Sciences: An International SCOPUS journal and Editor of more than 20 International Journals.

The Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) is a non-profit organisation affiliated to the ministry of scientific research in Egypt. It was established in September 1972 by the presidential decree number 2405 as the national authority responsible for science and technology in Egypt. Within this context, ASRT encourages basic and applied research, organises material and moral incentives, and grants state awards in all branches of science.



20. Dr Roy Invited to Judge the 18th Al Mahd Inter-School Debate 2017

In support of ASU's community engagement mission and goals, Dr Roy D. Tumaneng, Deputy Director of QAAC, has extended his expertise and services once again as a Judge in the Kingdom of Bahrain's "XIII Al Mahd Inter-School Debate" held on Saturday, 25 November 2017. His 10th time to judge since 2008, the competition aforesaid is annually organised by the Al Mahd Day Boarding School in Saar. More than forty-five pupils from different private schools in the Kingdom of Bahrain participated this year in the said event.

Each of the debaters presented his/ her arguments in a constructive speech for or against the motion, depending on which side he/ she has been assigned. The topic for the junior group was "Character is moulded at home" and for the senior group, "The world is safe without media". Among the schools which took part in the event include the following: Al Rawabi School, Al Wisam International School, Arabian Pearl Gulf School, Creativity Private School, Indian School, New Millennium School, New Vision School, Pakistan Urdu School, Quality Education School, the Asian School, and the New Indian 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 competition, trophies were awarded to the Top Three Best Debaters in each group, and the Running Trophy was awarded to the school which garnered the most number of points.



21. A Workshop on “Searching for A Job- The Journey”

On the 4 December 2017, the Career Development and Alumni Affairs Office in the Deanship of Student Affairs organised a workshop “Searching for a Job - the journey” in collaboration with Tamkeen. The workshop was delivered by Mr Mohamed Ali and covered many essential points including; the real meaning of searching for a job, understanding the various ways of recruitment in institutions and the methods of submitting CVs, using the right search tools and how to use the best process for applying for a job vacancy.

A large number of students and visitors attended the workshop that was very interesting and beneficial.



22. Bumun (Bahrain Universities Model United Nations)

ASU students participated once again in the BUMUN (Bahrain Universities Model United Nations) for its 13 years in Bahrain on the 2-3 December 2017. The event was under the Patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, in the Diplomat Radisson Hotel, Bahrain. BUMUN is a regional leadership short term programme that aims to engage youth in current global issues and hence to prepare them to become good global citizens. This year's conference highlighted topics including; the role of start-ups, Fintech, entrepreneurs' contribution in building the economy, smart cities and bridging the dimensions of technology and urban planning, the viability of alternative nuclear reactors, international nuclear disarmament, safeguards, promoting social and economic inclusion of refugees, the role of the private sector in promoting sustainable development, the situation in Libya and the situation in the Korean Peninsula.

ASU's delegation represented by 13 students, attended four training sessions in 4 weeks as part of the preparation of the BUMUN programme. In addition, twenty ASU students helped in organising the two days conference and were supervised by Mrs Hadeel Bucheerei and Mr Mohammed Najjar from the Deanship of Student Affairs. Our students have done exceptionally well and gained plenty knowledge in those sessions. This type of event always makes us proud of our students who worked very hard and shined while representing ASU.



23. Interactive Evening at the British Council

On 5 December, the President, some colleagues and female students from ASU attended an interacting evening with Bahraini female pioneers in the field of Science in celebration of the Bahrain National Women's Day. The event was organised by the British Council and the British Embassy under the Patronage of His Excellency the British Ambassador which took place at the Radisson Blu Hotel.



24. 6th Cultural Educational Exhibition

On Sunday 3 December 2017, the Deanship of Student Affairs organised with the collaboration of the College of Arts and Science its 6th educational exhibition under the patronage of HE Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Governor of Capital Governorate. A large number of students, staff and VIP guests attended this successful event, including the delegations from the Egypt Embassy. Everyone who attended this event was very much impressed by the creative, innovative and detailed work performed by our students.

The main goal of this exhibition is the use of modern learning models that encourage students to learn and develop their thinking skills by working in teams on various projects. The theme of the exhibition is coexistence amongst different cultures, religious and ethnic backgrounds. Fourteen cultures were representing various countries including; Gulf Cooperation Council, The United Kingdom, Turkey, France, Spain, Jordan, Egypt, Italy, India, Germany, China, North Africa, Russia and the USA. Students exhibited various famous people, traditions, costumes, landmarks, foods and drinks, currency, and many more related materials.

In addition, four shows from the Gulf Cooperation Council was presented in Abdulla Nass Hall showing the influence of culture on art and traditions.



25. Creative Specialisations Forum" Exhibition II

On 29 November 2017, The College of Arts and Science proudly presented the second-year exhibition entitled "Creative Specialisations Forum", showcasing the students' work from Computer Science, Graphic Design, and Interior Design. Prof Ghassan Aouad, President of Applied Science University formally opened the exhibition and encouraged the students to participate in this type of activities and thanked the College of Arts and Science for their hard work. Dr Belal Zaqaibeh, the Dean of the College, staff members, and students of the college accompanied the distinguished guests to the exhibition venue. The students explained to visitors their concepts behind their projects.

This event is one of the series of activities in the College of Arts and Science where students have participated in several other activities, such as the workshops for Java and Android applications using App Inventor by students of Computer Science Department, the students' exhibition in ICSF 2017 conference where students in the Department of Design and Art have shown their projects...etc. This forum comes as the conclusion of the activities of this semester at a time when the college staff are occupied in preparation for the submission of the benchmarking and progression reports and waiting for the visit of the quality assurance committee with the hope of getting full confidence in their programmes.



26. Bahrain National Day Celebrations at Applied Science University

Applied Science University celebrated the National Day and the Accession of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on 13 December 2017. Prof Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University invited all students, staff and guests to celebrate together this wonderful occasion.

Our Students designed and decorated the University in such a way that everyone felt the National Bahraini spirit. The programme included traditional events such as Henna Corner, traditional local stores with Bahraini art, Bahraini food and the traditional Ardha dance. The evening was buzzing with students and guests attending the Khaleeji Poets performances that were greatly appreciated by the enthusiastic audience. There was also an excellent performance by Mr Mohamed Tamini, the Bahraini Singer.

Everyone enjoyed the successful National Day celebration that was entirely organised by members of the students' council and supervised by Mr Mohammed Najjar and Mrs Hadeel Bucheerei from the Deanship of Student Affairs.



27. The Second ASU Students Group Participation in “Citizenship and Parliamentary Culture” Training Course

Bahrain Centre for Parliamentary Training in the General Secretariat of the Council of Representatives, with the coordination of the Community Engagement Office in Applied Science University and the participation of Political Science Department in the College of Administrative Sciences and Deanship of Students Affairs held a training course on citizenship and parliamentary culture for the students of Applied Science University, through which students attended weekly sitting of the Council of Representatives to know about the deliberations and discussions of the manner of running the session and how the topics and proposals are discussed, moreover, the students joined the meeting of the Council of Representatives Services Committee, to see the work of parliamentary committees.

Dr Mahmoud Khalifa Ibrahim from Political Science Department supervised the students’ during the two days course on 12 and 13 December 2017. The students were awarded for their participation by Mr Saddam Abu Azam, the Manager of Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre and Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, on behalf of the Community Engagement Office, provided an appreciation gift to Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre.



28. Christmas Carol

On the evening of 12 December, the President and his daughter Hannah attended a Christmas Carol party hosted by HE the British Ambassador, Mr Simon Martin, and his wife Sophie. It was a joyful event and funds were raised for local charities.



29. ASU's Participation in Martyr's Day

On 17 December, Applied Science University represented by Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, the Manager of Community Engagement Office and Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and Student Care with a group of the University students participated in Martyr's Day that has been organised by the Royal Charity Organisation with in cooperation with ASU.

The celebration that was hosted by Bahrain Authority for Culture Antiquities in Bahrain National Museum was arranged for the children of the Royal Charity Organisation, who planted the Razaji seedlings in the Darcin cafe garden.

A technical workshop was held for the children to make paper cards inspired by the flower of Razzji, and to draw words from the heart dedicated to the martyr, thus contributing to enhancing their spirit of citizenship and enhancing the spirit of belonging to this precious land. During the celebration, ASU students engaged with the children and provided presents to them.





30. ASU's Participation in " براعم الوطن " Celebration

In celebration of the 46th National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain and 18th Anniversary of the Accession of HM King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Royal Charity Organisation in cooperation with Applied Science University organised "براعم الوطن" celebration that was hosted by Noor Land in Al-Ali Mall on the evening of Sunday, 17 December 2017.

Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office, Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, and Dr Houriya AlDeeb, members of the Community Engagement Office, with a group of students took part in the celebration. At the end of the activities, ASU members gave presents to the children who were present.





31. ASU's Participation in "Hala December Bahrain" Festival

In celebration of the 46th National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain and 18th Anniversary of the Accession of HM King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and to ensure that Applied Science University is committed to creating an impact on society; the University participated in organising "Hala December Bahrain" festival under the patronage of Bahrain Society for Social and National Consensus, and in cooperation with Council of the Secretariat of the Capital, Northern Municipal Council, Southern Municipal Council, Muharraq Governorate Municipal Council, Bahrain Volunteer Media Team, and many other partners.

A number of the University staff and students participated in organising and attending the event that included many activities such as national songs, poetry, competitions and awards, a popular market, gallery of photos and graphics, face painting, and Henna.

Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, during his speech, congratulated the government and people of Bahrain on the occasion of the National Day, and he welcomed the audience and gave a summary about the University. Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini supervised the coordination of the festival. Ahmad AlGhazy bin Thabet (student) read verses from the Holy Quran, Waled Mohammed Abad (student) delivered a speech about Bahrain and Mr Mohammed Abdullah AlDosari (student) was the MC at the opening of the ceremony.

The event was held in Corniche El Fateh on Monday 18 December 2017.





32. Nass Horse Racing Festival

The University represented by the President, the Director of Admin and Finance and Dean of Engineering were present at the enjoyable Nass Horse Racing Festival that took place on 29 December 2017. As always, the University supported this event and this year with two races, which is an increase on previous years. The Annual Horse Racing event was an opportunity to publicise our University and programmes as sponsors of this event.

Seven rounds were held: The Late Abdulla Ahmed Nass Cup (the Nass Group), the Nass Corporation Cup, the Sarens Nass Cup, the Blue Dawn Veterinary Cup, the Applied Science University 2 Cups, and the Gulf City Cleaning Cup.

HH Sheikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HE Mr Sameer Abdulla Nass, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ASU, Mr Fawzi Abdulla Nass, who won two of the cups, and many Sheikhs and dignitaries attended this event.



33. ASU's Participation in National Day Festival

In celebration of the 46th National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain and 18th Anniversary of the Accession of HM King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and as part of Applied Science University community engagement activities, the University presented by Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and Student Care participated in the National Day Festival that was held in the Public Security Officers Club.



34. "Professional Certificate in Academic Practice (PCAP)"

Prof Ghassan Aouad, the University President and five faculty members attended the graduation ceremony of the training programme "Professional Certificate in Academic Practice (PCAP)" which was under the patronage of HE the Minister Dr Majed bin Ali Al-Nuaimi, who granted the HEC /HEA PCAP attendance certificates to the trainees.

The programme was conducted during 2017 in three consecutive workshops of four days each. It was organised by HEC and HEA Academy. The main objective of the programme is to use the experts of HEA Academy to promote the teaching and learning experiences in the Higher Education Institutes in the Kingdom of Bahrain and to help and qualify the trainees to get the Fellow recognition certificates from HEA.

Sixty-five faculty members from the public and private Higher Education Institutions in Bahrain attended the programme, out of which six Academic Staff were from ASU: Dr Hourai Aldeeb, Dr Ahmed Azzam Elmasri, Dr Rashed Ismail, Mrs Fajer Shams, Mrs Noora Al Musallam and Mr Ammar Yousif.

At the end of this programme, three ASU faculty members out of eight in total from the Kingdom of Bahrain achieved the qualification and received the Fellow Certificates.

The rest of ASU staff are getting full support from the University to complete and submit their HEA applications to become fellow members.



35. ASU Represented by Prof Waheeb Ahmed Al Khaja Honoured by HH Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa

On 18 January 2018, Applied Science University represented by Prof Waheeb Ahmed Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, was honoured by HH Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, First Deputy's President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, Honorary President of Bahrain Mixed Martial Arts Association, President of the Organising Committee of the International Brave Week for Martial Arts, at His Highness Council in Al-Wadi Palace for its support in organising the International Brave Week for Martial Arts.

As part of the initiatives of the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University in supporting the national and community activities, the University was adopted as a strategic partner of the International Brave Week for Martial Arts that included World Championships Amateur MMA 2017 and Brave 9 under the patronage of HH Shiekh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Charity and Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, and with the direct supervision of HH Shiekh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The Community Engagement Office and Deanship of Student Affairs participated in organising the championships and Brave 9 which were held in Sheikh Khalifa Sports City in the Kingdom of Bahrain during the period 12 to 18 November 2017. One hundred and seventy-one volunteers from Applied Science University, of whom the majority were students, participated in organising the championships; in addition to some Administrative Staff and members from the local community.





