

Kingdom University President's Newsletter

March 2023

President's Message



Achieving long-term goals and priorities

We should appreciate every KU faculty and staff member for their contributions to the university's academic mission and take pride in the educational initiatives. Our faculty, students, and staff growth determine our institution's success.

We must work together to improve the results of our research, the quality of teaching and learning and community engagement. In that case, we can significantly affect society, the economy, culture, and the environment. We need to give more thought to the mission of our organization. It's important to give staff a lot of chances to work together on

academic and research projects and strengthen our national and international partnerships to make people feel like they belong. It will be achieved through interdisciplinary study, education, and student exchange programs. My goal is to make the most of every opportunity that presents itself. We can help our students learn skills like critical thinking, entrepreneurship, problem-solving, and working together, which are becoming more and more important for even entry-level jobs, and we do. My final idea, that all people should have access to an education of equal quality and opportunity, is supported by a rationale that is both more specific and compelling; KU can exchange experiences and help in achieving our goals through collaboration with partners from various businesses and non-governmental organizations.

Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj
President
Kingdom University

The Interior Design Studio IV conducted a site visit to IKEA



The interior design IV students were assigned to analyze and study the Showroom interior design. Students were presented with the most critical components of the retail and showrooms, focusing on the information desk area, customer service, restrooms, display areas etc. For the course of Interior Lighting and Acoustics, students were introduced to the color and temperature of lightning, main types of lighting fixtures, and different strategies of lighting distribution, experiencing the theories they gained from the course into a practical example. For the course Modern History of Architecture Art and Design, students were introduced to the main features of the modern and contemporary interior design of furniture colors, materials and characteristics highlighting the Scandinavian style.

Bahrain Management Society (BMS) Signing MoU with Kingdom University



As part of KU's strategy to establish linkages with the sectors, the president Prof. Hassan AlHajhoj signed an agreement with BMS, which provides a professional base for promoting best management practices and expertises to enhance the development of Bahrain's Managers & Leaders in various sector. This MOU will pave the way for our faculty and students to have access to current practices in Bahrain.

Collaboration with Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo (YBA)

Kingdom University is approached by Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo (YBA), one of the Middle East's most prominent independent, family-owned

multinational corporations. YBA Kanoo has many business units that work well together and have strategic partnerships in many industries. Kingdom University is interested in forming a partnership with YBA Kanoo. In the 11th cycle of the competition, cooperation was the subject of discussion at a meeting in the president's conference room. The meeting's purpose was to address the contribution to the competition. Prof. Al Hajhouj pushed to improve our relationship, and we agreed to participate in the coming competition. We spoke about the possibility of working together in the future with the YBA Kanoo. Prof Nader Al Bastaki, VP and Prof Saad Darwish, HCECE, attended the meeting.



Our Faculty of Engineering and Interior design act as External Juror at the University of Bahrain

Departments of architecture and interior design and the postgraduate program has invited Dr. Ibtisam and Dr. Mahtab as advisor in the master's program comprehensive design project, along with the honor representative from Muharraq Municipality the 1st discussion panel, on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.



Dr Nidal Yassen, Dean of College of Law, attended a conference

Dr Nidal Yassen, Dean of College of Law, contributed in the conference entitled “Comparative legal studies are the pillar of developing the legal system “and organized by the Legal Research Center at the Ministry of Justice in the Kurdistan Region(online) with a paper entitled “ The discrepancy in criminal protection of public morals in comparative legislation “.



