

Kingdom University President's Newsletter

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President's Message



Message of Appreciation

As the conclusion of the current academic year approaches, I would like to express my desire to commemorate the notable accomplishments of our esteemed staff members. This year has presented numerous challenges, yet each of you has demonstrated exceptional dedication and resilience in response.

I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to our esteemed faculty for their exceptional work. I find your enthusiasm and dedication to your students to be truly inspiring. You have successfully established a conducive and encouraging educational learning environment that fosters optimal growth and development for students.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the staff members in the departments of PR and Marketing, Student Affairs, Admissions, Finance, Human Resources, Community Engagement and continuing Education, ICT, Procurement services and facilities, Accreditation and quality assurance, SPAGU, Internship, University library. You have demonstrated unwavering dedication in ensuring that our students are equipped with all the necessary resources for their success. We greatly appreciate your exceptional commitment to our students and our university.

In addition to your regular job responsibilities, many of you have demonstrated exceptional dedication in supporting our university community. You have graciously dedicated your time to actively

participating in various committees, providing mentorship to students, and offer valuable support to our extracurricular programmes. We greatly appreciate the valuable contributions you have made, as they have significantly enhanced the overall quality and environment of our institution.

Moreover, the thanks is extended to the university council, when I say that, we are truly fortunate to have you as a leading body for Kingdom University. Your commitment to our university is inspiring, and I am confident that we will continue to achieve great things together.

As we contemplate the future, I am assured that our collective efforts will enable us to consistently accomplish remarkable feats. I have full confidence that, with your ongoing support, our university will maintain its position as a frontrunner in the field of education.

Thank you once again for your continued efforts and contributions. I extend my sincere wishes for a joyful and rejuvenating summer holiday to each one of you. May this season be filled with good health and happiness.

Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj
President
Kingdom University

Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency



On Tuesday, July 20th, the College of Business Administration hosted an event entitled "Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency," presented by a distinguished college graduate, Mr. Mohamad Al Abdulla. College faculty, alums, and students well attended the event. At the beginning of the event, the Dean of the college welcomed Mr. Al Abdulla and awarded him a recognition certificate.

The seminar was informative and engaging, providing attendees valuable insights into cryptocurrency. We are pleased to report that the event was a resounding success, and we anticipate organizing similar activities in the future further to enhance the educational experience of our students and alums.

The Moot Court for Students in the College of Law



Under the supervision of Prof. Omar Fakhry Al-Hadithi, the moot court was conducted within the moot court course for the summer semester of 2022/2023. A virtual court was formed according to the correct contexts, and the formed teams worked to cover all the roles assigned to them. They successfully mastered all the tasks entrusted to them to the fullest within a highly scientific and professional atmosphere.

Derasat & Tamkeen discuss the Common Challenges and Coping Measures in the Process of Digital Transformation

The "Common Challenges and Coping Measures in the Process of Digital Transformation" session was a collaborative effort of TAMKEEN and DERASAT of the Kingdom of Bahrain. Representatives from various sectors, such as the government, businesses, and the academy, attended the session.

Issues on practical coping strategies, shift in the mindset and work processes, and the representative/s of TAMKEEN discussed organizational culture. Differences in the concepts of Digitization, Digitalization, and Digital transformation, often interchangeably used by stakeholders, were explained. Three attendees from Kingdom University, Dr. Venus Bunagan- from the College of Business Administration, Ms. Marwa Assim, and Ms. Noor Al-Rowaie from the ICT Department. During the open forum, Dr. Venus shared the university and college practices concerning virtual learning, especially during the pandemic. She mentioned that the university introduced more technological methods with a few challenges during this time. She then asked how TAMKEEN could initiate more dent engagement in the process of Digital Transformation.



CECEU Collaborates with Students Council to Plan Community Engagement Activities

The community engagement and continuing education unit recently organized a meeting with key members of the Students Council, Abdulrahman, Vice President of the Student Council, and Masara, Head of the Charity Committee, to discuss upcoming community engagement activities for the next academic year.

The meeting was held in July 2023 to explore ways to enhance Kingdom University's community engagement and social responsibility initiatives. Abdulrahman and Masara contributed valuable insights and proposed engaging activities for the student council in the upcoming academic year.