36. ASU Invited to the Opening of the Family Courts Complex

Staff and students of the College of Law were invited to HRH Princess Sabeeka, wife of HM the King and President of the Supreme Council for Women, opening Family Courts Complex in Al-Haniniyah on Thursday 25 January 2018. Dr Khaled Gamal Ahmed Hassan, the Dean of the College of law, Prof Murad Al-Janabi, Dr Mohaned Ahmed Mahmoud Sanouri and Dr Faiza Zitouni, Dean of Students Affairs, and five students attended the opening. The new complex is planned to deliver fast services and provide a significant boost to protect family rights and reinforce social stability in the Kingdom of Bahrain.



37. Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty Awarded the DS-Medal in Mathematics (Spain)

Prof Juan Luis García Guirao, the Chairman of European Conference on Iteration Theory and Chairman of the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, Technical University of Cartagena, Spain announced that Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, the Vice President of African Academy of Sciences and Dean of Research and Graduate Studies of the Applied Science University, Bahrain, has been awarded the Dynamical Systems 2018 Medal for starting a new branch between Physics and Mathematics. This recognition is based on paving paths between people who work in this field that Prof Abdel-Aty has open new trends between quantum dynamics and classical dynamical systems and his essential contribution to the formulation of mixed state entanglement. The award will be delivered during the European Conference on Iteration Theory that will be held in Murcia on 3-6 July 2018.



38. ASU Strategic Partner of the Programmes and Activities Bahrain Culture and Antiquities Authority 2018

On Sunday 28 January, as a part of the initiatives of the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University in support of national and community activities, the University, represented by the Community Engagement Office and Deanship of Student Affairs, was adopted as a strategic partner of the programmes and activities Bahrain Culture and Antiquities Authority 2018.

The opening ceremony of the festival was attended by HE Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, Dr Abdulaziz Al Tuwajri, the General Manager of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, Dr Ahmed Mohammed Ali Al Madani, First president of the Islamic Development Bank, Arab Ministers of Culture, Delegations from various Arab countries, Ambassadors of Arab countries, Arab Information Ministers and Arabic artists.

Some ASU students participated in the coordination of the event under the supervision of Mr Thaeer Alramini, Member of Student Affairs and CE Office. The main committees that ASU volunteers took part in: 1. Organisers, 2. VIP reception, 3. Accompaniment of ministers and guests (from and to the airport and the hotel to the celebration site), 4. Record the data electronically and, 5. Distribution of cards and invitations to the ceremony.



39. ASU Participating in HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad - Sports Championship for Bahraini Universities

Under the Patronage of HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa and organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, a sports championship for Bahraini universities will be starting from 25-2-2018 until 17-3-2018.

The championship will consist of five sports for male and female students where all universities will be competing including:

1. Indoor football for men.
2. Volleyball for men.
3. Indoor football for women.
4. Basketball for women.
5. Marathon for both male and female.

In order to prepare for the championship, the Ministry of Youth and Sports held several meetings with representatives of Student Affairs from Bahraini Universities, amongst them Mr Mohammed Al Najjar, the Manager of Student Services Office at ASU. The second meeting was hosted at ASU in the presence of Prof Ghassan Aouad, Dr Assem Al Hajj, Dr Faiza Zitouni, Mr Abdullah Al Khaja, Student Affairs members and Student Council members.

The Deanship of Student Affairs managed to create teams to participate in all the above-mentioned sports, and the teams will start their training and preparations during the week commencing 11 February 2018 under the supervision of the Student Services Office. All ASU wishes our participating teams a great success.



40. King Hamad Global Centre

Under the Patronage of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, ASU participated for a Seminar about “King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence” on Thursday, 8 February 2018 at Isa Cultural Centre in Juffair.

Some ASU students participated in the organisation in the event and was supervised by Mr Thaer Alramini, Member of Student Affairs and CE Office. The students found the event very interesting.



41. Meeting with the Alumni Club to Organise the Upcoming Job Fair

On 5 February 2018, the Career Development and Alumni Affairs Office conducted a meeting with the alumni club. The meeting covered mainly the upcoming job fair, its organisation, distribution of the role and responsibilities. Another focus of this meeting was the membership card of the Alumni club members, the privileges and the benefits to the users.



42. Parliamentary Forum on the National Action Charter

On Thursday, 8 February, Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of Marketing and Public Affairs participated as (MC) in the Parliamentary Forum on the National Action Charter "Future Prospects, Sustainable Development, and Peace", which was held by the Council of Representatives in cooperation with the International Peace Institute under the Patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa AlKhalifa. The Forum was attended by some Elite guests and VIPs' from the Kingdom of Bahrain and GCC Countries. During the Forum, three different sessions were moderated in such areas like Political, Religious and Economics, which highlighted the transformational stages in Bahrain after the National Action Charter.



43. Bahrain National Charter Day

On 14 February 2017, the Ministry of Education organised student's exhibition in celebration of the 17th anniversary of the Bahrain National Charter in the Bahrain National Charter Monument for schools and universities in Bahrain.

The Deanship of Student Affairs and the College of Arts and Science participated in the event that was coordinated from ASU by Mr Thaer and Mrs Hessa, and highly supported by Dr Belal Zaqaibeh the Dean of the College of Arts and Science.

The exhibition was about displaying students' creative and innovative projects. ASU had five projects from the College of Arts and Science. Samah, Reem, Fathia, Jumana, and Wafa are students from the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Design and Art who presented their projects under the supervision and guidance of Dr Moaiad Khadr, Dr Ahmad Hasan Dr Yasser Abbar and Dr Manaf Jafer. ASU stand was visited by HE Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The students were very enthusiastic in presenting and explaining their work.



44. ASU Sports Day

On 13 February 2018, in synchronizing with the celebration of the Kingdom of Bahrain, ASU organised a sport day in the campus from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The event consisted of different sports mainly walkathon, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, baby foot, chess and other activities. Staff and students participated in the event where the University President Prof Ghassan insisted that sports are a significant factor in the students and staff daily life, he added that "Healthy mind is in a healthy body".

The winners of all sports activities have been honoured. Many students and staff enjoyed the sports day as it broke the daily routine.



45. ASU's Workshop about Meeting the Market Needs

On 20 February 2018, ASU organised a workshop titled "Millennials (Young Graduates) and the Job Market: The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Meeting Market Needs" at its Dome Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the presence of representatives from the public and private sectors, members from Programme Advisory Boards, academic and administrative staff members from the University, in addition some students and alumni.

The workshop is part of the University's continuous effort to listen to the market needs and adjust its educational delivery accordingly to equip better its students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their careers.

Indeed, the University believes that its role is not to just graduate students with academic degrees, but to graduate well-rounded human beings who have what it takes to integrate any structure they want easily. This belief was echoed in the President's opening presentation where he underlined that this holistic approach to student development is a cornerstone of the teaching philosophy at ASU, a university that prides itself for always trying to be a market-driven Applied Science University.

The President also looked in his brief introductory presentation at the latest trends and numbers related to the present and future market needs in terms of the most sought-after disciplines in the job market and the most promising programmes in terms of employability and profitability. This underpins the question: are the University graduates in Bahrain a good match for the current market needs? Do they have the necessary skills?

To trigger the discussion and profit from the insight of the workshop's participants, Dr Faiza Zitouni, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development, and Dean of Student Affairs, presented to the audience a couple of slides about the soft skills that ASU tries to embed in its graduate attributes and asked the audience about what they consider to be the most important skills, hard and soft, for the workplace nowadays. The participants were very engaged and reactive and, after working in small groups, shared lists of the skills they deem essential for the modern graduates.



46. ASU Participating in Organising Bahrain Sports Day

On 13 February 2018, The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University coordinate ASU Volunteer Club Participation with the organisation of the sports activities mainly colour run, basketball, football amongst other activities during Bahrain Sports. The event was under the Patronage of HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Chairman of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Charity Organisation and was held in the Bahrain National Stadium.



47. Arab Impact Factor

Dr Baha El-Din Makkawi, Head of the Political Science Department, was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Arab Impact Factor.

Arab impact factor is a measure of the importance of the scientific journals within the field of its research specialisation. The project was established under the umbrella of the Association of Arab Universities and deals with the measurement of scientific journals in the Arabic language.



48. Health and Safety Training at the College of Engineering

On Thursday, 1 March 2018, the College of Engineering hosted the Health and Safety Department Representatives from NASS Contracting to deliver training to the Engineering students and Academic Staff Members. The training was started by a welcome speech from Mr David Anthony, the General Manager of NASS Contracting and Prof Ghassan Aouad, the President of Applied Science University highlighting the importance of health and safety in general and specifically in construction sites.

The training is an essential part of two taught modules offered this semester namely Study Skills and Professional Practice taught by Dr Assem Al-Hajj, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Constructing the Built Environment taught by Dr Ashraf Hendy, Dean of the College of Engineering. The training was also attended by Dr Islam Abohela, Head of the Civil and Architectural Engineering Department and Dr Mohammed Assiadi, Coordinator of the Civil and Construction Engineering Programme and they both took the final assessment for the training along with the College of Engineering students. Successfully attending the training and passing the assessment will grant the attendees permission to access construction sites with proper knowledge of basic health and safety regulations in construction sites. The training covered:

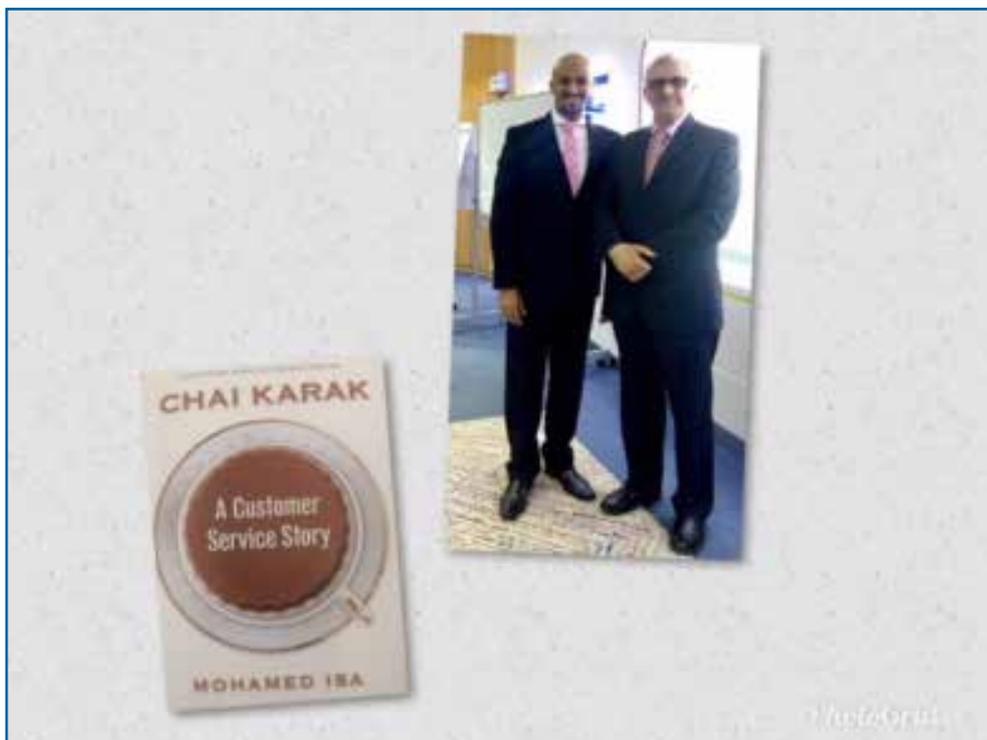
- Workers' individual responsibilities for their safety and the safety of others.
- Common construction hazards and how these are controlled.
- How everyone can help achieve better practical standards of safety on site.
- Legal requirements and liabilities.
- Working at height.
- Manual handling.
- Fire prevention.
- Work equipment.
- Occupational Health.

The training started at 09:00 a.m. and lasted for seven and a half an hour in addition to the assessment. The training was well received by the engineering students and Academic Staff Members. The instructor was keen on getting all the attendees involved in the case studies discussed and expressed his satisfaction with the involvement of the attendees in the discussions.



49. Launch of "Chai Karak" Book

On 27 February, Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor, attended the launch of "Chai Karak" a book written by Mr Mohammed Isa, a Coach and a Professional Public Speaker. The book shows the reader how to instil a customer-centric culture. It explains how to attract and retain more customers, creates loyal customers for life, converts complaints into opportunities, fuels your innovation pipeline and wins the customer service game. Mr Mohammed stated that customer service starts with leadership and communication. Many entrepreneurs and SME's attended this inspiring lecture which gave insights for future entrepreneurs.



50. IEEE Student Chapter

On 24 February 2018, the Executive Committee (ExCOM) of IEEE Bahrain Section has met and successfully launched the submission of the application to establish the IEEE Student Chapter at ASU. The meeting was attended by Dr Belal Zaqaibeh, the Vice-Chair, Dr Ali Zolait, the Secretary, and Mrs Hanan Saleh, the Treasurer. Dr Adel A. H. Abdulla, who is the Chair of IEEE Bahrain Section, helped immensely in establishing the student chapter and wished all members success.

