

Kingdom University President's Newsletter

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President's Message



Universities in the Digital Era

There exist multiple approaches to attaining digitization within the realm of education. Utilizing technology is one of the most efficacious methods. Digital learning materials, such as online courses, interactive videos, and virtual classrooms, can be produced using technology. This approach has the potential to enhance the level of student engagement and accessibility across diverse age groups and backgrounds. Furthermore, technology can serve as a means to enhance communication between educators and learners. Communication can be facilitated through various means, such as electronic mail, instant messaging applications, or even virtual meetings via video conferencing. Enabling students to ask questions and receive prompt instructor feedback can facilitate a collaborative learning environment. Utilizing data is a different approach to attaining digitization within education. Using data can facilitate monitoring student progress, evaluating learning outcomes, and detecting areas that require improvement. This approach has the potential to facilitate a customized learning encounter for individual students while also furnishing educators with significant discernment into their students' learning processes. Implementing artificial intelligence (AI) presents a viable means of realizing digitization in education. Artificial intelligence has the potential to

facilitate tailored educational experiences, furnish individualized evaluations, and even assess academicsubmissions. Implementingthisapproach can enhance the learning process's efficiency and efficacy while furnishing educators with valuable perspectives on their students' learning patterns. In general, the implementation of technology, data, and AI can facilitate the process of digitization in the field of education. Using such tools, educators can devise more captivating and customized learning opportunities for their students , while also acquiring significant knowledge regarding their students' learning patterns.

Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj
President
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WORLD RENEWABLE ENERGY CONGRESS /WREC-23, WREC - Bahrain /Kingdom University (21 – 26) April 2024



Kingdom University is committed to HRH, the Crown Prince, and Prime Minister saying, "It is our collective duty to ensure that development does not cost us the Earth." Thus, renewable energy is the primary answer for having clean energy while lessening the effects of climate change and global warming. Renewables have the potential to significantly reduce reliance on energy imports while also contributing swiftly to the world's desperately required electricity needs. Renewables are the basis and cornerstone of a truly sustainable energy future. It is paramount to advocate enabling policies and develop various renewable energy technology and applications in all sectors - for heating and cooling, agricultural uses, water desalination, industrial applications, and transportation. For this purpose, the President Prof Hassan Al Hajhoj and VP Prof Nader Al-Bastaki, Prof Saad Darwish HCECE, and Mr. Abdullah Sharifi visited related institutions and companies to Ask them to join in this international congress, here is the list of visits :

16-5-2023 GPIC

16-5-2023 Arab Gulf University

17-5-2023 ALBA

18-5-2023 University of Bahrain

21-5-2023 Electricity and Water Authority

Kingdom University participation in the intellectual dialogue on the opportunities and challenges for sustainable production



Kingdom University participated in the intellectual dialogue on the opportunities and challenges for sustainable production and consumption in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, organized by the Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies. The strategic dialogue was attended by Dr. Abdelrahman Meero, Dr. Abdulaziz Abdulrahman from the College of Business Administration, Dr. Abdullah Almakhlafi and Prof. Omar Alhadeethi from the College of Law, and Dr. Sharif Alwajeih from the College of Engineering.

Successful Entrepreneurs

Kholoud Al Janahi



Kholoud Al Janahi is an Accounting and Financial Management graduate at Kingdom University and has been a business leader since 2012. Her first project was in the laundry and dry-cleaning sector, through which she gained many skills in buying, selling, and dealing with customers. Accordingly, set out to establish other projects, such as a sewing and design shop for women's clothes, a flower shop, and a productive family shop. Thus, she gained significant experience in markets and trade in general and dealt with wholesale and retail merchants in particular. Entrepreneurship had a substantial role in developing her personality on the professional and professional levels, as well as in forming social relationships and adjusting her standard of living.

We at KU praise our alums, Kholoud, for her ambitions and contributions to the economy; we are proud of her.

Master of Architecture Pre-Jury, UOB

Dr. Sherif Elwageeh, Chairman of Interior Design department, participated as an external juror for the Master of architecture program pre-jury, Department of Architecture and Interior Design, College of Engineering, University of Bahrain.



Community Partnership for Legal Clinic Students

The student Sarah Fouad Yousef, who is registered in the legal clinic course, presented a legal cultural seminar entitled “The Sanctity of Entering Homes and Inspection Controls”, at the Northern Governorate Police Directorate on May 4th, 2023, in order to activate the university’s role in serving the Bahraini society. This seminar was supervised by Dr. Hosni Radwan, an assistant prof. at the College of Law.



The University Advisory Council conducted its first meeting

The Advisory Council of the University conducted its first meeting at the university meetingroom on May 22, 2023, with the attendance of the President of the University, Professor Hassan bin Rafdan Alhjoj and the Vice President, Professor Nader Mohammad Albastaki.”