Dr. Nidal Yassin, Dean of the Faculty of Law, participated in the reception organized by the Bahraini Parliament

Dr. Nidal Yassin, Dean of the College of Law, participated in the reception organized by the Bahraini Parliament, which was held on the occasion of the issuance of the new issue of the “Legal Studies” magazine, in the presence of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed bin Salman Al-Musallam, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and His Excellency Counselor Rashid Muhammad Bu Nijma, Secretary-General of the Parliament , Dr. Saleh Al-Ghaith, Chairman of the Council's Legal Advisors Board, Editor-in-Chief of the “Legal Studies” magazine, Dr. Salah Diab, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Bahrain, and members of the advisory board of the magazine, Dr. Wafaa Janaji, Head of the Private Law Department at the University of Bahrain, and Editorial Board of the “Legal Studies” magazine at the General Secretariat of the Council of Representatives



The College of Law - Kingdom University participated in the arbitration of research papers

The College of Law - Kingdom University participated in the arbitration of several research papers within the project of the Bahraini researcher presented by the Al-Marsad Society for Human Rights, as a service to the community and in implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the Kingdom University and the Al-Marsad Society for Human Rights.

Prof. Omar Al-Hadithi- Preparing and qualifying legal professionals in the criminal Law

Prof. Omar Fakhri Al-Hadithi, in cooperation with the Gulf International Center in the Kingdom of Bahrain, delivered lectures related to the criminal aspect in the refresher course for preparing and qualifying legal professionals in the criminal and civil aspects.



المرکز الدولي الخليجي
Gulf International Center

الدورة التنشيطية
لإعداد وتأهيل القانونيين
جنائي و مدني

الفترة الأولى
الشق الجنائي

من يوم الثلاثاء 31/01/2023
إلى يوم الخميس 02/02/2023

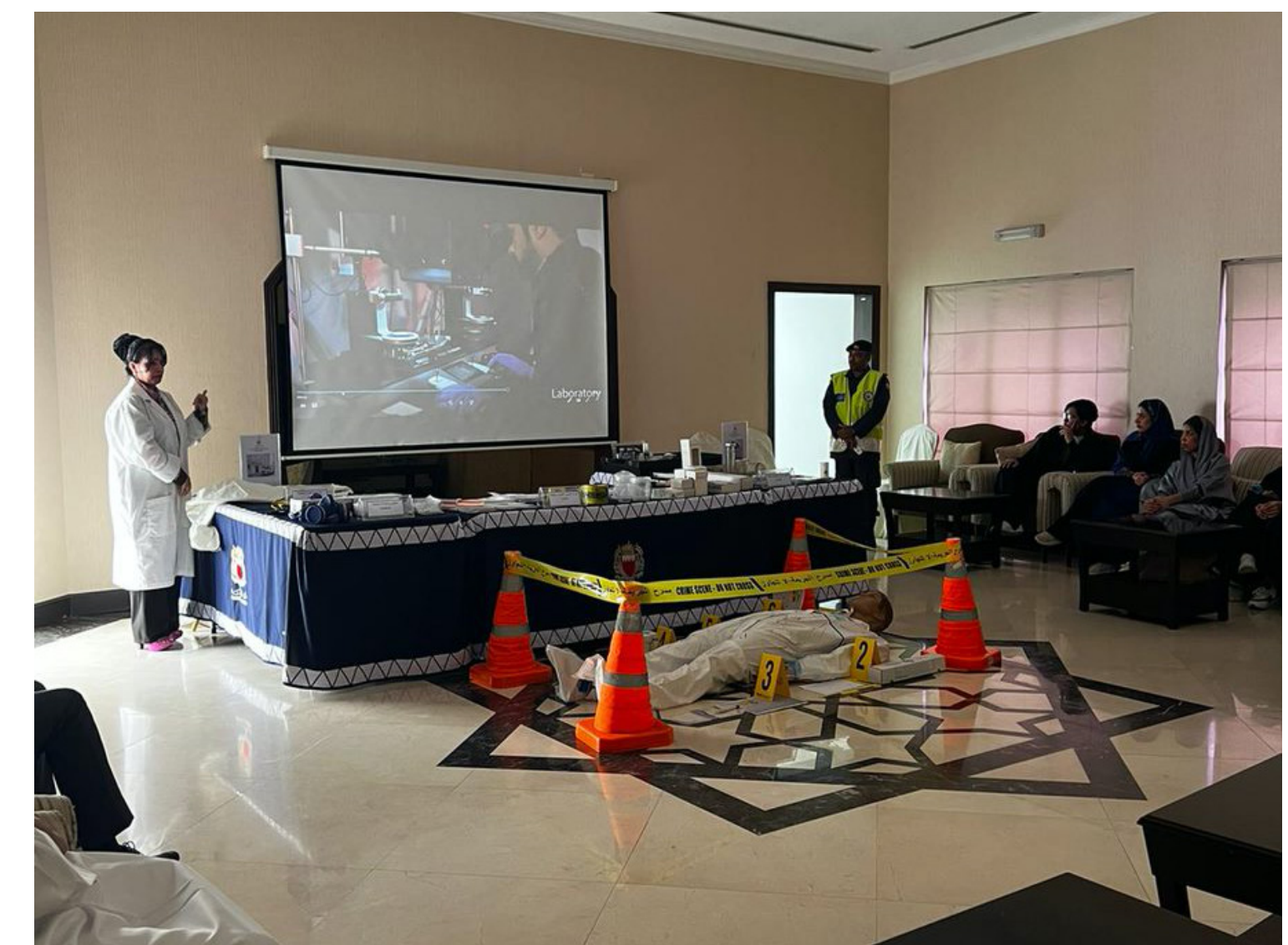
الفترة الثانية
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من يوم الثلاثاء 07/02/2023
إلى يوم الخميس 09/02/2023

