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Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 10th issue of the 8th volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue Prof. Ghassan Aoud, the President of Applied Science University will address a message titled "A Goodbye Message"



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من روائع الشعر العربي

Message from the President

A Goodbye Message

This is my last issue of the News Digest as President of ASU. The time has come that I will be leaving my position at Applied Science University having served 2 terms of four years each and this is the maximum period I am allowed to serve. I am grateful for the eight years I spent at ASU, especially working with HE Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Board members, colleagues, students, alumni, and external stakeholders and looking forward now to new opportunities at Abu Dhabi University.

I have learned throughout my life that all good things must come to an end someday. Unfortunately, my tenure at ASU is no different. After spending 8 wonderful years full of incredible achievements, supported by a visionary leader, Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, and surrounded by exceptionally helpful and dedicated colleagues, I find myself at the end of this journey, and about to start a new one. I take this opportunity to thank Professor Waheeb Al Khaja for his transformational leadership and futuristic vision, a man who has always been ahead of his time, anticipating risks and perceiving opportunities before anyone else. Beyond his vision, academic leadership, and business acumen, he has been very supportive of the University's various activities, present at all major events, and always lobbying and networking for the benefit of the University and its students. The fact that the International Ranking and Excellence Group (IREG) honored Professor Waheeb for his lifetime achievements in academia is a testament that the University will always be in good hands.

God bless ASU and from strength to strength Insha'Allah. I wish the new president, Professor Ammar Kaka, every success.



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Applied Science
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Summary of Achievements

- ◆ Since joining Applied Science University in November 2014, I have been leading the University through team working and collaboration to achieve outstanding results that has put ASU on the international map, namely through the following achievements: Developing two ambitious Strategic Plans 2015-2020 and 2020-2025.
- ◆ Engaging with policy makers at national, regional and international levels.
- ◆ Achieving the Institutional Accreditation from the Higher Education Council (HEC) in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- ◆ Passing the Institutional Review by the Education & Training Quality Authority (BQA) in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- ◆ Achieving the Global Accreditation from the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) in the UK (only 13 universities in the world achieved it at the time we achieved it).
- ◆ Successful Institutional Listing of the University on the NQF Register.
- ◆ Achieving "Full Confidence" for all the academic programs undergoing BQA Program Reviews.
- ◆ On track for successful Placement of all academic programs of the University on the NQF Register.
- ◆ Achieving the official Academic Recognition from the Ministry of Education in Jordan, Syria, and KSA
- ◆ Featuring on the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings with improved ranking from 401-600 in 2021 to 201-300 in 2022.
- ◆ Featuring on the QS World University Rankings at 561-570 in 2023 (1st in Bahrain).
- ◆ Featuring on the QS Arab Region Universities Rankings with improved rankings from 37 in 2020 to 29 in 2021 to 22 in 2022 and 19 in 2023 (1st in Bahrain).
- ◆ Featuring on the QS Top 50 under 50 Rankings at 101-150 in 2021 (1st and only in Bahrain).
- ◆ Featuring on the QS Graduate Employability Ranking at 501-550 in 2022 (1st and only in Bahrain)
- ◆ Achieving 5 Stars in the QS Stars Rating system (only university in Bahrain).
- ◆ Featuring on the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings with improved rankings over the years from 636 in 2019 to 484 in 2020 to 459 in 2021.
- ◆ Featuring on the QS Subject Rankings 2022 at 101-150 for Art and Design.
- ◆ Ranking 3rd in Bahrain and 4934 in the world in the international Ranking Web of Universities (webometrics).
- ◆ The 1st and only University in Bahrain and the Gulf region to achieve both ISO 9001:2015 (for Quality Management Systems) and ISO 21001:2018 (for Educational Organizations Management Systems) certifications.
- ◆ Becoming an Accredited Centre by Advance HE (British professional membership scheme promoting excellence in higher education) to train ASU staff members to get the HEA Fellowship in its different categories (ASU currently has over 100 HEA Fellows and achieved 154 recognitions).
- ◆ The number of alumni has reached 6593 from local and hosted programs.
- ◆ Consistent increase of research publications over the years: from 105 research papers in 2017/2018 (including 47 articles in Scopus/ISI) to 215 research papers (and counting) in 2021/2022 (including 152 articles in Scopus/ISI) and 314 in 2022-2023 (209 publications in Scopus).