Thirteen students under the supervision of Dr Moaiad Khder, HoD of Computer Science, have registered from the Department of Computer Science.

The College of Arts and Science is working closely with its students to achieve its objectives in research and community engagement. Several projects are proposed by the College and its students that will take effect in the coming few weeks under the umbrella of IEEE.

Student branches are crucial to the growth and development of IEEE Student members. Student branches create a local network of students and allow students to meet and learn from fellow students, as well as faculty members and professionals in the field. Student branches offer numerous educational, technical, and professional advantages to IEEE Student members through special projects, activities, meetings, tours, and field trips. However, these activities and advantages aren't done without the effort, labour, and diligence of volunteers.

As of 26 April 2018, the Department of Computer Science was pleased to receive an approval to establish an IEEE student chapter at Applied Science University. The formal process was initiated by Dr Moaiad Khder, HOD of Computer Science Department, and the membership of Dr Belal Zaqaibeh and Dr Mohammad AlHamami as University members. Mrs Samah Fujo currently chairs the chapter with a team that consists of twelve members of Computer Science students. Soon, the student chapter will start working with IEEE globally and locally to begin the activities. This is another step to strengthen the relationship with international scientific organisations in addition to the Computer Science Department organisational membership with British Computer Society.



51. Bahrain National Charter Festival

Applied Science University attended the celebrations of the 17th anniversary of the Bahrain National Charter at a major celebration at the headquarters of the National Charter in Sakhir, where many governmental and private institutions, schools and universities participated. Mr Thaer Ramini and students from ASU attended this great event.

The event started with a walk for school students raising the photos of His Majesty, the King, followed by sports and cultural activities.

The celebration started at 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and was attended by HE the Minister of Education, Dr Majid bin Ali Al Nuaimi and a large number of officials from the Ministry and representatives of public and private Universities.

After the festival, a grand ceremony was held at the Roman Theatre in the honour of HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. On this occasion, His Majesty, the King expressed his thanks and appreciations to the participants who made the event very successful. His Majesty also praised the celebration of national values that reflect the efforts exerted by educational institutions in shaping the culture of national belonging.



52. Recruitment and Training Exhibition

Mrs Noora Musalam, Manager of Career Development and Alumni Affairs Office in the Deanship of Student Affairs organised a hugely successful "Recruitment and Training Exhibition" on Sunday, 25 February 2018 that was under the Patronage of HE Mr Jameel bin Mohamed Ali Humaidan, the Minister of Labour and Social Development and the invitation was under Prof Ghassan Aouad, the University President.

Mr Jameel bin Mohamed Ali Humaidan opened the exhibition and honoured the governmental and private institutions that participated. Great support was apparent throughout the event from Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, the Chairman of the Board of trustees, Prof Ghassan Aouad, the University President, the Vice Presidents, and the Deans.

Twenty-six companies participated from both the public and private sector. A large number of students who attended the event were delighted with the event that offered them a potentially great job and training opportunities.



53. International Women Day

On 8 March 2018, Applied Science University celebrated the International Women Day. This special day is to honour the role of women and their great achievements around the world. Prof Ghassan Aouad, the President of ASU, presented his great wishes to all women at ASU with an inspiring speech of encouragement and highlighted the vital role of women on those accomplishments that made an extraordinarily positive impact in our world.

54. ASU Participated in “Parliamentary Culture of Youth” Training Course

Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre in cooperation with the ASU’s Community Engagement Office and the Deanship of Student Affairs, invited students from ASU to participate in a training course entitled “Parliamentary Culture of Youth” at the Parliament as part of a series of training courses that will be implemented on a later stage to include the largest possible number of students.

The 2-day training course included lectures, workshops as well as attending committees’ meetings. Advisers, deputies, and lawyers in the Secretariat delivered the lectures, who discussed the development of the parliamentary life within the framework of the reform project of His Majesty the King, the formation and terms of reference of the National Council, mechanisms and procedures for the work of parliamentary committees. They also highlighted the achievements of the House of Representatives during its previous periods, and field visits of the weekly session of the House of Representatives.

“120 attendees mostly from Applied Science University participated in the course”, mentioned Mr Thaer Al Ramini.

Mrs Fatima Hashem Khalid Head of Parliamentary Training Section expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to the Management of Applied Science University for its continuous efforts to enable students to keep abreast of the development and excellence of the labour market by introducing distinguished graduates that represent the University.





55. HH Sheikh Nasser Al Khalifa Universities Sports Tournament

During the week commencing 11 March 2018, the sport games of HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa Universities Sports Tournament started their finals. ASU teams astonished us, as they played extremely well in most of the participated sports; the female basketball team won the Bronze Medals as well as the male volleyball team who also got the third place and won the Bronze Medal. ASU also won two awards by, (1) Noor AlHuda Rabea who won "the best goalkeeper" in the female football team and (2) Fatima Abdulredha who won "the best player in the female basketball team".

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Faiza Zitouni reported "Hats off to all our students who kept us on our toes from the moment they started playing to the end; they made us proud! Such a sport tournament allowed us to discover the talent of our students. Our students players and staff at the Deanship of Student Affairs worked relentlessly showing their loyalty and commitment towards our beloved university".

Many thanks to all ASU students who participated in making this tournament a great success, including; students' athletes, all members of the Students Council, Volunteering Club members, Sport Club members (particularly Abdulla Al-Ahmad, the President of the Club and Faisal Al-Jowder), the Media club members who were active on ASU social media (particularly Houd Sadeq and Ahmed Dasmal). Many thanks to the team coaches, Mr Abdulla Al Jaber (Alumni member) and Mrs Mooza Mansouri and Mrs Fataima Janahi.

Our special thanks go to our staff at the Deanship of Student Affairs, specially Mr Mohammed Najjar and Mr Thaer Ramini, for their valuable contribution in preparing, organising, supervising our student during the three weeks of the tournament.

Many thanks to the President of the University, Prof Ghassan Aouad, for his great support, to Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, Dr Mohammed Yousif, VP for Administration and Finance, Mr Abdulla Al Khaja, Mr Mohammed Nassar, Dr Mohammad AlHamami, Prof Saad Darwish, and all staff who supported our students in these great memorable achievements.



56. ASU a Golden Sponsor in EDUTEX

On 21, 22 and 23 March 2018, the University has participated as a golden sponsor in the 6th Bahrain Exhibition for Training and Education 2018 (EDUTEX). The exhibition was held under the patronage of HE Jameel bin Mohammed Humaidan, the Minister of Labour and Social Development.

It is the annual largest educational event providing a necessary platform, which will comprehensively showcase Higher Education, Digital Education, Vocational and Occupational Training and other Development courses to over 5000 prospective students and affluent visitors spanning over 30 nationalities from Bahrain and the eastern province of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. EDUTEX attracts most of the Government and Private secondary schools' students, post-graduates, parents and other interested potentials. The official opening was inaugurated by HE Jameel bin Mohammed Humaidan, the Minister of Labour and Social Development, in the presence of Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Prof Ghassan Aouad, the University President; Dr Mohammed Yousif, VP for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement, Mr Abdulla Al-Khaja, Director of Administration and Finance; Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of Marketing and Public Affairs, Mrs Tania Kashou, Director of the President's Office, in addition to other ASU members and students.

The Minister and other VIPs visited ASU stand and expressed their admiration for the level of the offered programmes both existing and hosted. The University presented its new programmes in Architecture Design Engineering, Civil and Construction Engineering in cooperation with London South Bank University in addition to the programmes offered by Cardiff Metropolitan University in Accounting and Finance and Management and Business Studies, along with its existing academic programmes in the College of Administrative Sciences, Arts and Science and Law.

The Directorate of Marketing and Public Affairs team, the Deanship of Admissions and Registration, the Deanship of Student Affairs as well as the students played a significant role during the three days of exhibition and were great ambassadors of the University.

More than 100 inquiries were received from students from both Government and Private schools. As a result, data was gathered on the students' preference for universities in Bahrain. Such valuable data will help the University enhance its marketing activities and plans for the future.



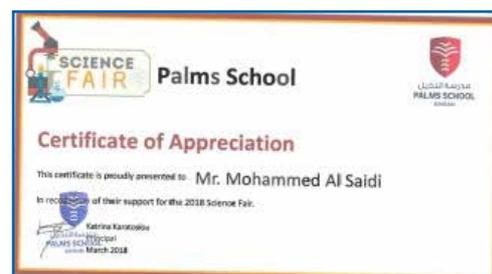
57. Career Day at BTI

ASU participated for the second year in the Career Day Exhibition, at Bahrain Training Institute (BTI) which was under the patronage of the Minister of Education HE Mr Majed Alnoaimi from 20 to 22 March 2018, during which the students were informed about the colleges and the programmes offered by the University.



58. ASU a Judge in 2018 Science Fair at Palms School

Dr Mohammed Assiadi from the Engineering College attended a science fair at Palms School where the pupils presented their experiments and explained the scientific facts in relation to each experiment. They also answered the judge panel questions. "It was very interesting watching the young pupils doing their experiments and illustrating them to us", Dr Assiadi stated. He thanked the School for organising such an event and encouraged them to do more activities. In addition to science, such events enhance the student's confidence and way of communication, which will have a very positive aspect in their higher studies and work.



59. Guinness Challenge

Under the Patronage of His Majesty, the King's Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Guinness Challenge will be held on 30 March 2018 and organised by Applied Science University as a bronze sponsor. On Monday 26 March 2018, Mr Mohamed Najjar and the Student Council representing the Deanship of Student Affairs attended a press conference on the challenge where a football game will be played for 24 hours continually. Seventy students from ASU participated as organisers, and one team participated in playing in the tournament Guinness challenge.



60. Honouring Ceremony to All Participants in HH Sheikh Nasser Sports Tournament

The Ministry of Youth and Sports organised on Wednesday 28 March 2018, an honouring ceremony to all participating universities in HH Sheikh Nasser Sports Tournament.

HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the King's Representative for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee President honoured all the universities representatives including ASU for their achievements.



61. ASU Won Silver Medals at Bahrain Guinness World Record

The first-of-its-kind event, initiated by Bahrain Olympic Committee, got underway at Bahrain Sports Federation for People with Disabilities Hall at Isa Sports City and was scheduled to conclude within 24 hours starting from 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 30 March until 7:00 p.m. next day. ASU was the only selected University in the Kingdom of Bahrain to participate in the longest Futsal Tournament that was held under the Patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Representative of His Majesty for Charity Works and Youth Affairs, Chairman of Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and president of Bahrain Olympic Committee. The opening ceremony was inaugurated by HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, first deputy chairman of Supreme Council of Youth and Sports and President of Bahrain Athletics Association.

Seventy students from ASU participated in the event as organisers and supervised by Mr Mohammed Najjar, Students Service Office Manager and Mr Thaer Ramini, Administrator in the Student Services Office, including two of our teams that participated in the Futsal tournament that was led by Mr Ali Mohamed, the Assistant Director of the Directorate of Marketing and Public Relations.

The tournament went continuously for 24 hours with a group of 18 teams and 226 players from all over the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Moreover, the extraordinary effort qualified our team to reach the final and win second place. This achievement made ASU part of being certified officially from Guinness and mentioned in the Guinness World Records Book.

Furthermore, the First Deputy President of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, HH Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, honoured our students both organisers and players for their significant contribution in this global event that made this tournament successful and gained the privilege of entering the Guinness World Records.





62. British Ambassador Rewards Prof Saad Darwish, an ASU Faculty Member

British Council Bahrain and the Bahrain UK Alumni Network Board Members organised an inspirational and entertaining evening, featuring distinguished key speakers, networking opportunities, games and live music by Majaz Bahrain. The event was to strengthen ties between UK alumni in Bahrain for both seasoned and fresh UK graduates, as well as share plans of the Bahrain UK Alumni Network, including professional development events and further networking opportunities. Applied Science University was present with Prof Ghassan Aouad, President, Dr Assem Al Hajj, VP Academic Affairs and Development, Dr Ashraf Hendy, Dean of the College of Engineering, Dr Faiza Zitouni, Dean of Students Affairs, Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor and Mrs Diana El Hageova, VP Office Director.

Proud to say that the British Ambassador, Mr Simon Martin CMG, honoured Prof Saad Darwish for his continuous support to the Alumni and his great effort and contribution as a member in the Bahrain UK Alumni from 2016-2017. Prof Saad was presented with a certificate of appreciation.



63. ASU Supported "امي نبضة حياتي" Festival

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University supported the festival "امي نبضة حياتي" that was organised by Life Pulse Bahrain Voluntary Team in Ramli Mall on the occasion of Mother's Day.

The festival included medical tests such as temperature, oxygen, heart rate, blood pressure, basic sugar, health education for physicians section, physical therapy, mental health, and dental health section. Several activities also took place such as songs, poems, gymnastics show, entertainment contests, healthy cooking contest, games, gifts, faces painting and colouring for children.