من الساعة 5 مساءً - إلى الساعة 8 مساءً
بواسطة برنامج زوم

Prof. Omar Al-Hadithi, in coordination with the General Directorate of Criminal Evidence

Prof. Omar Al-Hadithi, in coordination with the General Directorate of Criminal Evidence conducted a field visit for a group of law students, where they visited the headquarters of the Directorate on Tuesday, corresponding to 3/14/2023. The structure of the Directorate was identified, how the crime scene was organized, and the most important measures to be taken in the event of a crime being committed by moving to the crime scene and seizing evidence of the crime and how to seize it.



Prof. Omar Al-Hadithi attends His Excellency Korean Ambassador Mr. Hye Kwan Chung

Prof. Omar Al-Hadithi - Professor of Criminal Law at the College of Law, attended a lecture given by His Excellency Mr. Hye Kwan Chung, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Bahrain, entitled "The Optimal Use of the World Trade Organization System in Settlement

of Disputes: The Korean Experience as a Model", which was organized by the Studies Center within the Center's series of "Intellectual Dialogues".



The World Health Organization awards Kingdom University the University Health Certificate

Under the auspices of His Excellency Lieutenant-General Doctor Shaikh Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, President of the Supreme Council of Health, the Ministry of Health, in coordination with the Council of Higher Education, organized a ceremony for handing over health university certificates, in the presence of Her Excellency Dr. Jalila bint Al-Sayed Jawad Hassan, Minister of Health, and Dr. Sheikha Rana bint Isa bin Duajj Al Khalifa, Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council, Dr. Ahmed bin Salem Al-Mandhari, Regional Director of the World Health Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean, and a number of senior officials and stakeholders, in order to hand over the university a certificate of accreditation as a healthy university according to the approved standards and requirements.



KU President Prof Hassan Al Hajhouj opens the Sixth Annual Research Forum

Kingdom University organized the sixth annual forum for scientific research. The President opened the forum with a welcoming speech and thanked all researchers and discussed the importance of scientific research for the university, which constitutes a cornerstone of the university's mission. Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, presented the achievements of scientific research at the university, its priorities that have been updated recently, and also presented the development in publishing in refereed scientific journals classified in the first and second quarters as the highest rank on the base data of "Scopus" as well as the success of the College of Law in starting to publish research in English in journals listed on "Scopus with the support of Prof Saad Darwish the Deputy for the research Council . The Deans presented the achievements of scientific research of their faculties. Prof. Omar Al-Hadithi and Dr. Ashraf Suleiman presented a summary of their Journals in Law and engineering respectively. The Forum concluded with the distribution of excellence awards in scientific research, which were won by Prof. Iqbal Hawaldar, Dr. Dilshan Osnad, Dr. Nashad Nawaz, Dr. Omar Al-Hadithi and Dr. Ahmed Rashad.