Virtual Moot Court for Law Students

Under the supervision of Prof. Omar Fakhri Al-Hadithi, the moot court was conducted within the methodology of teaching the course 'the moot court'. A virtual court was formed according to the correct contexts, and the formed teams worked to cover all the roles assigned to them. Students successfully mastered all the tasks entrusted to them to the fullest within a highly scientific and professional atmosphere.



Prof. Omar Al-Hadithi attended a lecture entitled “Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainable Production and Consumption in the GCC Countries at Derasat”

As part of the “Intellectual Dialogues” series held by Derasat, Prof. Omar Fakhri Al-Hadithi attended a lecture entitled “Opportunities and Challenges for Sustainable Production and Consumption in the GCC Countries”, presented by Dr. Sumaya Yousef Hassan, Head of the Natural Resources Department at the Arabian Gulf University on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at the Center’s headquarters. A group of specialists and interested parties attended the event.



Dr. Ahmed Rashad’s participation in the ninth international conference of the College of Law in Kuwait

Dr. Ahmed Rashad participated in the ninth international conference of the International College of Law Kuwait entitled “Emerging Legal Issues: A Scientific Review of the Practical Challenges Facing the Contemporary State”, in the period 3-4th May 2023.



Conference organized by GPIC

The conference has been organized by GPIC in collaboration with the Mitsubishi Heavy Industry (MHI) in Bahrain in May 2023. The speakers shared their experience on the technology of capturing and recovering the CO₂ that led to sustainable environment and contribute to achieving Bahrain strategy of zero carbon by 2060.



Awareness of Genetic Disorders Symposium: Coping and Methods of Prevention

The symposium aims to include experts in the field of genetic disorders with a prime focus on Down, Marfan and Klinefelter Syndromes. The aim is to exchange expertise between specialists in this field and highlight successful trials to curb the spread of genetic disorders and ways to alleviate their effects on patients and their families. Furthermore, Derasat Center has launched an opinion poll to assess societal awareness regarding those disorders, the results of which shall be demonstrated and discussed during the event. Notably, the symposium's aims are to attract specialists (in various fields), policymakers and civil society institutions. Moreover, the topic appeals to the wider range of society. Eng. Mohamed Al - Mashhadani attends this symposium.



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Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies

Faculty of Interior Design Department, College of Architectural Engineering & Design as External Jurors in Gulf University

Department of Interior Design Engineering, Gulf University has invited Dr. Ibtisam AlHoutary and Int. Arch. Hana Karoui as external jurors in their final juries for Design Studio III and IV, and graduation Project on 15th, 16th and 22nd of May 2023



University of Bahrain -Graduation Project – Final Jury

The jury took place at UOB campus in Isa Town. There were 12 graduation projects which were discussed during the event. The students presented their projects, and the jurors discussed and graded each project.



Graduation Project II - Final Jury – University of Bahrain



Dr. Mohamed Mahdy participated as an external juror for the (Graduation Project II) Final Jury at the University of Bahrain.

Ithra Visit (KSA)



