

# Kingdom University President's Newsletter

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## President's Message



## Healthy University is a Path towards Excellence

Universities are essential organizations when it comes to the creation and enhancement of health and welfare; as a result, healthy universities represent a key application of the strategy that focuses on health-promoting surroundings. Having said that, the way the strategy has been put into practice continues to be inadequately anchored in principle. The purpose of this comprehensive short article is to describe the ways in which educational institutions of varying cultural backgrounds have put the Healthy Universities concept into practice.

There are many things that universities can do to promote and protect the health of their students and staff in order to create environments that are health-conducive for working, learning, and living. The creation of a strategic framework for health-promoting universities has evolved from a desirable to a required and widespread method for universities.

Kingdom University adopts an innovative health approach and aspires to create a sustainable educational and health environment for all its members, students, employees, and visitors, so that the health system becomes a way of life

for a better future. Accordingly, the University Health Committee is established at the university level, whose members seek to achieve the most important indicators of a healthy university which are prepared by the World Health Organization (WHO) and monitored by the Bahraini Ministry of Health. The members of the committee focus on assessing needs, setting priorities, and disseminating a healthy culture within the university campus to cooperate in applying laws or mechanisms and activities that have prominent roles in promoting health.

Finally, I would like to congratulate you all for your great achievements and I am pleased to announce to you that Kingdom University has been accredited as a healthy university and that it has obtained a Certificate of Merit for Healthy Universities from the World Health Organization. On this occasion, I congratulate all university employees, and thank them for their efforts and support to achieve this achievement, especially all members of the University Health Coordination Committee. I value your efforts at all levels and wish the university further progress and prosperity.

**Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj**  
President  
Kingdom University

## Gergaon Festival



KU students' council organized Gergaon festival, which was a huge success. Working in groups to arrange the event reflected and drew a large number of people from the campus community. The youngsters liked the Faresa display, and Henna was done for women and children, as well as a competition in traditional old games.