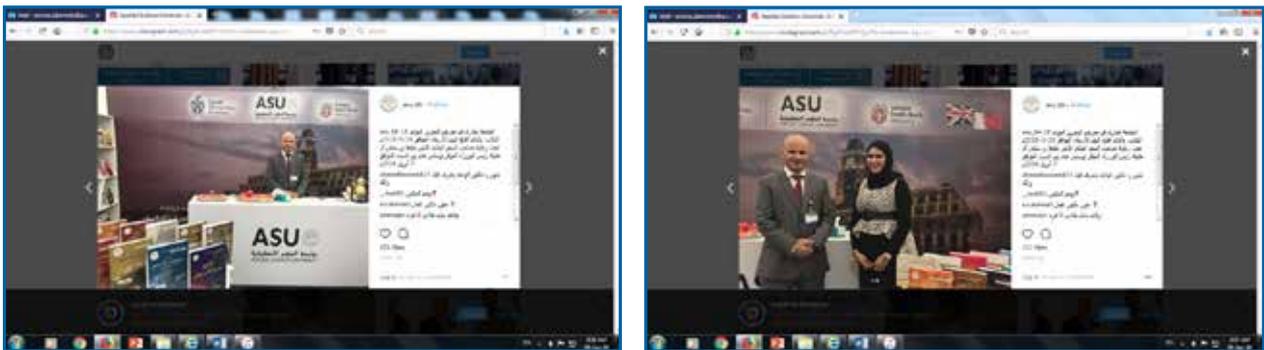
A number of public figures attended the festival such as the artist Shafiq Yousif, artist Ahmad Isa, and former national team player, Ahmad Hubail.

At the end of the celebration, the Community Engagement Office on behalf of the University represented by Mr Thaer Mustafa Alramini was awarded for supporting and participating in the festival.



64. Participation of ASU Library in the 18th Bahrain International Book Fair

ASU library has participated in the 18th Bahrain International Book Fair, which started on 28 March until April 2018. ASU's publications have been displayed in the book fair and were available for immediate purchase. The objectives of this participation were to introduce the ASU publications to the academic Bahraini community and market the library as a contributing factor of the ASU research community.



65. "How to Market Yourself" Workshop

On Wednesday 4 April 2018, the Career Development and Alumni Affairs office at the Deanship of Student Affairs organised an essential workshop called "How to Market Yourself" which was delivered by Mr Mohammed Ali from Tamkeen. This career development workshop aimed to prepare our graduating students and Alumni job seekers to the world of work.

The main topics delivered at the workshop were: (a) the recruitment process (b) How to search for jobs? (c) How to be prepared at interviews? (d) How to write your CV? (e) The skills needed to get and keep the right job. A large number of graduating students and alumni attended this beneficial and beneficial workshop.



66. Dr Al-Hamami Awarded for Supporting the Community

On 4 April 2018, Dr Mohammad Alaa Hussain Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office was awarded for his contribution in raising awareness about social media and his efforts in supporting the community.

Dr Al-Hamami had the honour to present the awards to the participants in the community capacity building programme, which was organised by Tafawuq Consulting Centre for Development and the Social Media Club in Bahrain in a strategic partnership with Tamkeen Labour Fund and in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).



67. ASU Supported a Visit to Batelco House for the Care of Anonymous Children

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University supported an entertainment visit to Batelco House for the Care of Anonymous Children organised by Al-Hoorah and Al-Gudaibya Social Centre on Saturday 31 March 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ASU student Shikha AlZaied, who played a significant role in organising the visit thanked the University for supporting the event. The event included a lot of activities for the children such as competitions, colouring and drawing, distributing gifts, henna, face painting, colour sand war, and jerba show.



68. ASU Won the 1st Place in Table Tennis Tournament between All Bahraini Universities

On Saturday 21 April 2018, the Deanship of Student Affairs took part in the 2nd Universities' table tennis tournament organised for students and Academic Staff by the Gulf University. The event was under the Patronage of HH Shaikha Hayat bint Abdulaziz Al Khalifa (Bahrain Olympic Committee Board Member and Chairwoman of the Women's Sports Committee).

Five ASU students participated in the tournament including; Rashed Sanad, Yousif Ghunaim, Hussain Al Jowdar, Abdulrahman Sager and Wafa Hubail. Our students played exceptionally well, Rashed and Yousif reached the semi-finals. Yousif won the 4th place, and Rashed Sanad won the 1st place.

ASU is extremely proud of the amazing results as our students won the 1st and 4th place. The tournament consisted of thirty-six players from nine different universities in Bahrain which considered another great achievement for ASU.

In addition, Dr Assem Al-Hajj participated in the Staff Table Tennis Tournament against 16 academics from different universities in Bahrain. We are proud of Dr Assem Al-Hajj, who reached the finals and won the 3rd place.

Many thanks go to Mr Mohammed Najjar from the Deanship of Student Affairs for his great supervision, enthusiasm and sheer determination in supporting our students for success.





69. ASU Participated in the Fourth Exhibition on Employment in the Educational Sector

Applied Science University represented by Mrs Zuhoor Hasan, from the Administrative Affairs Department, participated in the 4th exhibition on Employment in the Educational Sector. The Labour and Social Development Ministry organised the exhibition under the patronage of Labour and Social Development Minister Jamil bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan.

The event, which was held at the Labour and Social Development Ministry in Isa Town on April 16 and 17, aimed to employ job seekers who have completed their secondary or Higher Education. The participating educational institutions and private training ones showcased their vacancies, which include various administrative, educational, technical and supervisory posts.



70. London Day at ASU

“London Day” event was celebrated at Applied Science University on 18 April 2018. The event started in Abdulla Nass Hall, where a delegation from London South Bank University, Staff, students and guests attended the fantastic activities that were organised and delivered by students under the supervision of the Deanship of Student Affairs and the Directorate of Marketing and Public Affairs. The MC of the event was the student Aliona Scherba, who was very confident and delivered an excellent introduction to the event. Speakers were: Prof Ghassan Aouad, President of the University, Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Prof Paul Ivey, Pro Vice Chancellor of Research and External Engagement from London South Bank University, who spoke about the important relationship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

The event also showed a fantastic video that was entirely directed by our student Houd Sadiq titled “Why ASU?” This was followed by a fantastic song that was chanted in English and Arabic by our students (Ali Al Kaabi, Faisal Alsaeed, and Jumana Alqattan).

There was also an outdoor exhibition of food trucks catering for British food, and indoor exhibition that showed the most famous landmarks of London, the exhibition was organised by students (Fatima Alqahtani, Asma Alshamari, Ahmed Shawqi and Ahmed Alkhoory).

Many thanks go to all students and staff, specially Dr Mohammed Yousif for their significant contribution, in making this event a great success. Hopefully, this event will be an annual celebration.





71. Universities Basketball Tournament

ASU Basketball team participated in the Universities Basketball Tournament that was organised by Bahrain Polytechnic in collaboration with the Bahraini Basketball Association in RCSI campus and played among seven Universities. ASU team was committed to pieces of training, team spirit and hard work, which led them to win third place. Mr Nasser Alqaseer, Vice President of the Bahraini Basketball Association Board of Directors honoured ASU students and congratulated them for achieving the third place. ASU is very proud of their students' great achievement and the continuous support Mr Mohammed Najjar is providing to our students and his distinguished supervision. Many thanks also go to our alumni "Abdulla Jaber" for his hard work in coaching our team and for our student Ahmed Dasmal for the media coverage.





72. ASU President Elected to Serve on the Bahrain AIESEC Board of Directors for a Second Term

Last week, ASU President was elected to serve on the Bahrain AIESEC Board of Directors for a second term. The Board of Directors include, in addition to the President, the following members:

- 1- Amal Al Koohji - *Chairman*
- 2- Dana Bu Khammas - *Vice Chairman*
- 3- Tariq Al Olaimy - *Secretary*
- 4- Mahmood Merza - *Treasurer*
- 5- Qays Al Zu'by - *Member*
- 6- Ali Al Shabbagh - *Member*
- 7- Adnan Al Mahmood - *Member*
- 8- Cameron Mirza - *Member*
- 9- Pakiza Abdulrahman - *Member*
- 10- Hind Idris - *Member*

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young people with leadership development, cross-cultural global internships, and volunteer exchange experiences across the globe. The organisation focusses on empowering young people to make a positive impact on society.

73. “Artwork for Children in Need” Press Conference

On 9 April 2018, the Community Engagement Office, on behalf of ASU, represented by Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and Student Care; attended the press conference about the launch of the Fourth Auction Gala Dinner under the patronage of HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa - His Majesty the King’s Representative for Charity and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Charity Organisation.

The press conference was held in the Capital Club, Bahrain Financial Harbour, Manama.



74. ASU Participated in the Fourth Charity Exhibition “Artwork for Children in Need”

As a part of the University’s commitment to support the different community sectors including the orphans and widows, ASU participated in the 4th charity exhibition the Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize 2018 “Artwork for the Children in Need” that is organised by the Royal Charity Organisation and Sovereign Art Foundation under the patronage of HE Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities.

ASU participated in the Charity exhibition by displaying a collection of creative artworks provided by the College of Arts and Science students.

Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office, Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement

Office and Student Care, Mrs Ayat Nass, the Executive Secretary in President's Office, and the student, Duaij Ahmed AlShomeli Student Council Vice President, attended the opening ceremony of the exhibition. Paintings and artworks collected from schools and universities were exhibited and sold in the Avenues - Bahrain (Harbour Gate) for ten days starting 24 April 2018.



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75. The Director of Marketing and Public Relations Participated in The Graduation Ceremony for Hope Institute for Special Education

On Wednesday, 9 May 2018 Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of Marketing and Public Relations participated in the graduation ceremony for Hope Institute for Special Education as MC. The ceremony was held under the patronage of HH Shaikha Hend bin Salman Al Khalifa and attended on her behalf, Mrs Mahfodha Al-Zayani. This participation is considered part of the Community Engagement activity; which reflects the University's commitment towards the society. The graduation was attended by a large number of invitees from the Ministry of Education, Media, Educational Institutions, and the Ministry of Health.



76. ASU Participated in Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities Meeting

Within the framework of cooperation between the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University and Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, the University participated in the coordination meeting that was organised in Bahrain Fort Site Museum on Sunday, 13 May 2018 for volunteers who are interested in taking part in the activities with the UNESCO.

Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and student care with a group of University students attended the meeting.



77. Applied Science University Participated in “رمضان امان” Campaign

As a part of Applied Science University’s commitment in participating in the community engagement and service activities, which provide opportunities for students, alumni, and staff to participate, engage, and serving the community, the University participated for the second year in “رمضان امان” campaign that aims to distribute 30000 iftar meals on the road in the Kingdom of Bahrain in boxes with ASU logo. The campaign was organised by Fazat Shabab Society with the collaboration of the General Directorate of Traffic and with the participation of some institutions from the Government and Civil Society.

The Campaign launch ceremony was attended by HE Sheikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Governor of the Capital Governorate, and Sheikh Dr AbdulAziz bin Ali AlNoami, Advisor to Ajman Government for Environment and the Executive Chairman of Al Ahsan Charitable Society.

Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office, Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and Student Care, and more than thirty students, alumni, and academic and administrative staff represented the University during the campaign.

The campaign which is implemented this year in Bahrain, UAE, KSA, Kuwait, Oman, Jordan, and Bosnia; aims to reduce traffic accidents and excessive speed resulting from motorists trying to catch up with Iftar, by distributing light meals to drivers before Maghrib Adhan near traffic lights and busy places.





78. The Community Engagement Office Published "ASU_رمضانيات" Series

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University published "ASU_رمضانيات" series during Ramadan month on its and the University social media accounts. Around more than fifty individuals include academic and administrative University staff, students, and experts from the local community participated in the ten episodes of the series.

The episodes series covered different topics about Ramadan month such as the Holy Quran, wise words, Lessons and advice provided to the community. Each episode includes a competition by asking questions related to the series topics, and the winners of ten episodes got prizes provided by the University. The draw for the grand prize which was a Swiss watch included the winners of episodes plus anyone who participate in the last episode by providing the right answers.

The winners of the episodes were: Mrs Hanna Dawisan, Mrs Hanan Radi, Mrs Lateefa Shareeda, Mrs Amal Jamal, Mrs Aysha Fakhroo, Mrs Hanan Jamal, Mr Ismail Sharif, Mrs Amina Alnofaie, Mr Abdulrahman Mohamed, and Mr Yousif AlQooti. The winner of the grand prize was Mrs Amal Jamal.





79. The Community Engagement Office Attended BTECH Annual Gathering

On behalf of Applied Science University, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami and Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini attended the Bahrain Technology Companies Society’s gathering titled “Bahrain ICT Companies Growth into Saudi” which was held on 28 May 2018 at Wyndham Grand Hotel. The gathering was under the patronage of HE Eng Kamal bin Ahmed Mohammed, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications and included BTECH welcome speech and updates, a lecture about Saudi Market ICT Opportunities by IDC, a panel discussion about Bahrain ICT companies’ growth into Saudi, and Ghabga.