Kingdom University is looking to strengthen cooperation with the Kuwaiti Cultural Office

The President of Kingdom University, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, discussed with the Head of the Kuwaiti Cultural Office at the Embassy of State of Kuwait, Prof. Muhammad Al-Dughaim, ways of cooperation between Bahrain and Kuwait. This came when a meeting was held between Prof. Al-Daghim, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhuoj, President of Kingdom University, Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, and Mr. Abdullah Sharifi, Head of Marketing and Public Relations at the University. Prof. Al-Hajhoj discussed the importance of joint scientific research cooperation between Kingdom University and

the State of Kuwait, in a way that serves students from the two countries, and seek to open the door for student and academic exchange, to strengthen scientific ties, and to exchange experiences and knowledge.



KU President, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj honors outstanding students and praises their distinction and excellence.

The ceremony witnessed honoring the students whose names are listed on the honor board in the various disciplines offered by the university, sponsored by the university president, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, Vice President, deans, and members of the academic and administrative staff, in addition to parents of students. The ceremony started with a speech by the University President, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, in which he expressed his happiness at the distinguished scientific level that the students have reached and their continuous activity. This was followed by a speech by the outstanding student, Dana Al-Rumaihi, during which she thanked the university administration and all its affiliates for their efforts. It is worth mentioning that the university is always looking forward to providing students with an appropriate university environment that contributes to building the student's integrated personality intellectually, socially, and psychologically.



At CECE , Ideas to promote innovation in the kingdom of Bahrain.

Dr. Omar Al Obaidli from Derasat presented a workshop on "Ideas to promote innovation in the kingdom of Bahrain. He presented an excellent lecture encouraging Kingdom University students & alums to incorporate innovation in their future professional lives and small business. This workshop will help the attendees think out of the box when developing their business or working in any field, to apply the concept of creativity and innovation while conducting their research before implementing any activity project into their business

Collaboration with INJAZ through our students' volunteers

Under the guidance of mentors from the business world who have volunteered to participate in the program, students can go through the whole life cycle of a start-up company and learn about being an entrepreneur. The Company Program is INJAZ Bahrain's most popular course, and universities offer it to give students this chance. Students in the program learn about free markets and how they work while getting hands-on experience. Kingdom University is proud of what INJAZ Bahrain has done. It is known as one of the first organizations to help young people in Bahrain and give them the tools they need to start their careers and run successful businesses. This group and the others are competing to complete the project successfully. Prof Saad Darwish, with his assistant Ms. Marwa Haji is hosting the group in the entrepreneurship center to provide support and guidance.

Kingdom Aqua Solutions (KAS) team visited UNIDO

KAS Team from Kingdom University visited UNIDO to present their A2W product, which turns the inconvenient humidity in heatwave into water. Kas team received positive reviews from the UNIDO panel, in which their product can solve agriculture problems in SAWNA countries by producing water from the air. It also praised its product on how it is sustainable by using solar panels in the future, operating the product and meeting many suitable development goals.



KAS team at Injaz Youth Festival

Our KAS team representing Kingdom University participated in the second edition of the INJAZ Bahrain Youth Festival. The festival is a celebration of youth, and it will feature a judging panel that will evaluate the participating companies and select the ones that will advance to the next round of Injaz Bahrain's National Company Competition. This competition is the organization's annual flagship event. It aims to foster an entrepreneurial spirit among young people in Bahrain while honoring the development and achievements of Injaz students.



Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI) Visit

Financial Affairs department staff at KU arranged a visit to Bahrain Chamber for the business with students and alumni to attend a presentation on introduction about the Bahrain chamber of commerce activities along with site visit to customers service department.



Community Engagement and Continuing Education Team Visit to Bahrain Development Bank.