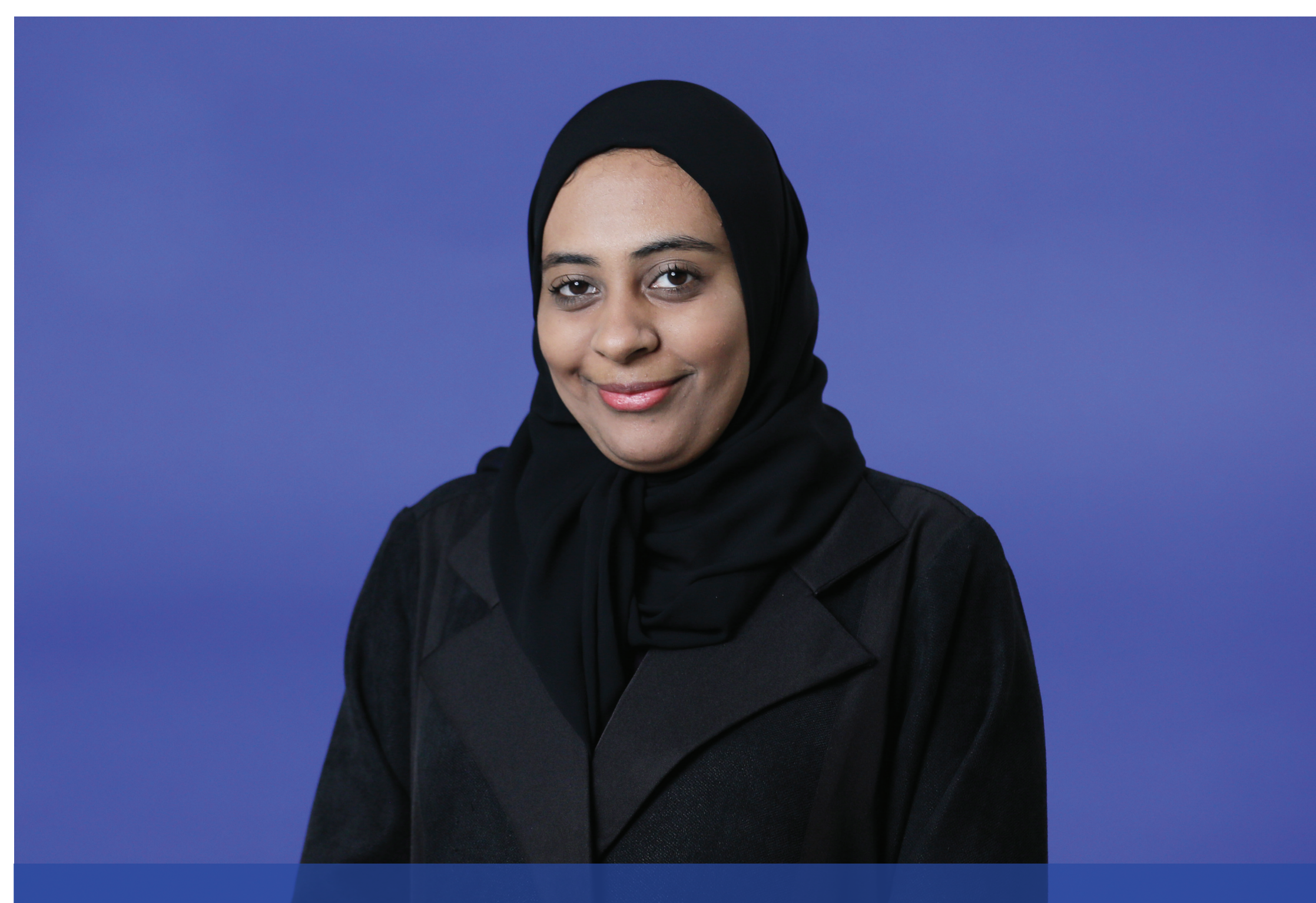
## Machlatkom Alena CECE Event



The third Machlatkom Alena campaign aims to motivate others to give back to their communities and improve the lives of those in need. During the holy month of Ramadan, CECE delivered dry food boxes, which included various essential items such as rice, sugar, flour, oil, and other canned food to underprivileged people. The campaign was done after careful consideration and consultation with the Bahrain Food Bank Society. Kingdom University students and faculty were separated into groups to distribute the boxes to the intended families throughout Bahrain.

## Talented KU Staff- Novelist Enlightening Youth & Community

Meeting Ms. Noora Alrowaiei was really inspiring; her commitment to serve the community is admirable. Throughout her writing experience, she has proven to be a valuable asset to KU and the community. Her amazing ideas motivate our students and the public. She said, "Writing gives me an outlet, and through writing, I apply my favorite quote:" "Don't go to your grave with your best work inside of you," she remarked. "Choose to die empty-handed." Todd Henry's 'Die Empty Book'. She also stated that I am powerless to influence the world. However, knowing that I can make a difference in people's lives motivates me to do my best as a writer; words have an impact on people's lives. In the last eight years, she has released fantastic novels that have piqued the interest of 20000 Instagram followers. Her novels are Elixir of Youth, A Symphony of Paper, The Colors of Utopia, The Stranger, and The Language of Concealment. She appeared on TV shows, in press interviews, in school seminars, and at association events. She served as an arbitrator in a few events. KU values her efforts in promoting the university's image among the public and young people. Best wishes!



## Successful Entrepreneurs

### Abdulla Al Majid Alumni

Abdulla Almajid began his professional life after graduating from KU in the field of law. He received his education at KU. He transitioned into private practice and was able to find work that let him assist others who were in need. In his own words, “the practice of law frequently involves lots of really human stories, and I enjoyed that aspect of it.” In addition to the services, he has given to the community, he also runs his own law office. Abdulla agrees that students should be prepared for the challenge because law school is not like undergraduate education in any way. According to him, it is critical for KU law students to give some thought to the possibility of becoming entrepreneurs through handling their own law offices.

Abdulla! You have made KU very proud.