80. Dr Al-Hamami Attended ISACA Annual Ghabga Gathering

As a member of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami attended the ISACA Bahrain Chapter Annual Ghabga gathering on 29 May 2018 at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel and met with the President of ISACA Bahrain, Dr Adel Ismail Al-Alawi and board members and discussed opportunities of collaboration with Applied Science University.



81. Annual ASU Ghabgha

The Marketing and Public Relations Directorate at the University has successfully organised the Annual ASU Ghabgha on the evening of 1 June for its staff and their families. The Chairman of the BOTs, HE the British Ambassador and his wife, Mr Mohamed AlAmer member of the BOTs, many members of the University Programme Advisory Boards, external guests, and a large number of colleagues and their families attended this event.

The Ghabgha night started with a welcoming speech by the President followed by an entertaining and informative evening presented by the Director of Marketing and Public Relations and culminating in a nice dinner served at midnight.

Many thanks are due to the Marketing and Public Relations Directorate and other colleagues who have helped in organising this event, which is timely as it happened a few weeks before the accreditation visit. Social events are as important as academic ones, in creating bonding amongst the ASU community and in raising the University's profile.



82. Applied Science University Participated in Bahrain Tennis Federation League

The Chairman of the Filipino Club Tennis Group (FCTG), Mr Gerry Toledo, who is an Administrative Staff Member at ASU participated in the Bahrain Tennis Federation League Match Tournament which was held at Bahrain Tennis Federation Court, Bahrain Polytechnic University in Isa Town.



83. President and VPs Attend Royal Charity Organisation's Gala Ghabga

On Monday 4 June 2018, Prof Ghasan Aouad, President, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, Dr Mohammed Yousif, VP for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement and Mrs Diana El Hageova, Lecturer attended the Royal Charity Organisation's and Sovereign Art Foundation's gala ghabga and the 4th charity auction titled "Artwork for Children in Need" in Sofitel Hotel. ASU is proud that one of its student's artwork was included in the auction, the proceeds of which will support a good cause. ASU was awarded a souvenir trophy.



84. Quran Recitation Competition for Universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain Organised by ASU

On 5 June 2018, the Student Council Members at the Deanship of Student Affairs organised a Quran Kareem Recitation Competition for Universities in the Kingdom for its second run, under the Patronage of Dr Fareed Yaqoob AlMuftah, Deputy Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments.

Fourteen students out from seven Bahraini universities participated in the competition. The judging panel consisted of Prof Murad Al Janabi, Dr Ahmed Atallah, Dr Mwafaq Al Dalimi and Shaikh Khalil Bnshi, who indeed did exceptional work in judging the participants and in creating a fantastic atmosphere for a great evening during the holy month of Ramadan. The University Management, Prof Ghassan Aouad, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, Deans, and Academic Staff attended the competition showing their continuous support to our students and all contestants from other Universities.

Mohamed AlJunaid, an ASU student, won first place, Ali Alawadhi from the Kingdom University won second place, and Yusra Salaheldin from RCSI won third place. The first prize was a trip to Makkah Al Mukaramah awarded by Suhaib AlRumi campaign; the second prize and the 3rd prize were monetary awards offered by ASU.

A massive "Thank You" message goes to Prof Murad and Dr Ahmed for running the competition so successfully and of course for Mr Mohammed Najjar and Mrs Hadeel Bucheerei for their excellent supervision, organisation and in making the event a memorable success.



85. The Community Engagement Office Organised Second ASU Ramadan Championship for Football

For the second year, the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University organised the second ASU Ramadan Championship for Football at Gulf Air Playgrounds on 5-8 June including sixteen participating teams from the local community and University students for four days where the number of players, administrators, and trainers were 250 individuals.

The participating teams have been distributed into four groups according to the draw that was held in the Dome hall during the preparatory meeting was attended by the representatives and members of the participating teams. In addition to the draw, the administrative, organisational and technical aspects related to the championship were presented.

According to the championship, teams of group A and B will play on the first day, while teams of group C and D will play on the second day, the quarter and semi-final will be on the third day, the winner of the final award will be on the fourth day.

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

Teams (ASU2 and الامل) qualified for the final match that was held with the presence of Prof 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 they scored five goals against two goals scored by (ASU2) team.

At the end of the championship, a special ceremony was held to honour the winners and organisers where Prof Ghassan, the President honoured and awarded ASU 2 team the prize of the second place. (الامل) team raise the championship cup for getting the first place for the second year, and the team has been honoured and awarded the prize of the first place.

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





86. 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 the local community in Hidd City on 28 May 2018.

Mrs Hanaa Dowisan, Member of Community Engagement Office, who played a significant role in organising the celebration, mentioned that the event that was organised with the collaboration of Mr Yousif AlThawadi, 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.



87. Honouring ASU by Bahrain Deaf Society for Supporting the Community

On behalf of Applied Science University, the Community Engagement Office was honoured by Bahrain Deaf Society for its efforts in supporting and serving the community and the society.

The honouring ceremony took place during the Bahrain Deaf Society Annual Ghabagh at Babco Club on 24 May 2018.

Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office, and Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and Student Care in the Deanship of Students Affairs attended the event.

HE Shaihka Aysha AlKahlifa Assistant Undersecretary for Social Welfare and Rehabilitation at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, Mrs Salma AlAsfour President of Bahrain Deaf Society, Mr Ebrahim Talib Executive Vice President of Bahrain Oil Company, and Mr Hassan Yaseen Vice President of the Bahraini Deaf Society; thanked the University for its continuous support to the community in general, and especially to the Deaf and people with special needs.



88. Alumni Reunion of ASU

The Career Development and Alumni Affairs Office at the Deanship of Student Affairs in collaboration with the Alumni Club organised a Reunion for the alumni on Thursday, 21 June 2018 at the Grove Hotel Amwaj under the patronage of Prof Ghassan Aouad, President of the University.

The programme of the "Alumni Reunion" started with some inspiring speeches: first by Prof Ghassan, followed by HE Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Atiyatallah Al Khalifa, the honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Club, and finally by Mr Abdulla Al-Noaimi, the Alumni Club President. There was also a success story delivered by Mr Isameel Abdullatif, an Alumni sport personality; his speech was inspirational, he highlighted that success needs hard work, enthusiasm, perseverance and stamina, his loyalty to ASU made him twice as an alumni member in the Board of Directors of the Alumni Club.

In the second part of the Alumni Reunion, Prof Ghassan Aouad honoured the members of the Alumni Club Board of Directors - second cycle for the end of their cycle. Prizes were also drawn for the alumni, student council members, VIP guests, advisory board members, Staff and volunteers, where a variety of great gifts were distributed during this successful event.

The evening was exceptional, a large number of alumni (more than 200 Alumni) attended the fantastic Khaleeji Poetic performance, with Poets from Bahrain, UAE, and Kuwait, the audience was buzzing, and the enthusiasm was contagious.





89. The Community Engagement Office Participated in the Opening of the World Heritage Committee in Manama

The opening ceremony of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee took place Sunday at the Bahrain National Theatre in the presence of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister of Bahrain. It marked the beginning of the Committee's work, which will continue until 4 July.

Several hundred people took part in the ceremony, which was opened by the President of the Bahraini Authority for Culture and Antiquities, HE Sheikha Mai Bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Chair of the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee, HE Sheikha Haya Bint Rashed Al Khalifa, the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, and the Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO, Lee Byong-hyun.

It is worth mentioning that the University's Community Engagement Office, within the framework of the social partnership with the various Government institutions, including the Culture and Antiquities Authority, participated in organising this special event and involved its students in accompanying and escorting the VIPs and guests.





90. Honouring Applied Science University in Social Media Day

Applied Science University was honoured by HE Sheikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, the Governor of Capital Governorate, in a Social Media Day celebration, that was organised by Social Media Club at Intercontinental Regency on 1 July 2018 in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr Ramzi Nekhili, Dean of College of Administrative Sciences, and Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami attended the event on behalf of ASU. During the celebration, Dr Nekhili received an appreciation certificate for the University's contribution and support to Social Media Club and the community. Dr Al-Hamami was honoured in the celebration for his effort in raising awareness about social media usage.



91. CE Office Attended "قمم" Programme Open Ceremony

On 16 July 2018, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office and Mr Thaeer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and Student Care in the Deanship of Student Affairs attended the Open Ceremony for "قمم" Programme in Um Al - Hassam Sports and Cultural Club.

"قمم" Programme was held under the patronage of Mr Nabil Yousif Angner, the Honorary President of Um Al - Hassam Sports and Cultural Club and with the participation of some institutions and organisations that support voluntary projects and community dialogue.

The youth training programme that was organised by Um Al-Hassam Sports and Cultural Club in cooperation with Creative Training Lab and with the participation of a selection of youth trainers in the Kingdom of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia aimed to create a group of innovative youth leaders and teams to initiate creative volunteering programmes, initiatives, business projects and meaningful community dialogues.



92. ASU Students Participants of the Fourth Charity Exhibition "Artwork for the Children in Need" Honoured by the President

Prof Ghassan Aouad, President of Applied Science University honoured ASU students who participated in the 4th charity exhibition for the Sovereign Art Foundation Students Prize 2018 "Artwork for the Children in Need" that was organised by the Royal Charity Organisation and Sovereign Art Foundation under the patronage of HE Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities.

ASU Students from the College of Arts and Science: Zainab Hubail, Fatima Ali, Jumana AlQattan, Ali AlQari, Fatima Abdulmajeed, Lulwa Showaiter, and Ali AlKoheiji participated in the charity exhibition with a collection of creative artworks.

Lulwa's portrait was nominated as one of the top paintings, and it was presented at the Fourth Charity Dinner, which was held under the patronage of HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, His Majesty's Representative for Charity and Youth Affairs, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Charity Organisation.



Open Campus Activities

1. CIOB CPD Event Hosted by ASU

On 24 September, the University hosted the inaugural CPD event of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) in the Kingdom of Bahrain. In this event, Prof Ghassan Aouad, the President of the University and past President of the CIOB delivered a CPD workshop titled “The Art and Science of Leadership in Construction”. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University and many dignitaries including HE the British Ambassador to Bahrain and his wife, the Korean Ambassador, the new Director of the British Council Bahrain and over fifty participants from various construction organisations and Government departments and our University attended the workshop.

The President started by presenting an overview of the University and the establishment of the College of Engineering with LSBU. He then gave an overview of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), which was founded in 1834 with over 45,000 members who are passionate about the development and progress of the construction sector and built environment.

The workshop addressed topics like leadership styles, the differences between leadership and management, top priorities for the construction sector over the next five years, and what the CIOB could deliver to its members.

The President gave an overview of the theory of leadership and whether leaders are born or made. He then presented some facts about various leaders in construction and how they have transformed this industry through the inspirational leadership style adopted. Their abilities to make a difference and to influence people around them have contributed to their successes.

The President highlighted that the right path for the successful leader is to think, plan, do and then evaluate. He then referred to some examples of global, Arab and local leading figures that have made a difference in all aspects of life, whether it is in engineering, IT, politics and other fields. He also pointed out that success lies in five key components: Leadership, Innovation, Passion, Technical Competence and Quality stating that leaders are not born, but they are made according to the context of the work they are doing. Speaking about the future of construction, the President concluded that green and smart buildings are currently the main trend in regional construction circles. This trend will raise the ceiling for the use of modern technology and integrated ICT, particularly Building Information Modelling (BIM), automated technologies like robotics, and the use of virtual reality and simulation to look at the impact of energy usage.

Mrs Tania Kashou, Director of the President's Office, has successfully organised the workshop, and very positive feedback was received from the participants. Mrs Eileen Hill, CIOB Manager of MENA region, introduced the event and was a significant contributor in publicising it and attracting a good number of participants. This type of events helps us in raising the profile of the University and in attracting students to our new Engineering Programmes.



2. Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Presentation

On 30 October 2017, a presentation on Enterprise and Entrepreneurship was delivered by Gups Jagpal and Linsey Cole from LSBU during their visit to ASU.



3. Engineering Mentorship Programme Hosted by the College of Engineering

In light of the Kingdom of Bahrain's celebration of the Bahraini Woman Day in the Engineering field, the Supreme Council for Women has established a mentorship programme for female engineering students in Bahrain.

The programme was run in collaboration with Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) and Bahraini universities where a Bahraini University hosts one of the company's engineers to deliver an interactive talk to the engineering students in the University. The College of Engineering at Applied Science University (ASU) hosted Eng Reem Al- Otaibi from GPIC to speak to ASU Engineering students about the GPIC profile of and its different engineering fields. The event took place at the Dome Hall on Tuesday, 13 December 2017.

The event was attended by Prof Ghassan Aouad, Dr Assem Al Hajj and the College of Engineering Academic Staff and students. The event started by a welcome speech from Prof Ghassan followed by a short speech about the Engineering Mentorship Programme by the Supreme Council for Women representative then the talk by Eng Reem Al-Otaibi followed by a discussion with the students. The students valued the event and engaged in a vibrant discussion with the speaker on topics related to the needed skills in the industry, the nature of the engineering profession, and how to be a sound engineer.