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- ◆ Achieving outstanding results in Student Competitions: INJAZ Best Company Winner in 2019 in Bahrain, Product of the Year Award by Injaz Al Arab in 2019, 1st Place in Climate Champions Competition in 2022, winning in Universities sports competitions organized by Bahrain Collegiate Athletic Association (Champions in Football in 2019 and 3rd place in 2022, Runners-up in Volleyball in 2019 and 2022), 1st place Award for Community Engagement (Youth Category) by the Capital Governorate, etc.
- ◆ Awarded the Best Decorated Building in the Educational Field for 7 years in a row by the Capital Governorate.
- ◆ Successful delivery of British Programmes (hosted) in Bahrain in partnership with London South Bank University (LSBU) with the first cohort having graduated in 2021.
- ◆ Several participations at regional and international conferences representing ASU and promoting Higher Education in Bahrain on the global stage, such as chairing the QS Maple Annual Conference 2022 (QS Higher Ed Summit: Middle East & Africa) in Dubai (1-3 March 2022), among many others.
- ◆ Helped the University sign agreements with key local and international organizations and entities such as Bahrain Society of Engineers, Hope Fund, Shura Council, Huawei (ICT Academy), JAFCON, to create more opportunities for the students and better serve the community.
- ◆ Achieving seamless transition to online teaching, learning and assessment during the pandemic: courses resumed after just one week from the initial lockdown of universities in Bahrain.
- ◆ Celebrating the Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) in collaboration with TAMKEEN by organizing a seminar on funding opportunities for young entrepreneurs in Bahrain.
- ◆ International Conference on Sustainable Futures (ICSF) 2017: a major international conference organized in November 2017 by ASU, London South Bank University (UK) and the Chartered Institute of Building, under the Patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Education.
- ◆ International Conference on Innovation, Technology, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (ICITEE) 2019: a major international conference organized in November 2019 by ASU in association with London South Bank University (UK) and the Chartered Institute of Building.
- ◆ International Conference in Emerging Technologies for sustainability and Intelligent Systems (ICETIS) 2022: a major international conference that will be organized on 22-23 June 2022 by ASU in association with IEEE.
- ◆ International Conference on the Leadership and Management of Projects in the Digital Age (ICLMAP) 2022: a major international conference that was organized on 27-28 November 2022 by ASU in association with London South Bank University (UK).
- ◆ Participating in all the Association of Arab Universities meetings in order to raise the University's profile.
- ◆ Chairing the CIOB professional body and consequently recognized by Loughborough University (did his PhD there) to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Technology in 2016.
- ◆ Producing 374 copies of the News Digest on a weekly basis for the last 7 years



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I would like to conclude by thanking the extended management committee members, colleagues, students, alumni and other stakeholders. My two colleagues Hessa and Ayat, deserve a special mention as they have provided support for a very long period of time and I am really grateful for this. Their support in producing the News Digest on time is highly appreciated. Hessa as editor of the News Digest has done a fantastic job. I sincerely hope that the News Digest will continue to be produced under the leadership of Professor Ammar Kaka.

A very final word of thanks, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Higher Educational Council, and in particular to Her Excellency Dr Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaj Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council, Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council, for her great efforts and vision in transforming the Higher Education sector in Bahrain. It is very difficult to thank her enough for her support and encouragement.



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“Academic Publication Rules and International Classification”

In the presence of His Excellency Prof. Ghassan Aouad, President of the University, the Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies organized, on Sunday 12/25/2022, a virtual scientific seminar entitled "Academic Publication Rules and International Classification" delivered by Prof. Mahmoud Abdel-Aty, Head of the Arab Impact Factor and Vice President of the African Union for Mathematics.



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The seminar included several topics through which the lecturer talked about methods of writing research in classified journals, the rules and standards of the international classification of scientific journals, Arab journals classified in international databases, rules for classifying journals in the Arab Impact Factor, open source journals, and academic blackmail. The seminar was attended by a number of faculty members at the university.



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"تاريخ مملكة البحرين حتى مطلع القرن السابع الميلادي - إشراقة حضارية"
بقلم : الأستاذ الدكتور مراد الجنابي - عضو هيئة التدريس في قسم القانون العام



سعيًا لتدعيم أواصر التعاون مع مؤسسات التعليم العالي الخاصة في مملكة البحرين وإثراء المجتمع المحلي بالمعرفة العلمية شارك الأستاذ الدكتور مراد عبد الله الجنابي بورقة بحثية "تاريخ مملكة البحرين حتى مطلع القرن السابع الميلادي - إشراقة حضارية" في الندوة التي نظمتها الجامعة الخليجية تحت عنوان "تاريخ البحرين عبر العصور - البحرين في التاريخ القديم" والتي أقيمت في متحف البحرين الوطني بتاريخ 14 ديسمبر 2022 تزامناً مع الاحتفالات الوطنية لأعياد مملكة البحرين.





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New Year, New You: Take control of your own health

A new year can mean new opportunities, discoveries, and maybe new goals. Setting goals for a healthier “YOU” is something everyone can do, if you do it right. For some, the new year may mean jump-starting an exercise regimen or eating well. For others, it may mean a commitment to spending more quality time with family and friends. After COVID our lives changed, everyone wants to continue being healthy and strong. Here are some suggestions for living a fuller, healthier life all year long:

- **Commit to becoming more physically fit and start exercising**
 Research continues to show that daily exercise brings tremendous benefits to your health including lowering the risk for several diseases.
- **Eat healthfully and create a plan to stop smoking**
 Healthy eating is a way to feel great, increase energy levels, and stabilize moods. Smoking harms nearly every organ in the body and is the leading cause of preventable death.
- **Resolve to make quality sleep a priority**
 For adults, sleeping at least seven hours a night is what you need to regenerate your body and stabilize energy levels. Sleep helps you live longer, lowers stress, and sharpens memory.
- **Place a priority to maintain your mental health and take steps to reduce stress**
 Doing so will help expel stress from your body and can be the most detoxifying thing you can do to work through the situation.
- **Schedule an annual checkup**
 Seeing your primary care doctor each year and taking advantage of your preventive care benefits can help you stay healthy.



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Make Improving Your Overall Health a Reality This Year





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Quote of the Week

"Every sunset is an opportunity to reset."

— Richie Norton

من روائع الشعر العربي

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