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Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 52nd issue of the 7th volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue **Prof. Wahaeab Al Khaja, the Chair of the Board of Trustees** will share his message to celebrate the last edition.

In this issue **Prof. Ghassan Aoud , the President of Applied Science University** will share his message to celebrate the last edition.



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من روائع الشعر العربي

Message from the Chairman



Welcome to the last edition of the 7th year of the President's News Digest. As Chairman of the BOTs, I am delighted to introduce the 52nd celebratory issue of the 6th year of the President's News Digest.

The President of the University and the editor of the News Digest (with contributions from University colleagues) have produced the President's News Digest on a weekly basis and they never failed to circulate it on time even during the summer breaks and holidays that coincided with the day of circulation. 364 issues so far were produced and circulated every Sunday over the last 7 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the team who are producing the News Digest and to express my joy at this important achievement of celebrating 7 years of the President's News Digest.

I know for sure that the BOT members, students and staff enjoy reading the News Digest in order to keep them abreast of what's happening in the University.

Happy 7th Anniversary to the News Digest



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Message from the President



This edition of the President's News Digest is a special one as we celebrate its seventh anniversary. This weekly newsletter has achieved its purpose by keeping staff, students and other stakeholders informed about the University's activities and events.

I would like to thank Professor Waheeb Al-Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, for his vision and continuous support and also to thank all contributors who have helped a dream to become a reality. Special thanks must go to the editor of the News Digest, Ms Hessa Almeraisi (the chief editor of the News Digest), and Ms Ayat Nass who has produced the News Digest when Ms Hessa was on her annual leave, and Mr Muath who posted the News Digest on time on our web site.

In total we have produced 364 copies of the News Digest on a weekly basis including a message from the president, and quote of the week in addition to all university's activities that involve staff and students.

Happy 7th Anniversary to the News Digest!



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A Successful Start of Exams with Physical Attendance at the College of Engineering

After approximately two years of online exams, the college of engineering paper-based exams started on Oct 17th, 2022 at 9:00 am at campus. It went off smoothly and students were cooperative and adhering to the rules of ASU examination policy.

The Acting Vice Dean for the College of Engineering, Dr. Marwan Aouad visited the exam hall to ensure the examination sessions commence, continue and conclude in an orderly and timely manner, and that students are given the needed help and attention.



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Thanks to the examination committee for the great efforts and support for a smooth running of exams. Wishing a great success to all our beloved students.

Strategic foresight (1-3)

During the past decades, market crashes and pandemics accelerating trends changed the world expectations and predictions in politics, economics, social, technology, legal and environment drivers. Considering the latest pandemic, COVID-19 abruptly changed people lives in each country, causing more than four million recorded deaths, changing the way we travel, work, and socialize, as well as reducing the global economic output. To survive and thrive, leaders must be adept at identifying uncertainties beyond a short-term timeline and develop resilient strategies. Futures thinking is that instrument, and Strategic Foresight provides the framework.

What is Strategic Foresight? :

Strategic Foresight is a decades-old discipline that allows us to create functional views of alternative futures and possibilities. Beside the strategic planning approach, strategic foresight allows us to mine the external environment for trends and leverage those insights to create maps of the emerging landscape.

Strategic Foresight and its most common tool, scenario planning, have been used successfully at the corporate planning level for decades; the most famous example being that of the energy and petrochemical giant Royal Dutch Shell. During the oil crisis of the late 1960s, Shell altered its strategy and successfully propelled itself to the top of the industry. Today, organizations like Intel, Ford, and Disney have joined Shell in using foresight tools for organization-wide strategy development and innovation.

“think about the unthinkable”

(Kahn, 1962; Chief of the Swiss Armed Forces Thomas Süssli in Thränert and Wenger, 2020)



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A Delegation from London South Bank University (LSBU) Visits ASU

A delegation from ASU's partner university in the UK, LSBU, visited ASU on the 11th, 12th and 13th October 2022 mainly for the purpose of conducting the first ASU-LSBU Partnership Board meeting for the academic year 2022/2023. The visit was organised by Ms. Diana El Hageova, Manager of the International Partnerships Office.