4. ASU and OFOQ Toastmasters Club Organised a Training Course

At the morning of 31 March 2018, the Community Engagement (CE) Office at Applied Science University in cooperation with Ofoq Toastmasters Club (first Arabic toastmasters club in the Kingdom of Bahrain) organised a training course about tasks and goals of Toastmasters.

The training course that was held in the Dome Hall was attended by some audience from the local community, Academic and Administrative Staff, and students.

The event included lectures about the best practices of Toastmasters, the art of public speaking, leadership, how to be brave and face the audience, in addition to workshops, competitions, songs, and gifts. The event sections were provided by Ofoq Toastmasters Club members, and ASU staff and students.

At the end of the training course, the president of Ofoq Toastmasters Club thanked ASU for supporting the community in different fields, and likewise, ASU represented by the CE office expressed their thanks to the club for their cooperation in organising the event.



5. ASU and RCO Organised "How to Protect My Self from Cyber Crimes" Lecture

On the evening of 3 March 2018, the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University in cooperation with the Royal Charity Organisation organised a lecture titled "How to Protect My Self from Cyber Crimes" that was delivered by First Lieutenant Fauz Mohamed Ali from Cyber Crime Directorate at General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security.

She explained the Concept of Cybercrime, Kinds of Cybercrimes, the Law of Cybercrimes in the Kingdom of Bahrain, General Advice, and Methods of Reporting.



6. El-Eker Charity Organisation Recognising their Outstanding Students

On 6 and 7 July, Applied Science University hosted the ceremony organised by the El Eker Charity Organisation at the University, under the patronage of the Governor of the Capital Governorate to recognise its outstanding students. The President and number of Academic and Administrative Staff attended the event.





Public Outreach Activities

1. Nass Contracting GM Visits the College of Engineering at ASU

The College of Engineering at ASU has invited Mr David Anthony, GM of Nass contracting, to visit the College of Engineering at ASU to explore potential future collaboration between the two institutions.

The meeting was attended by the Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr Assem Al-Hajj, Head of the Civil and Architectural Engineering Department; Dr Islam Abohela, Coordinator for the Civil and Construction Engineering Programme; Dr Raad Kadhum and the Coordinator for the Architectural Design Engineering programme; Dr Mohamed Mahgoub. Mr David congratulated ASU for launching the College of Engineering in partnership with London South Bank University and emphasised on the importance of building bridges between industry and academia.

The attendees agreed that the aspects of collaboration could include but not limited to offering Internship opportunities for the engineering students, joining the industry advisory boards for both Civil and Architectural Engineering programmes, arranging site visits for engineering students, hosting guest speakers to give talks about Nass contracting projects and work together on research projects. With the expansion of the College of Engineering at ASU in the future, more collaboration opportunities will arise between both institutions.



2. ASU Community Engagement Office Visited the Kingdom of Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre

On Tuesday, 24 October 2017, the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University visited the Bahrain Centre for Parliamentary Training at the Secretariat General of the Council of, Representatives. During the visit, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami Manager of ASU's Community Engagement Office (CE) and Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of CE Office and Student Care, met with Mr Saddam Abu Azam, Manager of Bahrain Parliamentary Training Centre, Mrs Fatima Hashem, Head of Parliamentary Training Department, and Mrs Shatha Abu AlFateh, Supervisor of Parliamentary Training Department where they discussed means of cooperation and activation of the terms of the memorandum of understanding to be signed between the University and the Council of Representatives during the coming period.



3. Internship

Dr Adeb Hamdoon Sulaiman, the Internship Course Coordinator has carried out last week a series of site visits to students enrolled on this course for the first semester 2017/2018, doing internships at Ithmaar Bank, Bahrain Training Institute, Bahrain Petroleum Company, and the Land Surveying and Registration Agency. During the visit, Dr Adeb met with the onsite supervisors, who expressed their satisfaction with the students' performances and praised the trainees' commitment to work and knowledge in their field of study.



4. Private Schools Visits / School

On 22 October and 5 November, two private schools (Al Naseem and Howar School) have been visited by the Acting Manager of Marketing and Student Recruitment, Mr Abdulhameed Baqi. During the visit, a presentation was delivered about ASU existing and hosted programmes (LSBU and CMU) for more than 100 students. The students showed their interest in the programmes offered and were impressed with the facilities provided by the University.



5. Al-Watan Newspaper Visit's to ASU

On Thursday, 9 November 2017, Mr Yousif Al-Binkhaleel, the Chief Editor at Al-Watan Newspaper and Mr Muath Busaibea, the Marketing and Public Relations Manager, visited Prof Ghassan Fouad Aouad, the President of the University.

During the visit, several topics were discussed on the collaboration between both parties emphasising on ASU upcoming event of "International Conference on Sustainable Futures" where Al-Watan Newspapers will be the main media sponsor of the event. The visit was attended by Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin, the Director of Marketing and Public Affairs and Mr Baha Karaima, the Office Manager of Public Relations Office.



6. Al-Noor International School Visit

On 09 November 2017, (Al Noor International School) have been visited by the Marketing Acting Office Manager and Students Recruitment, Mr Abdulhameed Baqi, Acting Head of Governance, Strategic Planning and International Partnerships Mrs Catherine Hogan and Dean of College of Engineering Dr Ashraf Hindi.

During the visit, a presentation was delivered about ASU existing and hosted programmes (LSBU and CMU) for more than 145 students of 12th grade from both IGCSE and CBSE syllabus where they showed their interest towards the programmes offered and inquired about study plans, course career's path, scholarships and admission procedures.



7. Customers Service is at the Heart of Entrepreneurship

During the MHRM course of entrepreneurship, Mr Mohammed Isa shared his experience with ASU students in customer's service, and how it feeds in the success of entrepreneurs. He said that a perfect business visionary must be sufficiently creative in servicing their customers. Experience and specialised skill are essential elements that will improve certainty during kick beginning. He gave many examples of good practice that entrepreneurs must follow. Entrepreneurs are the backbone of any nation around the globe. In numerous countries, entrepreneurs are viewed as an essential player in the achievement and flourishing of the economy. Private ventures can demonstrate to a great degree when arranged appropriately. Studies propose that entrepreneurs are successful when they care for the service of their customers.



8. Internship

Dr Adeeb Hamdoon Sulaiman, the internship course coordinator for the Bachelor degree in Management Information System carried out last week the second round of internship site visits. He visited students who are training at the Bahrain Defence Force, Ministry of Interior, and Bahrain Information and e-Government authority. The feedback from the onsite supervisors about the students' performance was excellent, which indicated a successful experience for both the trainee and the training institutions.



9. Open Day: Plan Your Major

On 11 December 2017, more than 200 secondary schools' pupils from eight private schools in the Kingdom of Bahrain attended our Open Day: Plan Your Major that was organised by the Marketing and Students Recruitment Group chaired by Dr Mohamed Yousif with great help from Marketing and Public Affairs, International Partnerships, and Students Council as part of a marketing campaign to recruit students for the second semester of this Academic Year and the first semester of the Academic Year 2018/2019. The event was introduced by Mrs Ruqaya and started with a short presentation by the President who gave an overview of ASU and its colleges. This was followed by a video about the University and its facilities. Mrs Catherine Hogan, Acting Head of Governance, Strategic Planning and International Partnerships gave a summary of our British Programmes and why students should join these programmes. This was followed by presentations by Dr

Nympha Joseph, Programme Coordinator, Accounting and Finance and Dr Marwan Abdeldayem, Programme Coordinator, Management and Business Studies, and Dr Ashraf Hendy, Acting Dean of the College of Engineering, followed by a panel discussion with positive contributions from Dr Assem and concluded by a tour of the University and a light lunch.

Various questions were raised by some attendees of the Open Day and this was compiled by Mrs Catherine and included the following: ASU's entry requirements, law degrees, medical degrees, scholarships or fee reductions, architecture degrees, cyber-security degrees, recommendation letters from school, how many years does a degree take, what professions/careers would be available after graduating from the Architectural Engineering degree, biochemistry or biomedical degrees, will an applicant with International Baccalaureate have to do the foundation year, what degrees does the College of Arts and Science have, why should someone choose ASU over all the other universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain, quality of degrees in relation to other Universities, chemical engineering degrees, will the mechanical engineering degree start soon, possibility of sponsorships from the relevant UK University for the British degrees, and graduates and their experiences for future events.

Feedback from the attendees has been collected and will be analysed by Marketing and Public Affairs to learn lessons for future events.



10. The President Presents a Copy of the Conference Proceedings to Dr Mona AlBlooshi

On 20 December 2017, the President visited Dr Mona AlBlooshi, Assistant Secretary General of the Higher Education Council and presented her with a copy of the Proceedings of the International Conference on Sustainable Futures that was held last November. Dr Mona praised the quality of the conference and proceedings and highlighted the importance of scientific research for the University and the sector as a whole. The peer refereed proceedings contain sixty-five research papers from researchers from twenty countries across the globe. The President emphasised the importance of the National Research Strategy developed by the HEC and Economic Vision 2030 in driving research in the University.

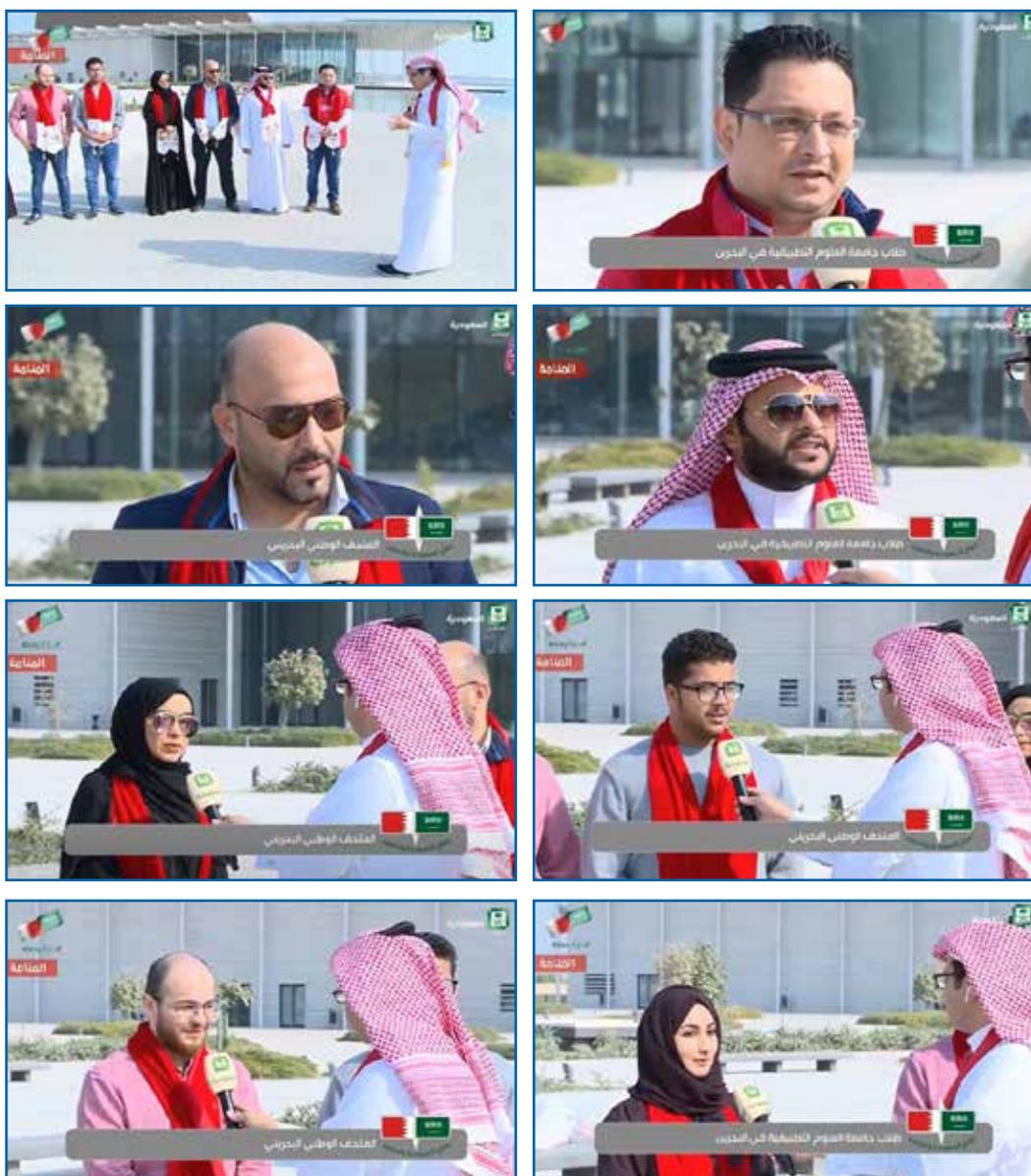


11. ASU Interview with Saudi TV

“Good Morning KSA” a programme on Saudi Television, interviewed with Dr Mahammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office, Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and student care, and a group of ASU students during the University’s participation in the activity that was organised by the Royal Charity Organisation in Bahrain National Museum on the occasion of martyr day.