Head of the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Team Prof. Saad Darwish and Marwa Al Haji Community Engagement Specialist, Visited Bahrain Development Bank to discuss new ways to support Kingdom University entrepreneurs' community members.



Community Engagement and Continuing Education Team Visit to Bahrain Bourse.

Marwa Al Haji Community Engagement Specialist, Visited Bahrain Bourse to collaborate on training Kingdom University students and Alumni at

Bahrain Bourse. The program from Bahrain Bourse is called 'The Capital Markets Apprenticeship Program'. On-the-job training program aims at supporting Bahraini graduates seeking practical experience in the Capital Markets Sector. It stems directly from Bahrain Bourse's belief in fostering investment awareness and instilling financial literacy across various age groups. The second program is 'Trade Quest Program' for high school and university students. The program aims at stimulating relevant learning through practical experience by grasping the rules and regulations implemented in financial markets, analyzing and selecting shares, and managing a portfolio of investment in Bahrain Bourse.



Visit to Exhibition World Bahrain

To engage the students in the practical field, a visit was conducted aiming to highlight the modern Construction techniques. The visit viewed the different types of finishings. A site Visit to Exhibition World Bahrain was held on Thursday 16/03/2023. Students had the opportunity to visit all the sections of the Exhibition. They took notes on the spatial and technical requirements of different departments while listening to their instructor's explanation. The tour started with the reception lobby, then the rest of the departments starting from main entrances, ended by focusing on the details of finishing (walls, flooring, ceilings, details of Glass Façade, stairs, and partition. Students were extremely satisfied with the visit, and they were so interested in taking photos. Dr. Ibtisam & Dr. Mahtab accompanied the students during the visit.



KU 2nd Symposium of Architecture and Design



Five experts in the field of architecture and climate change were invited. Eng. Susan Al-Ajjawi - External Consultant in Environmental Environment, Mr. Mohamed Saad, a Counselor at the Ministry of Interior, who spoke about the men's men. Eng. Mohamed Dabees, a member of the college's advisory board, presented a scientific paper to review the research and reports published in architecture and urban development. Prof. Islam Al-Ghunaimi, Professor of Architecture at the University of Bahrain, and Dr Dalia Al-Dardiri presented a scientific paper entitled Green Spaces in Sustainable Buildings and their role in reducing the phenomenon of global warming. Ultimately, the Dean of the College thanked the guests, speakers, and attendees and expressed gratitude for the topics they covered. He also promised to organize the third forum in March 2024 which is 'Engineering towards a Sustainable Built Environment'.