The in-person attendees from LSBU were Stuart Bannerman, Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor International, Mandy Maindment, International Academic Dean, Aissata Edmondson, Head of Global Partnerships, Elke Cumps, Head of Operations, and Ashish Jaiswar, Head of Business Development.

On the 11th October 2022, the delegation along with ASU colleagues participated at the "Be Aware, Stay Alive" event, organised by the Student Council and the Health Unit, as part of the breast cancer awareness month with the participation of certain healthcare providers to conduct basic health checkups.

Later that day, the delegation attended a meeting with the Economic Development Board (EDB) Bahrain and representatives from ASU to explore possibilities of mutual collaboration between ASU, LSBU, and the EDB. Another visit took place on the 13th of October 2022 with the presence of a representative from Skills Bahrain.

On the 12th of October 2022, before the start of the Board meeting, as it was the first visit of Elke and Ashish, Ms. Diana and Mr. Saqer Al-Khaja from the International Partnerships Office took them on a campus tour to see the state-of-the-art facilities of the ASU campus.

Later that day, the Board meeting started at 5pm the Dome Hall at the campus in the presence of ASU senior management, Prof. Waheeb Al-Khaja, Chairman of the BOT, Prof. Ghassan Aouad, President, the VPs, Prof. Khaled Gharaibeh and Dr. Mohamed Yousef, Mr. Abdullah Al Khaja, Dr. Faiza Zitouni, Dr. Ramzi Nekhili, Dr. Marwan Aouad, Ms. Ruqaya Mohsin, Mr. Noel Lavin, Mr. Saqer Al-Khaja and some academic staff involved in the management of the LSBU programmes. The session was at the same time hybrid with colleagues from LSBU attending the session via Microsoft Teams.

The agenda included items related to the management of the partnership, areas of development, operational business, and strategic updates. Also, the date of the second Board meeting was tentatively set to take place in the second semester of 2022/2023. The meeting ended with a buffet dinner at the Dome Hall.

The Board meeting was preceded by sub-board meetings that took place on the 3rd and 4th October 2022 virtually via Microsoft Teams



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On the 13th of October 2022, the LSBU team joined the Coffee Morning event, a social event for students taking LSBU courses to meet and chit-chat, organised by the English Language support Unit, the Director of Foundation, and the International Partnerships Office.

Then, at 11:30am of the same day, Elke Cumps demonstrated the Partnership Garden platform to ASU staff managing and teaching LSBU courses. The Partnership Garden is a space where all LSBU partners across the globe can access important documents.

The day ended with a buffet lunch at the Dome Hall. The visit was successful and fruitful. It can be said with certainty that ASU-LSBU partnership is going from strength to strength.



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Computer Science and MIS HoDs meets Director of DHU3

On 11th Oct, Dr.Moaiad Khder, the Head of Computer Science Department and Dr. Ahmad Shatat Head of Management Information Systems Department had a meeting with Mr. Paul Groom, the Director of DHU3. One of the main goals of DHU3 is to train Bahraini students on programming with Au.

Au - empowering the next generation of developers, to build the software solutions of tomorrow. The objective is to deliver the completed projects, faster, in full, and more efficiently than traditional offshore software development options. Aucoda and Dhu3 will provide support and assistance to all the participated students.

Some key facts about the Au programming language:

- Au is quicker to learn, with full stack capabilities after only a few weeks.
- Au developers are up to 4 x more efficient than current legacy language developers.
- Au compiles native code in 15 languages automatically.
- Au has proven international success in the UK, Europe and with ASU alumni.

The Programming with Au course is online, nothing to download, and lasts for approximately 12 weeks, and is absolutely FREE for all students to attend.