### Fatima Sanad Ali

Student entrepreneurship is a phenomenon that has only recently emerged. By exploring the dynamic capabilities of student entrepreneurs, it became decisive to examine how they manage their business. A distinguished example, Fatema Ali Sanad Alkharsan, a student at the college of Business Administration. She started her business with the aim of producing women's clothes. She said that her main focus is on making quality unique designs for her customers to make them feel special and elegant because she believes in the expression and confidence starts with what we wear every day". The business has successfully targeted customers who believe in themselves.

Fatima is a role model for other students at KU. We wish her all the best and more future successes.



## Successful Entrepreneurs

President's Newsletter had an excellent chance to meet with one of our alums, Sanad Khalifa, and his partner, Fatima Al Ahmadi. We did this interview to show how his ambition and passion led to success.

### Project Idea

This innovative project is acceptable for its simplicity and for keeping taste in both form and content. A corn version with a different set of innovative flavors and some other additions, and each flavor was released to match its distinctive taste.

### Talk to us about how you got involved in the project.

Initially, it was an idea that came to light about six years ago in 2017 and was limited to family, friends, and acquaintances. It was held at Kingdom University and was well received and accepted. It motivates us to participate more.

### What were the challenges you faced?

Firstly, making a decision to start the project, and I am still a university student. It is difficult to provide capital at the beginning, so there was support from the family, and secondly, is it easy to provide equipment and supplies for the project, so it needed good planning to reach and develop the idea, and in the end getting profitable returns. With persistence and determination and the help of the family, I was able to overcome these challenges. The role of family support played a crucial role in my progress. They had an important role in providing capital, giving us their expertise and reasonable opinion, and supplying suggestions. We remember the advertising campaign that made our idea a successful project that has its fans.

### What is your advice that you would give to Bahraini youth to open their businesses?

I advise every young man or woman to be confident when they have an idea that they can benefit from and benefit society. They must have the determination and persistence to achieve it. Their ears must be listening to positive people, not negative people, and taking into account the experiences of successful people and that they have a good feasibility study for implementation. It is nice that the Bahraini is a productive, ambitious, and creative person.



### What is the ceiling of your ambition to develop your project in the future?

I hope to get our food truck to expand and to reach more customers. I am optimistic that the brand of Oishi will grow up to open a store in the future and to have branches in the Gulf countries.

### What is the essential characteristic of the corn project, and what are the favorite flavors you offer to the customer?

The flavors that were prepared gave the sausages distinctive flavors beside the method of service has a role in spreading the reputation.

### Is there a demand for corn with different flavors in the Kingdom of Bahrain?

Yes, there was a great number of potential customers, praise be to God, from all ages and groups. Thus, we started to participate in various occasions, including birthdays and success parties.

## Legal Cultural Seminar

Students in the legal clinic course “Sabeeka Muhammad Khalifa, Taif Rashdan, and Sheikha Al-Khayyat”, presented a legal cultural seminar entitled “Domestic Violence”, at Omaisma Bint Al-Numan Secondary School for Girls on March 16, 2023. The purpose of this event is to activate the university’s role in serving the Bahraini community. This seminar was supervised by an assistant prof. in Public International Law at the College of Law.



## Kingdom University organizes the Annual Ramadan Ghabga

Kingdom University held the annual Ramadan Ghabga for its academic and administrative staff, students and graduates in order to enhance communication and the spirit of one family among the university’s employees, at The Art Hotel in Amwaj.

The program of the ceremony included many activities, competitions and the distribution of gifts and prizes, which enabled all attendees to break the routine of work and study in addition to increasing the bonds of love and acquaintance between students and academic and administrative staff.

The President of Kingdom University, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, assured that the university’s organizes this event to promote national culture and popular traditions, as well as to embody the spirit of one family, and consolidate the importance of communication with our students and academic and administrative staff. Also, the president, in his speech, congratulated everyone on the blessed month of Ramadan, wishing Allah to return it with goodness, security, safety and more progress and prosperity.