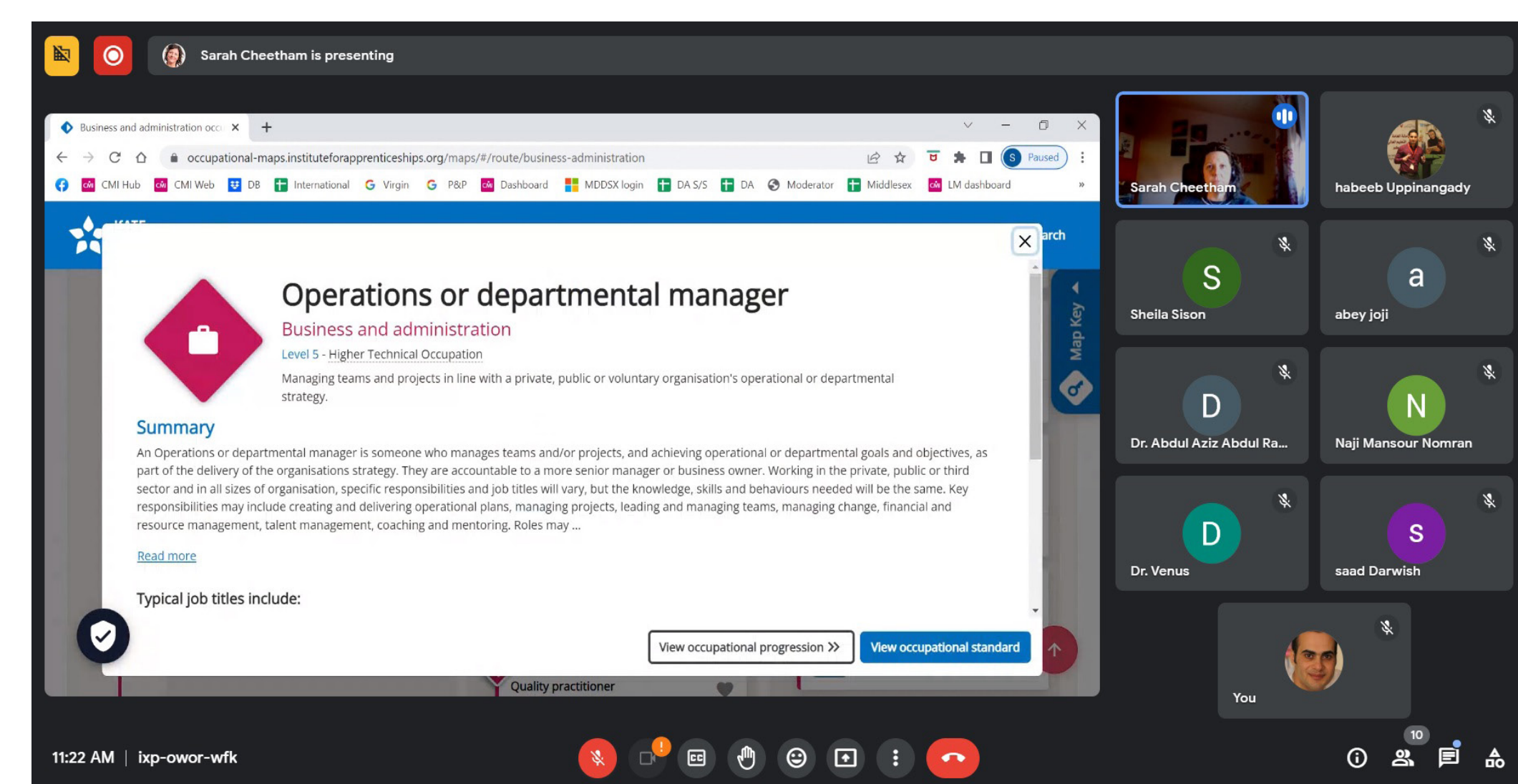
The Human Resources Department organized a visit to Ithra Museum in KSA for the University staff on International Museum Day. The aim of this visit was to explore new cultures and Museums and encourage the staff to socialize with each other throughout the visit and the road trip

CMI - Developing Job Market Skills

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. The workshop is part 4 in a series of workshops provided in collaboration with Chartered Management Institute CMI-UK. This training workshop aims to prepare the faculty members in the College of Business Administration at Kingdom University to become 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 students with many professional advantages and will enhance their employability skills.

Trainer: Sarah Cheetham-CMI Consultant

Participants: Prof. Nader Mohamed Saleh Albastaki, Prof. Saad Znad Darwish, Dr. Abdalrhman Ahmad Meero, Dr. Abdul Aziz Ahmad Abdul Rahman, Dr. Joji Abey, Dr. Habeeb Ur Rahiman, Dr. Najji Mansour Najji Nomran, Dr. Venus Del Rosario Bunagan, Dr. Nishad Navaz Maditheti



KU Staff Talent

Serving the community

Meeting Mrs. Lina Ahmed proved to be a source of inspiration, as her unwavering dedication to serving the community is commendable. Throughout her responsibility, she has demonstrated her significant contribution to KU and the local community. The exceptional concepts presented serve as a source of inspiration for both our student body and the public. She does various training programs for behavioral, emotional, and personal development. What are the methods for acquiring crucial psychological competencies, and how do individuals address challenges in their marriage or parenting? She stated that improving the lives of youth can have a positive impact on society's overall well-being. She appeared on television programs, participated in press interviews, delivered lectures at educational seminars, and attended events hosted by various associations. She fulfilled the role of an arbitrator on several occasions.

Kingdom University acknowledges and recognizes the endeavors made by the individual in enhancing the institution's reputation and visibility to both the public and the younger generation. Warm regards.



Prof Saad Darwish from the College of Business Administration delivers a paper at the University of Technology Bahrain – SIM- DTE Conference 2-3 May 2023

The paper examined how modern educational institutions handle entrepreneurial education and how to include entrepreneurship in college curricula—also looking at the benefits of getting real-world experience through entrepreneurship programs. A proposal was discussed to understand why entrepreneurship education is essential for student achievement and prospects for future employment. In today's workplace, entrepreneurship education is becoming more and more critical. Traditional work possibilities may not be as secure as they once were, and people must develop an entrepreneurial mentality and mindset to start their firms. These factors show the necessity of entrepreneurship education. Learning about entrepreneurship may allow students to spot future business opportunities.