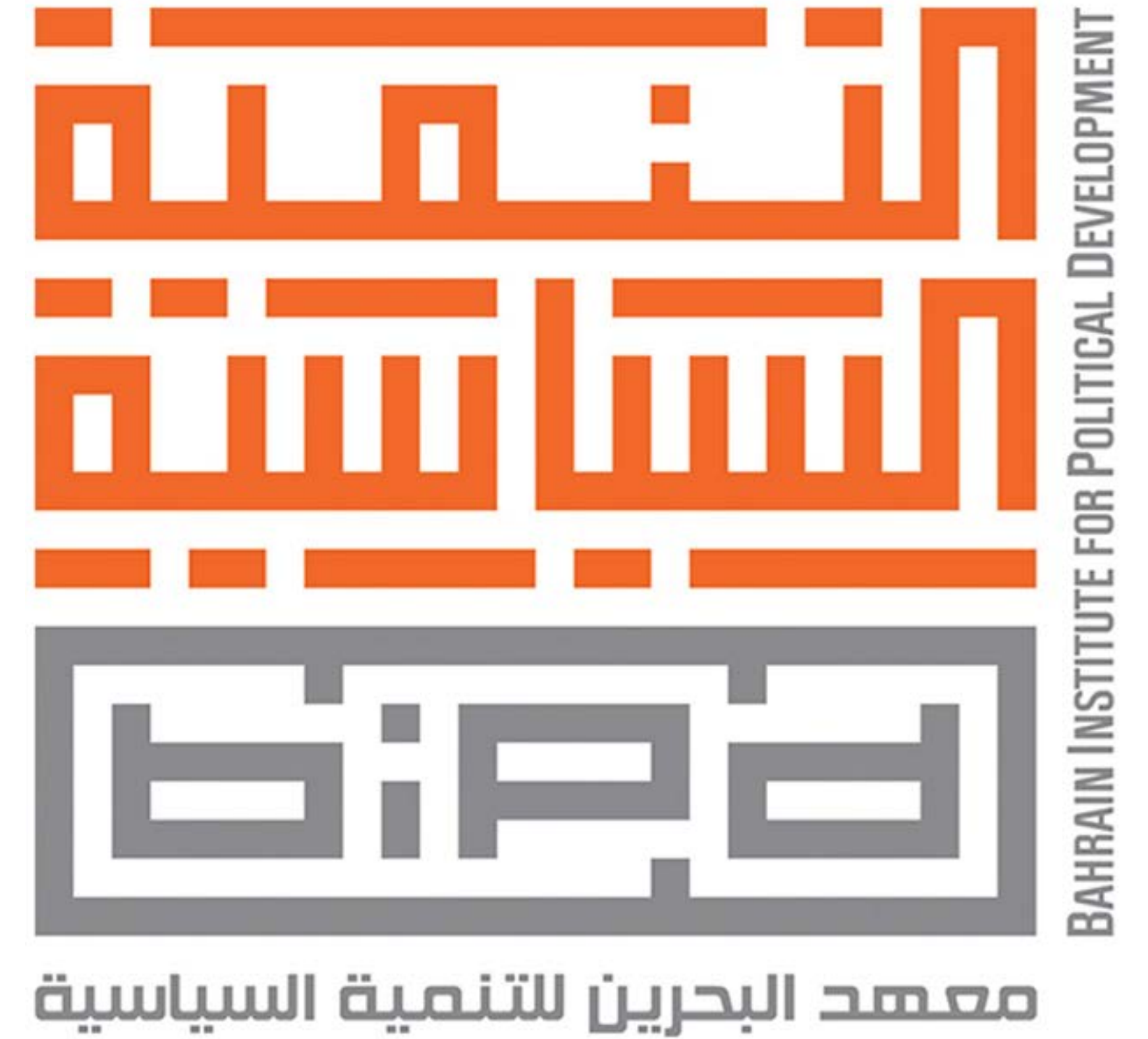


Highschool interns at Kingdom University

Community Engagement and Continuing Education Unit has welcomed a group of high school student interns to participate in their community service training program to enhance community engagement and provide valuable learning opportunities at Kingdom University. The students have been assigned to work at the university library, where they will contribute to supporting various library services.