During the interview, Dr Al-Hamami congratulated the Government and people of the Kingdom of Bahrain on the 46th National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the 18th Anniversary of the Accession of HM King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and gave a summary of the activities organised by the University in cooperation with community partnerships on the occasion of the Kingdom of Bahrain National Day.

Mr AlRamini thanked Saudi TV and extended his congratulations to the government and people of KSA for the participation in celebrating the Kingdom of Bahrain National Day. The students Walied Abad, Fatima Ahmad, Mohamed AIDowahie, Mohamed Ramadan and Fatima Buhamdoon presented their sincere greetings and congratulations as well on the occasion of the Kingdom of Bahrain National Day.



12. IEEE Visit to ASU

On Sunday, 24 December 2017, the Computer Science (CS) Department had a meeting with the Dr Adel A. H. Abdulla, Academic Director, Global Institute, Chair, IEEE Bahrain Section, and Dr Mohammad Al-Hamami, the Manager of the Community Engagement Office at ASU.

Dr Adel discussed with the Computer Department staff ways of cooperation between IEEE and ASU in general and CS in particular.

The Computer Science Department represented by Dr Belal Zaqaibeh, and Dr Moaiad Khder emphasised on the importance of establishing IEEE student chapter and launching it. Dr Adel welcomed the idea and explained the process, which will take place soon after the formation of a group of 12 students chaired by one of the Computer Science department staff.



13. MOU between ASU and Nasser Vocational Training Centre (NVTC)

Applied Science University presented by the President Prof Ghassan Aouad signed MOU with Nasser Vocational Training Centre (NVTC).



14. MOU between ASU and 77 Advertising Company

Applied Science University presented by the President Prof Ghassan Aouad signed MOU with 77 Advertising Company.



15. The Community Engagement Office Received Yasmeeen Global Initiative for Women's Economic Empowerment

On 1 February 2018, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University received Mrs Zahra Baqer, Regional Director of Yasmeeen Global Initiative for Women's Economic Empowerment and CEO of Zari International CC. During the visit, a meeting was held to discuss ways of cooperation between the two sides.



16. School Visits

The Directorate of Marketing and Public Affairs started their annual school visits as part of the Directorate strategies on building awareness towards the University's programmes.

Mr Abdulhameed Baqi, Marketing Acting Office Manager and Students Recruitment and Mr Baha Karaimah, Public Relation Office Manager, visited three government schools with more than 1460 students and promoted the University's existing programmes, as well as the new hosted Engineering Programmes from London South Bank University (LSBU) and the Business Programmes from Cardiff Metropolitan University (CMU), illustrating the study plans, course career path, admissions procedures and other available services for the students.

Positive feedback from students was received, where they expressed their interests in the colleges and programmes that ASU provides. For instance,

in “Nasser Vocational Training Centre” students from the Electronic and Mechanical fields showed their interests in the College of Engineering programmes, mainly in (Electronics and Electrical Engineering, Mechanical and Design Engineering) from London South Bank University. In addition to one student who inquired about Law and other general queries.

On the other hand, students from both Sitra Girls Secondary School, and Al Hedaya Boys Secondary School, showed interest in various fields like Science, Commerce and literatures and expressed their interests mainly in the College of Administrative Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Law and some for the College of Arts and Science, where they inquired about the study plans, course career path, scholarships for students whom GPA score is 90% or higher, admissions procedures along with the available financial arrangements.



17. A Visit to Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa National Library

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University represented by Mr Thaer AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa National Library and met with Mr Ahmed Al Desooqi, Head of Public and International Relations at the Library and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



18. Entrepreneurship

Successful Entrepreneur, Mrs Deena AlAnsarim, shared her experience and her success story with ASU's MHRM students and how she managed to establish three entrepreneurial projects in the Kingdom of Bahrain, UAE and KSA.

The visit took place as part of Prof Saad Darwish's interactive approach to engage his students and inspire them, during the course focusing on leadership, team building, and how to overcome challenges through a lens of opportunity and Entrepreneurial spirit.



19. Falah School Visit to ASU

As part of the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University to host school visits to the University, the Office has invited Falah Schools (A'Ali - Boys) to ASU during the Health Care day that was held on 20 February 2018.

A delegation of Administrators and students from the school participated in the health day activities. Press interviews were conducted by Falah student reporters including an interview with Prof Ghassan Aouad, President of the University, who expressed his happiness over the initiative from Falah reporters conducting interviews and expressed the University's keenness to build positive relations with various local and international community organisations and discussed the importance of quality in education in order to have students ready for the labour market needs.



20. The Community Engagement Office Visits Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University represented by Mr Thaer AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited Bahrain Sports Federation for Disabilities and met with Mrs Sara Ibrahim AlShawi, Executive Director and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



21. The Community Engagement Office Visits the Southern Governorate Police Directorate

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University represented by Mr Thaer AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited the Southern Governorate Police Directorate and met with the Head of Community Service Police Department, and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



22. The Community Engagement Office Visits the Youth Creativity Centre

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University represented by Mr Thaer AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited the Youth Creativity Centre and met with the Head of the Centre, and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



23. A Visit by UNITEN

On Wednesday 7 March 2018, ASU was visited by Dato Prof Ir Dr Kamal Nasharuddin bin Mustapha, Vice-Chancellor, from University Tenaga National (UNITEN), Malaysia to discuss opportunities for collaboration. UNITEN is one of the leading universities in Malaysia, and ASU is proud to have six Academic Staff who graduated from it. A meeting was held with the presence of ASU's Chairman of the BOTs, the President, senior management staff and ASU's UNITEN alumni where both parties shared ideas on how to benefit from one another's expertise. The main focus included research collaboration for both students and Academic Staff, joint supervision, a research methodology programme, exchange visits, research projects in energy and sustainability, etc. Prof Bin Mustapha was delighted to see his alumni holding essential roles at ASU. The meeting ended with Prof bin Mustapha showing a video about the University, followed by a lunch and a group photograph.



24. Schools and Exhibitions Campaign

As part of the Directorate of Marketing and Public Affairs strategic plan implementation of school visits and educational exhibitions for this second semester, fifteen Government Schools and two Private Schools were visited in February 2018, by the Directorate team; Mr Abdulhameed Baqi, Acting Office Manager of Marketing and Student Recruitment and Mr Baha Karaimeh, Public Relation Office Manager. During the visits, more than 5048 students inquired about both existing and hosted programmes at ASU.



25. The Government Schools Visits

Mr Abdulhameed and Mr Baha have met with more than 1901 students from six Government Girls Secondary Schools (Sitra School, Hidd School, Al Noor Girls School, Al Isteqlal, Saar School and Khawla School) to promote the University's overall programmes. The main focus of the students was the University's international programmes, primarily London South Bank University (LSBU), where they expressed their interest mainly in the Architectural Design Engineering. Other students inquired about the College of Law programmes, while a minority inquired about the other majors such as Interior Design, Graphic Design and Computer Science from the College of Arts and Science, followed by the Management Information Systems, Political Science from the College of Administrative Sciences.

Other queries included career paths, admission procedures, fees and payment, scholarships for students with 90% of above score, and facilities and services at ASU. Special requests were raised with regards to Medicine, Biochemical Engineering and Media and Communication Programmes.

On the other hand, the visits also addressed seven Government Schools, Technical Institutions for Boys and received more than 2344 inquiries from

different fields: Science, Electronic, Mechanical, Commerce and Literature. Their questions firstly focused on the College of Law, the length of study and teaching language and then the College of Engineering, mainly the Civil and Construction Engineering. A minority asked about the other programmes like Business Administration, Accounting, and Political Science. Some other students showed interests in the Graphic, Interior Design and Computer Science. In general, queries focused on the programmes study plans, career's path, scholarships and a special discount offered to outstanding students, admission procedures along with the available financial aids. Individual enquiries were addressed about Electromagnetic studies and Aviation Engineering.



26. Private Schools Exhibitions

Further to the above visits, around 803 students from two private schools (The Gulf Pearl International School and the Pakistani Urdu School) have visited ASU booth during their career exhibition and inquired about the University's British Programmes.

Students from different high school programmes like IB, IGCSE and the CBSE showed their interest and inquired about both London South Bank University and Cardiff Metropolitan University programmes and study plans, future career's path in the Kingdom of Bahrain market, scholarship, special rates

for outstanding students in addition to admission procedures and available financial arrangement.



27. Schools Visits to ASU

On the last week of February 2018, around twenty-two students and their Academic Advisor Mr Mohamed Ishaq from Al Iman Islamic Private School have visited and toured the campus, where the Acting Head of Marketing and Student Recruiting Office, Mr Abdulhameed Baqi briefed them about ASU and visited all the facilities.

Twenty more upcoming schools are to be visited by the Directorate Team during March and April 2018, in addition to other private schools, institutions and social organisations, and career exhibitions within the Kingdom of Bahrain and Saudi Arabia as part of the campaign to raise the profile the University and enhance the employability rate.



28. ASU Visits the English Language Centre at University of Bahrain

On Wednesday 14 March 2018, Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, along with Mr Noel Lavin, Director of Foundation and Delivery Services and Mrs Diana El Hageova visited the English Language Centre at the University of Bahrain (UoB) to discuss their newly established Foundation Programme. ASU team met with Dr Ghada Jassim, Director of English Language Centre, and two colleagues, who briefed about how their Foundation Programme operates.

The UoB English Language Centre has recently established the first National Geographic Learning Resource Centre at its premises where students can get extra help from teachers while reading books by National Geographic covering various topics among many other activities.

UoB team also informed ASU team about the upcoming conference of their centre titled "Foundation Programmes in Higher Education: Gateway to Success" which will be held at the end of the month and invited ASU staff to attend.

The visit ended with a tour of the Centre. ASU team thanked UoB team for their hospitality and invited them to visit ASU premises soon.



29. The UN House in Manama

The Community Engagement Office represented by Mr Thaer AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited the UN House in Manama, and met Mr Samir Al-Darabi, Acting Director for UN Information Centre for the Gulf States and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



30. AlHoora and ALGodaibia Community Centre

The Community Engagement Office represented by Mr Thaer AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited AlHoora and ALGodaibia Community Centre and met Mrs Shekha Khalifa AlZaied, Head of Public Relations and Activities in the Centre, and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



31. The Royal Charity Organisation Visit

The Community Engagement Office represented by Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Office and Mr Thaer AlRamini, Member of the Office, received Mr Alaa Bu Dalama, Head of Programmes and Activities and Mrs Tuqa Hani Elsayed, Charity and Humanitarian Programmes Specialist from Royal Charity Organisation and discussed cooperation frameworks upon signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties.



32. Meeting with HE Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa

The Arab Committee for Enterprises under the Arab league met with HE Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary International Affairs in his Office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in preparation for the Cairo visit this month.

Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects and a Member of the Committee attended the meeting. During the meeting, His Excellency said that the Kingdom of Bahrain pays particular attention to education and quality, and compulsory education is free of charge to citizens and foreign residents. The Ministry of Education is exerting great efforts in supporting many institutions of the State, including the Education Quality Authority, to improve education outputs. The main challenge remains within the process of linking the programme of international sustainable development goals and the internal priorities, the statistical challenge, and how to measure some of the development indicators. Dr Dhafer Al Omran, Dr Abdul Hasan, Mr Fareed Al Bader and other members described the activities of the committee, which were well revived by His Excellency as it is in line with the leading role the Kingdom of Bahrain is playing in Entrepreneurship. His Excellency is a great supporter of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.



33. KSA Schools Visit

On 14 March 2018, the Marketing and Public Affairs Directorate team consisting of Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin, Director, Mr Ali Mohamed, Assistant Director and Mr Abdulhameed Baqi, Acting Head of Marketing and Students Recruitment Office and Emad Samara, a student at the College of Administrative Sciences visited seven private schools in the eastern province of KSA (New World International School, Asian International School, Gulf International School, Dunes International School, Orbit International School, Al Hussan School and Rahima Private School).

The purpose of the visits was to enhance communication and build a strong base of relations with educational institutions in KSA in preparations for any upcoming educational career consultations and exhibitions, which might take place in the future.



34. New World International School Visit

On 20 March 2018, the Directorate of Marketing and Public Affairs team headed by Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin, Director of Marketing of Public Affairs, Mr Ali Mohamed, Assistant Director, and Mr Abdulhameed Baqi, Acting Head of Marketing and Student Recruiting Office held a workshop at the New World International School at Al Khobar Eastern Province, Saudi Arabia.

During the visit, the team delivered informative presentations to students (males and females) which emphasised on the University's existing and hosted programmes, in addition to a brief about the campus facilities, financial flexibilities and enrolment requirements.

More than 200 students from the 11th and 12th grade attended the workshop, were impressed with the campus, and expressed their interest in the programmes mostly those hosted by British Universities.

Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin thanked Mrs Azra Nayeem, the school Academic Director for the school's cooperation and the quick response in hosting the workshop, hoping to maintain a long-term relationship with the school with more visits to be arranged in the future.