## Kingdom University organizes a meeting with its graduates from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kingdom University organized a meeting with its graduates from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at The Art Rotana Hotel in Amwaj. The University President, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, the Vice President of the University, Prof. Dr. Nader Al-Bastaki, a number of university employees and a large number of Saudi graduates attended the event.

This event aims to enhance the bonds of continuous communication and the spirit of one family between Kingdom University graduates and staff, as well as to review and exchange achievements and life and professional developments, in addition to celebrating the recent achievements of Kingdom University accreditation from the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

During the meeting, the President of the University, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, delivered a speech in which he welcomed the graduates and expressed the university's pride in this distinguished group of graduates. He expressed his great pride in their achievements and their access to distinguished positions in the Saudi society in its various sectors, which indicates the efficiency of graduates and the quality of learning outcomes at Kingdom University.

Al-Hajhouj added: "We are proud that the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has included Kingdom University among the recognized and recommended universities for Saudi students in the Kingdom of Bahrain to study in the bachelor's programs offered, which confirms the quality of its educational services, in addition to the development of infrastructure and university facilities."



## Kingdom University organizes the Annual Ramadan Ghabga with Higher Education Institutions

Kingdom University participated with higher education institutions in organizing the annual Ramadan Ghabga under the patronage of Her Excellency Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Duaij Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council at Jumeirah Bahrain Bay.

The annual Ghabga for higher education institutions represents an opportunity for universities to bring universities together to exchange congratulations by the blessed month of Ramadan, and to emphasize the importance of continuous cooperation between universities to serve the future directions of higher education institutions.

The annual Ghabga was attended by the President of the University, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, the Vice President of the University, Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, deans of colleges, heads of administrative departments, and a number of administrative university employees.



## The President of Kingdom University receives MP Abdullah Al-Rumaihi

The President of Kingdom University, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, received in his office His Excellency Abdullah Al-Rumaihi and discussed the joint conversations and the vision of Kingdom University taking into consideration students' interests and the university status.

The President of the University reviewed with Al-Rumaihi the most prominent achievements of the university and its future projects, referring to the development plans for academic programs, the university's regional and global partnerships, and its relations with the requirements of sustainable development.

The meeting was attended by the Vice President of the University, Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, and the Director of the Marketing and Public Relations Department, Mr. Abdullah Sharifi.



## External Juror at the University of Bahrain

Department of Architecture and Interior Design and the postgraduate program has invited Dr. Ibtisam and Dr. Mahtab as an External Juror in the master's program comprehensive design project, along with the honor representative from Muharraq Municipality

## BSE Ghabqa

Dr. Sherif Elwageeh, Chairman of Interior Design department, participated in Ramadan Ghabqa organized by Bahrain Society of Engineers (BSE). The Ghabqa program included socializing and interesting cultural competition.



## Kingdom University attends a coordination visit to the Bahraini Women's Monument "Athar"

Kingdom University attended a coordination visit to the Bahraini Women's Monument "Athar", which was organized by the Higher Education Council in the presence of chairmen of boards of trustees and university presidents on the Bahraini Women's Day.

Her Excellency, Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, Secretary-General of the Council of Higher Education, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Council of Higher Education and member of the Supreme Council for Women, affirmed that the "Athar" monument has become a prominent cultural symbol of the bright and honorable journey of Bahraini women, and reflects the achievements of Bahraini women and their distinction in various fields, especially in the academic and scientific fields, since the establishment of the Supreme Council for Women in the prosperous era of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the great monarch of the country, may God protect and preserve him.

During the visit, the Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council gave a detailed explanation of the Bahraini women's monument "Athar" to the visitors.

Her Excellency indicated that the geometric shape of the monument was the result of a creative engineering youth competition called "Pride" and organized by the Supreme Council for Women in cooperation with the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities in 2017, as an accompanying activity for Bahraini Women's Day, which was dedicated to celebrating women in the engineering field.

The visitors got acquainted with the monument closely, and its unique engineering design that takes into consideration the aspects of modernity and the preservation of the environment, and translates a modern youth vision that is inspired by the achievements of the pioneers and looks to the future with confidence.