Workshop on government Policies in the institute of Political Development



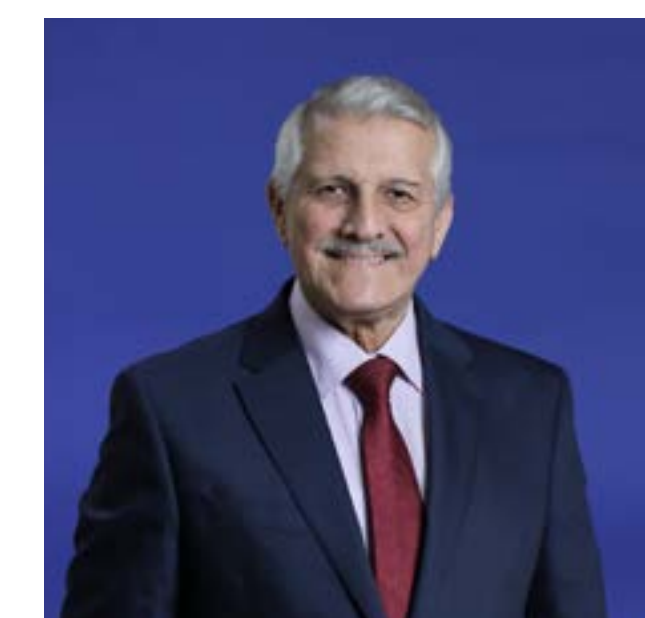
This workshop aimed to present a comprehensive summary of the influence policies implemented by the government. The workshop took place on June 12th, 2023, and was attended by 35 participants who were heads of departments-civil servants from the public sector. The participants were from a diverse range of governmental offices located in Bahrain. It centered on the effects of governmental policies on performance. The participants deliberated the impact of various policies on the public, such as taxation, healthcare, education, and social welfare. Prof. Saad Darwish, a specialist in the realm of public policy, moderated the discourse. The workshop effectively enhanced the comprehension of attendees regarding the influence of governmental policies on the general populace. During the policy development, participants expressed a heightened sense of knowledge and agency regarding their personal and peers' lives. Additionally, they reported experiencing a sense of affiliation with the government and its policies. The workshop also allowed attendees to network professionally with peers operating within public policy. This facilitated their learning process through active engagement with one another and fostered the formation of potentially advantageous relationships. In general, the workshop proved effective by giving the attendees an enhanced comprehension of governmental policies' influence, increasing their knowledge of policy formulation and development..

Virtual for Arab Youth 2023 Forum for Artificial Intelligence

Prof. Saad Darwish, Dr. Abdulrahman Meero, Dr. Abdulaziz Abdulrahman, Dr. Ahmed Rashad, Dr. Abdulbaset Hakimi, Dr. Omar Fakhri, and Dr. Khalid Mansour from KU attended and presented lectures for the Ministry of Interior on AI at the Virtual Artificial Intelligence Forum for Arab Youth, via Amazon websites services.

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12:30-12:00 ظهراً	2023-7-23	الدكتور عبد الباسط محمد الحكيبي	المسؤولية الجنائية عن الجريمة المرتكبة بواسطة كيان الذكاء الاصطناعي	1
11:30- 11:00 صباحاً	2023/7/24	الدكتور سعد زناد درويش	الثورة الصناعية الرابعة - إتترنت الأشياء-الذكاء الاصطناعي	2
12:00-11:30 صباحاً	2023/7/24	د. عبدالرحمن مبرو	عصر الذكاء الاصطناعي تحديات وفرص جديدة للشباب العربي	3
12:30-12:00 ظهراً	2023/7/24	الدكتور أحمد رشاد الهواري	المركز القانوني لأنظمة الذكاء الاصطناعي	4
11:30-11:00 صباحاً	2023/07/25	أ.د. عمر فخري الحدبلي	الجرائم المرتكبة بواسطة الذكاء الاصطناعي	5
12:30-12:00 ظهراً	2023/7/25	الدكتور عبدالعزيز عبدالرحمن	أثر الذكاء الاصطناعي على النظم المحاسبية	6
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Community Engagement and Continuing Education Unit meeting with the University College Deans