Technology and creativity for equity- Art exhibition



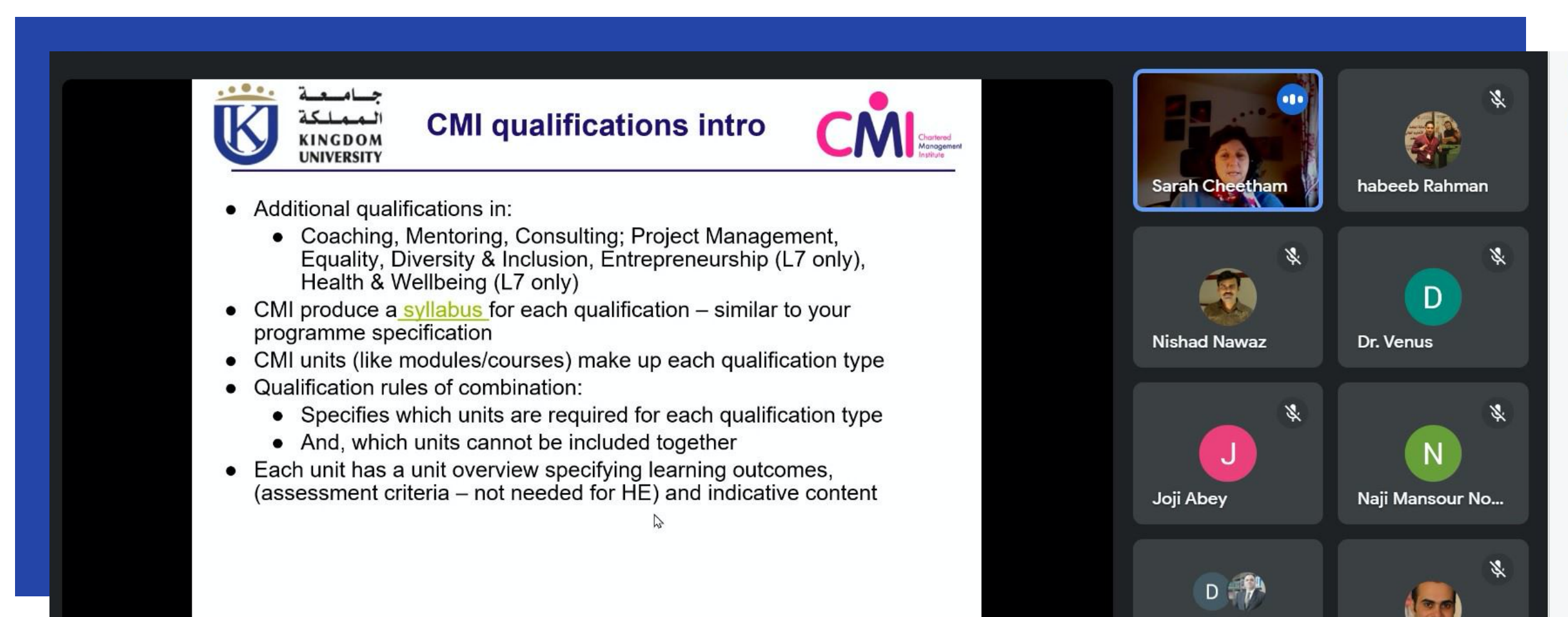
Supremecouncilforwomenorganizedthedigitalartexhibitionforinternational women's day using new technologies in collaboration with youth artists. This event helped to improve skills and creativity by familiarizing with the new techniques and visiting Bahraini women's monument (Athar). Interior design students at Kingdom University were invited to this event, and they participated along with their instructor, Dr. Mahtab Asvar on 9th March 2023.

Amazon Academy officials visits KU

The College of Information Technology organized an event in cooperation with the Amazon Academy entitled AWS Career Advice Day. During the forum, Amazon Academy officials spoke about the rapid development and innovation in Amazon and its spin-offs, career opportunities in the technology sector, and opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship. The students and attendees raised many inquiries that enriched the meeting, and the meeting concluded with three attendees winning a training opportunity in the field of personal interview from Amazon Academy AWS Academy.



Workshop 3 in a series of workshops delivered in collaboration with Chartered Management Institute "CMI", UK, CMI - Accreditation Standards and Procedures



HR department / Staff Development Unit organized this activity as part of the Staff Development Plan 2022-23 for the academic staff in the College of Business Administration.

This training workshop aims at preparing the faculty members in the College of Business Administration at Kingdom University for becoming Chartered Managers and to train them to prepare all the programs offered in the College of Business administration to fulfil the CMI accreditation standards. Acquiring the CMI accreditation will provide the students with many professional advantages and will enhance their employability skills.

Participants:

Prof. Nader Mohamed Saleh AlBastaki/Dr. Abdlrhman Ahmad Meero/ Dr. Abdul Aziz Ahmad Abdul Rahman/ Dr. Joji Abey/ Dr. Habeeb Ur Rahiman/ Dr. Najj Mansour Najj Nomran/ Ms. Sheila Macalino Sison/ Dr. Venus Del Rosario Bunagan/ Dr. Nishad Navaz Maditheti.

KU's Global week (Staff cultural competition)

The Human Resources Department planned a cultural competition for the staff in line with KU's global week organized by the Students Affairs and Marketing, Public Relations department. The staff members have formed 4 teams representing different countries / regions.