Fareed Al Bader Visit

Mr. Fareed Bader is a Civil Engineering and Business Management expert. In 1983, Mr. Bader founded Bader Trading & Contracting and other profitable businesses. After years of hard work, he influenced people's lives and contributed to the economy with a USD 50 million asset value addition. He visited our university and was welcomed by Prof Hassan Al Hajhoj and Prof Nader Al Bastaki. The visit was very fruitful where they discussed future collaboration while attending a presentation by Prof Saad Darwish about the prospects of entrepreneurship at KU.



Signing MoU with Bahrain Engineering Society

We are excited to work with experts to improve engineering practices! Let's improve the industry together. Everything we promote is to serve our community's rights and interests. Our engineering community needs strong relationships and good interaction to be supportive and encouraging. We are excited to promote scientific and technological cooperation with Bahraini engineers! Breaking boundaries and working together for innovation and growth Looking for top engineering arbitrators and expert witnesses to contribute our knowledge to judicial processes.



Workshop on climate Change by Prof Ali Al Sayegh

President Prof Hassan Al Hajhoj and top management with faculty attended this workshop on climate. Nations across the globe are currently grappling with climate-related challenges. The susceptibility of member nations of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to climate change-related outcomes is attributed to the region's preexisting high temperatures. The Gulf Cooperation region and the Arab world are confronted with a multitude of interconnected predicaments that are deeply rooted in matters pertaining to economic, social, and environmentally sustainable development. The environmental systems in the region are being threatened by climate change that is inherent to the area. The nations in the Arab region are known to hold the most significant reserves of crude oil globally. This poses a challenge to the efforts aimed at limiting the growth of industries that are deemed to be sustainable economies, as such activities contribute to the acceleration of global warming. The workshop tried to elucidate the effects of a certain phenomenon and provided decision-makers with actionable insights to mitigate its negative outcomes. The topic of interest pertains to the economic implications of climate change within the Cooperation Council.



Socializing Occasion - Breakfast for University Admin Staff

The university's administrative staff organized an Iftar meal. The meeting was attended by the university president, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, the Vice President for academic affairs and scientific research, Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, and several university's administrative staff.



Under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education: Kingdom University Participated in the Global Exhibition for Higher Education (GEDEX)

Kingdom University participated in the Global Higher Education Exhibition (GEDEX), which was held under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council at the Bahrain International Exhibition Center in Zallaq during the period from 6-8th May, 2023. The Minister of Education, Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, inaugurated the exhibition, which came with the participation of 53 higher education institutions and university-related authorities from 10 countries. The President of Kingdom University, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, stated that the university's participation in the exhibition came to help school students make the appropriate decision in their university studies, and prepare them to enter university life after graduating from school, especially since the university offers a variety of academic programs that were displayed and announced during the exhibition.



Tour of the University President of the University during Final Exams

The University President, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, followed up the progress of the examination process. This tour came within the framework of the university's interest and keenness to control the examination process to ensure the preservation of the effort of its faculty and students in their educational achievement and to reflect positively on the quality of its educational outputs. The university family hopes that students will continue to exert effort and time to achieve the best results in their exams and wishes them permanent success in their scientific career towards a promising future.



Kingdom University launches its new website

Kingdom University has launched its new website in both Arabic and English. The website is characterized by its modern and innovative design and advanced specifications according to the highest standards of technology that allows the visitor flexibility in use, ease of browsing and access to information. In this regard, Prof. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhouj, stated that: "Innovation and improvement are one of the most important elements of the university's values and are essential parts of our work. We are proud to launch a new website that focuses on attracting visitors' interest, enhances the university's identity and reflects its strategic plan, vision and mission. He added, "The efforts of the team, which extended for more than a year, simulate the latest trends in the field of programming, design and management of websites, as they are based on the most important standards and foundations of web design and development to support various operating systems in all electronic devices and smartphones. This step is the beginning of more similar steps for development and improvement, inshallah.



The Role of Management in Business Models Innovation Workshop 28-5-2023

An eminent consultant, Mr. Khalid Al Madani, delivered an excellent workshop showcasing the role of management in Business Model innovation. He explained how businesses use their business models to market innovative ideas and technology. While companies may have significant investments and systems to investigate new ideas and technologies, they need help to develop the business models through which these inputs will flow. This is significant because the same concept or technology brought to market via two different business models will result in two different economic results. As a result, developing the skill to innovate company models makes good commercial sense. The workshop investigates the hurdles to business model innovation, recognized in prior academic research as conflicts with current assets and business models, and cognition in identifying these barriers. Processes of experimentation and implementation, as well as successful organizational change leadership, are required. KU top management and faculty at KU and other businessmen attended the workshop.