35. Bahrain TV interviews ASU Student

On Tuesday 20 March 2018, Bahrain TV interviewed one of Applied Science University students, Noor Al Huda, who won the best goalkeeper in Sheikh Nasser Universities Sports Tournament. This award reflects Noor's sheer determination to succeed despite the hearing impairments that did not stop her from being a distinguished achiever, and indeed Noor inspires all of us. "Well done Noor Al Huda, all ASU is very proud of you!"



36. The Community Engagement Office Visited the Traffic Culture at the General Directorate of Traffic

The Community Engagement Office represented by Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited the Traffic Culture at the General Directorate of Traffic and met the First Lieutenant Khulood Yehya Ibrahim and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



37. The Community Engagement Office Visited the Isa Award for Service to Humanity

The Community Engagement Office represented by Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited the Isa Award for Service to Humanity and met Mr Ali Abdullah Khalifa, Secretary General and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



38. The Community Engagement Office Visited Gulf Disability Society

The Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University represented by Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Office, visited the Gulf Disability Society and met Mr Ali Abdullah Khalifa Hassan Yaseen Jawad, Head of Public Relations at the Executive Office and discussed opportunities of cooperation between the two parties.



39. The Community Engagement Office Received Bahrain Unites US Voluntary Team

On 31 March 2018, the Community Engagement Office at Applied Science University represented by Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, the Manager of the CE Office and Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Office and Student Care, received the President and Members of "Bahrain Unites Us" voluntary team. During the meeting, they discussed ways of cooperation between the parties during the coming period.



40. Deputy Prime Minister Received Hala Yaqoob Yusef (ASU Student) in his Office

Deputy Prime Minister HH Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa received at Gudaibiya Palace, his office employee Hala Yaqoob Yusef (ASU student) who presented him with a copy of her Master's thesis in Human Resource Management (MHRM) programme which she obtained with honours from ASU and was supervised by Dr Khairi Omar.

Mrs Hala was an excellent student, continually demonstrated her high motivation, dedication, discipline, and strength of character to be an excellent model for her colleagues. She has strong interpersonal skills and repeatedly exemplified admirable leadership qualities.

This fantastic achievement of our student reflects the excellent performance at our University in the quality of our student's outputs.



41. ASU Delegation Visited the British University in Egypt

On 11 to 12 April, an ASU delegation visited the British University in Egypt (BUE) in Cairo. The purpose of the visit was to explore potential future collaboration between ASU and BUE and to discuss the administration of programmes that ASU and BUE each offer in partnership with London South Bank University (LSBU). The ASU delegation consisted of Dr Assem Al Hajj (VP for Academic Affairs and Development), Mrs Catherine Hogan (Head of International Partnerships and President's Projects Coordinator) and Dr Marwan Abdeldayem (Programme Coordinator for Management and Business Studies).

The ASU delegation was received by Prof Ahmed Hamad, BUE President, together with Prof Leslie Croxford (Senior Vice President, Teaching and Learning), Prof Yehia Bahei-El-Din (Vice President, Research and Enterprise),

Mr Assem El Syad (Head of Quality and Validation) and Mr Kevin Millam (BUE Teaching and Learning Coordinator).

BUE was established in 2005 as a joint initiative of the Egyptian and UK governments. It offers dual degree programmes, most in partnership with LSBU and two with Queen Margaret University Edinburgh UK (QMU). The BUE/LSBU partnership covers undergraduate and graduate programmes in business, economics, engineering, mass communication and political science for nearly 4,000 students and is the largest UK TNE provision in the MENA region.

Six meeting sessions were held during ASU's two-day visit to BUE, covering BUE programmes (including content, structure, entry/ English requirements); BUE's partnership with LSBU (including validation, student record system and joint student activities); research and enterprise; quality assurance and enhancement; demonstration of BUE's English placement test; and potential areas of collaboration. At the end of the visit, the ASU delegation was also given a tour of the BUE campus, including the Library.

The visit established several areas for mutually-beneficial future collaboration, including student/staff exchanges and summer schools; benchmarking; staff development (including HEA); and data collation and analysis tools (dashboard and DSS).

Overall the visit was highly successful, and the BUE President expressed gratitude to ASU for taking the initiative in suggesting the visit. Next steps will include the preparation of a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ASU and BUE.



42. The Work of the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, has been Highlighted in Advanced Science News

Advanced Science News highlights new and exciting developments from across a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines including healthcare, materials science, sustainability, nanotechnology, energy, and electronics. Advanced Science News is edited by Jodie Haigh, Adrian Miller, and Felix Spenkuch, with content contributed by journal editors, editorial staff, and scientific researchers.

Prof Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, published a paper along with A. H. Homid, T. El-Shahat, H. Eleuch, and A.-S. F. Obada in the world leading journal, Fortschritte der Physik, Progress of Physics, April 2018. The title of the paper is Dynamical Controls for Improving Quantum Search Algorithm Through Flux Qubits. In this work, a new technique was developed to generate the dynamical quantum gates, depend on the ferromagnetism and anti-ferromagnetism phenomena in the superconducting flux qubits system at the same interaction time. According to the dynamical controls techniques of such gates, we invoke and synthesize a new algorithm called the dynamical quantum search algorithm. The Grover algorithm was obtained at a specified time for the current algorithm. This algorithm was distinguished by accuracy in achieving a high probability of finding any marked state in a shorter time compared with Grover algorithm time. The algorithm performance was improved concerning different values of the dynamical controls.



43. Site Visits

Dr Adeeb Hamdoon Sulaiman, Coordinator for the Internship Course at the MIS Department has carried a series of Internship site visits to the court of HH the Prime Minister for the Kingdom of Bahrain, Cushman and Wakefield Company, and Micro Training Centre. The purpose of those visits was to monitor the progress of the students taking this course and receive feedback from the site supervisors. All supervisors praised the students' performances and positive contribution to the workplace.



44. ASU Visit to the Economic Development Board (EDB) in the Kingdom of Bahrain

The Sustainability Research Group at Applied Science University represented by Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, Prof Saad Znad Darwash Mihyawi, Advisor to the President for Special Projects in the University, Dr Ashraf Hendy, Dean of the College of Engineering and Dr Islam Abohela, Head of Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering visited the Economic Development Board (EDB) in the Kingdom to explore the potentials for future collaboration in the field of sustainability.

The representatives from ASU were joined and welcomed by Dr Simon Galpin, Managing Director, Mr Husain bin Raja, Executive Director and Mrs Dana Abdulla, Senior Executive at EDB.

The meeting took place at Arcapita Building on Monday, 16 April 2018 and potential future collaboration between ASU and EDB was discussed.

ASU representatives gave the attendees an overview about the research work at ASU which is focused on Sustainability issues, and it was recommended to get in touch with the Bahrain Unit for Sustainable Energy which is under the Ministry of Energy since they will be interested in the expertise of the research group members. According to Mrs Dana's new guidelines for

building regulations in terms of energy efficiency is being developed by the government, and it might be useful for ASU to get involved. Dr Simon highlighted that EDB main goal is to promote creating more jobs through making the Kingdom of Bahrain more attractive for business and EDB is particularly interested in Start-ups.

The meeting was so informative for both ASU and EDB, and future meetings will be scheduled for exploring more ways of collaboration.



45. Honorary Alumni Club Member to ASU

On 19 April 2018, Prof Ghassan Aouad, the University President met HE Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Atiyatallah Al Khalifa, the Honorary Member of ASU Alumni Club Board of Directors at his Office, in the presence of Dr Faiza Zitouni the Dean of Student Affairs and Mrs Noora Musalam, Career Development and Alumni Affairs Manager.

HE Shaikh Abdulaziz bin Atiyatallah AlKhalifa viewed the latest updates of the Alumni club events and activities and endorsed the vital role of the Alumni Club Members, their commitment, loyalty and shared collaboration work for the success of the University.

In addition, Dr Faiza Zitouni highlighted the readiness of the Deanship of Student Affairs in establishing the next 3rd cycle of the Alumni Club Board of Directors as this is a significant time for the Alumni members to participate in the elections. Many appreciations to HH Shaikh Abdulaziz Al Khalifa for his visit to ASU and his continuous support to the alumni and the University.



46. The Community Engagement Office Visited Fazat Shabab Society

The Community Engagement Office represented by Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Manager of the Office, visited Fazat Shabab Society and met with Mr Jasem AlMarisi. The President and members of the Society and discussed opportunities for future cooperation between the two parties.



47. The Community Engagement Office Meets with Bahrain Motives Society for Special Needs

The Community Engagement Office represented by Dr Mohammad Alaa Hussain Al-Hamami, Manager of the Office, met with Bahrain Motives Society for Special Needs represented by Mr Ryadh Ahmad AlMarzooq, President, Mr AbdulAmer AlAradi, Record Keeper, and Mr Jamel Sabet, Head of Public Relations, Media and Internal and External Coordination. During the meeting, they discussed ways of cooperation between the parties.



48. ASU Receives an Esteemed Delegation from the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA)

ASU was honoured to receive an esteemed delegation from the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA), led by Dr Jawaher Al Mudhahki, Chief Executive BQA, on Sunday, 22 April 2018, and met with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the University President and the Senior Management. The aim of the visit was to formally announce the commencement of the second cycle of the Institutional Review.



49. Prof Darwish Visits the Civil Service Bureau

On 25 April 2018, Prof Saad Darwish, President's Advisor for Special Projects, met HE Mr Ahmed Zayed Alzayed, President of Civil Service Bureau and presented him a copy of his book. The book is about the preparation of second-line leaders in the government sector.



50. The President and VP for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement Visited Yarmouk University

On Wednesday 3 May 2018, the President and Vice President for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement visited Yarmouk University in Jordan to explore opportunities for collaboration. They were received by the President of the University and his Vice Presidents and a group of colleagues from various parts of the University.



51. Late Abdulla Nass Majlis

On Wednesday 23 May, HRH the Crown Prince visited the late Abdulla Nass Majlis where he was received by HE Sameer Nass, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the presence of the Chairman of the BOT, Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, Mr Adel Nass and Mr Mohammed Alamer, Members of the BOT, Mr Mohammed Al Khaja, Member of the BOD, the President, VP for Academic Affairs and Development, Director of Administration and Finance and ASU student Abdulla Adel Nass. The Minister of Education and many other dignitaries also visited this Majlis.



52. The Minister of Education Majlis

On the evening of 24 May, HE Mr Sameer Nass, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Chairman of the BOTs, Prof Waheeb Al Khaja, and the President visited the Majlis of HE the Minister of Education.

53. ASU Attended Bahrain Mobility International Centre Weekly Majlis

On behalf of Applied Science University, Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami, Dr Ahmad Arbab, and Mrs Hanaa Dowisan attended the Bahrain Mobility International Centre Weekly Majlis that was held on 30 May 2018 at the headquarters of the centre in Isa Town which was also attended by HE Justin Siberell, US Ambassador.

During the Majlis, Dr Ahmed Arbab talked about the prominence of Business, and Dr Mohammad Alaa Al-Hamami spoke about the best usage of social media during Ramadan, and also discussed opportunities of collaboration between ASU and the Centre.

Mr Adel Sultan Al Motawa, the Chairman, thanked ASU for its continuous support to the community, especially for individuals with special needs.



54. A Meeting between ASU and President of the International Project Management Association (IPMA)

On 4 July, the President had a fruitful discussion in Dubai with the President of the International Project Management Association (IPMA), Mr Jesus Martinez Almela, and his Executive Director, Mr Amin Saidoun.

The discussion centred around the collaboration between the University and the IPMA. The influential IPMA has plans to expand into the Middle East, and the University has been identified as a potential Collaborator.



55. MOU Between ASU and Council of Representatives

Applied Science University presented by Prof Ghassan Aouad the President, Dr Assem Al-Hajj Vice President for Academic Affairs and Development, Dr Mohammad Yousif, VP for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement, Dr Mohammad Al-Hamami, Manager of Community Engagement, Dr Faiza Zitouni, Dean of Student Affairs, Mrs Ruqaya Mohsin Mahmoud, Director of Marketing and Public Affairs, Mr Thaer AlRamini, Member of Community Engagement Office and Student Care attended the ceremony of signing the MOU between ASU and Council of Representatives on 23 July 2018. The Council of Representatives were represented by Mr Abdullah bin Khalaf Aldoseri, Secretary General of the Council of Representatives, Dr Yaser Al Shirawi, Assistant Secretary General for Resources and Common Services, and Mr Saddam Abu Azam, the Expert in Bahrain Centre for Parliamentary Training and Studies.

The MOU aims to utilise the sources of knowledge located in Council of Representatives and Applied Science University to promote research and legal, social, political and economic studies carried out by the staff of the General Secretariat of the Council of Representatives and ASU, and specialised scientific courses and workshops.





56. ASU Visited UCO Parents Care Centre

On Wednesday, 25 July 2018, Applied Science University presented by Dr Faiza Zitouni, Dean of Student Affairs and Mr Thaer Mustafa AlRamini, Member of the Community Engagement Office and Student Care visited UCO Parents Care Centre. Opportunities for collaboration have been discussed between ASU and UCO during the visit.





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