Bahrain: Mrs. Fatema Al Sherooqi / Mrs. Huda Faeq / Ms. Aysha Ismael / Ms. Razan Shaker / Ms. Maimoona Hilal.

Egypt: Dr. Ashraf Soliman / Dr. Sherif El Wageeh / Dr. Samy Elbialy / Mr. Tamer Salama / Mrs. Eman Geith.

Yemen: Dr. Abdulbaset Al Hakimi / Dr. Nadya Al Jabali / Dr. Abdulla Al Mekhlafi.

Middle East: Mrs. Meriem El Garamo / Arch. Hana Karoui / Dr. Ibtisam Al Houtary / Mrs. Sara Abunahya / Mrs. Marwah Assim.

The event ended with success and great satisfaction and joy from the staff, as it aimed to boost the staff welfare, cultural exchange, and openness to diversified cultures, where it encouraged them to socialize in addition to build up strong bonds between the members.

At the end of the competition, judging committee announced the winning of the Kingdom of Bahrain team participating in the World Culture and the result came after a vote and evaluation of the university's academic and administrative staff who attended the competition. The evaluation criteria included the traditional dress of each country, the food it provided and the decoration it adopted to show its corner.



Kingdom University International Week

The Department of Student Affairs organized the Food and Tea Festival, and a group of university students and members of the administrative and academic bodies participated in a variety of dishes and drinks that reflect the culture of their country.



Blood donation campaign in cooperation with King Hamad University Hospital

Kingdom University organized a blood donation campaign in cooperation with King Hamad University Hospital. The campaign received a great turnout from donors, as this humanitarian initiative aims to support the blood bank in the hospital and to meet the needs of patients.



Kingdom University Family Lunch

Within the framework of Kingdom University's keenness on intimacy and love between members of the academic and administrative staff, and in order to increase cohesion and harmony between the university family as one system in order to work in a team spirit, the university held a meeting over a public lunch that includes university employees, including faculty members and administrators on the university campus, and it was punctuated by some friendly and brotherly conversations.

Kingdom University's Participation in Aramco Education Exhibition

Kingdom University participated in the Aramco Saudi Education Exhibition, where the university was present in the exhibition for three days, through which the university's programs were marketed.



Successful Entrepreneurs

Being an entrepreneur necessitates accepting uncertainty as a given and being open to new challenges regularly. When seeking first funding for a business venture, the odds of success in this line of work are extremely low, deciding to pursue it entirely irrational; nonetheless, most people who embark on this route are ultimately successful because of their dogged determination and unyielding belief in their abilities. Prof. Saad Darwish interviewed both entrepreneurs and reflected on their achievements in the President's Newsletter below.

Salman al Sulaiti -Alumni

A graduate alumnus of our university changed his business future when he accepted the challenge and established his cafe. Seeing how excited our former students are to assist our present students is terrific. Success like this gives alums incredible opportunities to support the university and strengthen relationships between students and alums communities. His undertaking is a cafe situated in Bahrain-Riffa and is very dynamic and busy. Because of his proactive service strategy, he can give his customers service centered on spending time and delicious food cooking.



Fadal Yahya-Alumni

This man exemplifies success in every way. Most people think of an entrepreneur as someone who cares a lot about the success of their business. Truth be said, Fadal is an authentic businessman. He is about creating change, creation and much more than business. He is all about doing something good in the world; his project 'Trojena' is a vibrant and active Bahrain-based event production company. Through his proactive service strategy, he can provide clients with service focused on achieving their goals. The company focuses on making events memorable and profitable. Well done, Fadal!



Dr. Abdul Aziz Attains CMgr MCFI

Dr. Abdul Aziz, Head of Banking and Finance Department, earned the Chartered Manager designation. As a result, he will become a member of a community of high-performing professional managers who are at the peak of their careers. These people are mindful and skills-focused, bringing genuine value to the organizations they work for.

Congratulations Dr. Abdul Aziz and well deserved.