Dr.Moaiad and Dr.Ahmad discussed with Mr. Paul on how CS and MIS students can benefit from this training programme



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Huawei ICT Competition Road Show for Computer Science and MIS students

On 17th Oct, Huawei representatives conducted an ICT Competition Online Road Show for Computer Science and MIS students.

The meeting started with a warm welcome by Dr. Moaiad Khder, the Head of Computer Science Department and Dr. Ahmad Shatat Head of Management Information Systems Department. Dr. Moaiad and Dr. Shatat introduced the Huawei representatives: Mrs. Julie Paul – HR Executive and Mr. Hisham Barakat – Datacom Engineer and briefed the students about Huawei ICT academy.

The roadshow covers:

Huawei Overview and Huawei ICT Competition

Huawei IT Courses

Huawei Certificates

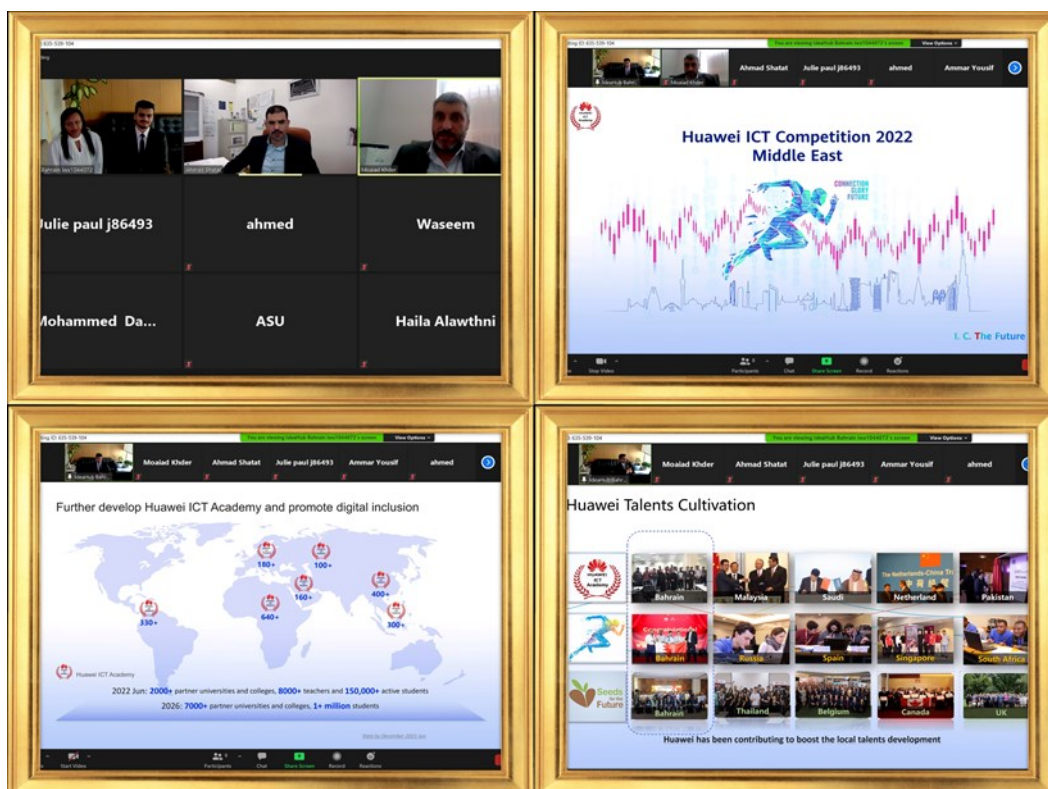
Registration session

Q & A session

The roadshow was interesting and students engaged online registration and creating accounts, following that by asking their questions in Q&A session.



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Congratulation ASU for the Great Achievement!



Quote of the Week

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."

- Michael Jordan

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قدم لنفسك في الحياة تزودا
فلقد تفارقها وأنت مودع

واهتم للسفر القريب فإنه
انأى من السفر البعيد واشسع

- الإمام علي بن أبي طالب "كرم الله وجهه"