The community engagement unit recently met with the deans of Kingdom University to address the state of community engagement activities. The meeting emphasized the need for a more targeted approach in the coming year, aligning community service projects with students' college specializations as co-curricular activities. Additionally, the college deans were briefed on providing entrepreneurial guidance and support to current students. The head of the community engagement and continuing education unit also highlighted the importance of each college designing short courses tailored for industry professionals and the general public.



CECEU instructs high school interns on how to create a business plan

The head of the Community Engagement and Continuing Education Unit, Prof. Saad, and a community engagement specialist, Mrs. Marwa Alhaji, gave an informative lecture to a group of high school students taking part in the Kingdom University summer internship program for high school students. Throughout the presentation, Prof. Saad discussed the steps required to create a startup business plan. Students excitedly worked together to develop a well-organized business plan for starting a confectionery truck after being motivated by the lecture. They could examine the market environment and pinpoint essential business opportunities with their newly acquired information.



The second meeting of the Industrial Advisory Board



The Industrial Advisory Board held its second meeting for the academic year 2022-2023 on 18th July 2023. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Adnan Ahmad Yousef and attended by the university president, Prof. Hassan Bin Rafdan Al Hajhoj, and other internal and external members. The board was briefed on the most significant achievements during the academic year and discussed the plans for the next academic year.

The University President Meeting with Deans and Directors of the Administrative Directors



The President of the University, Prof. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhouj, in the presence of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, held a meeting with the deans and the directors of the administrative body to follow up on work progress at the university reviewing the policies and procedures that require periodic review and searching for ways to develop the aspect of continuing education at the university. The President wishes everyone success for the next academic year.

The Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council is meeting the President of Kingdom University

Dr. Diana Abdul Kareem Al Juharimi, the Higher Education Council Secretary General, hosted a meeting with Dr. Hassan bin Rafdan Al Hajhouj, the President of the Kingdom University. The discussion focused on reviewing the university's plans and upcoming programs by the regulations and rules of the Higher Education Council. During the meeting, Dr. Al Juharimi emphasized the benefits of obtaining international accreditation for the academic programs offered by higher education institutions. This accreditation ensures the quality and development of the outputs, international recognition, credibility, partner satisfaction, and sustainable development of academic programs through self-assessment. It also facilitates the provision of global educational resources to students. It equips them with the knowledge, specialized skills, and soft skills needed to achieve excellence in the job market and enhance their professional opportunities. The meeting was attended by Dr. Farzana Abdullah Al Maraghi, Acting Assistant Secretary General of the Higher Education Council, Dr. Nader Al Bastaki, Vice President of the Kingdom University, and Mr. Abdullah Sharifi, Head of the Public Relations and Marketing Department at the Kingdom University.



Attending the workshop Interior Design Engineering Profession, Professional Communication Trends, and Market Needs



Int. Arch. Hana Karoui from the Interior Design Department, College of Architectural Engineering & Design, attended a workshop at Gulf University entitled "Interior Design Engineering Profession, Professional Communication Trends, and Market Needs

Meeting of a delegation from Kingdom University with the management of the Bahrain International Exhibition Center



A delegation from Kingdom University, headed by Prof. Hassan Al Hajjouj, President of the University, visited the Bahrain International Exhibition Center.

During the visit, the center's most important facilities, one of the largest exhibition centers in the Middle East, were reviewed. The two parties also exchanged plans to host upcoming global and regional events organized by Kingdom University.

Kingdom University organized an exhibition at the Avenues Mall to market its programs

Kingdom University organized an exhibition at the Avenues Mall to market its programs. The show witnessed a large turnout of students and parents. The university showcased several academic programs, including bachelor's and master's, and provided information on the scholarships offered. The students and parents praised the university's organization of the exhibition and expressed their happiness to see the academic programs offered by the university. The university confirmed that the exhibition comes within the framework of its efforts to enhance awareness of its academic programs and attract more students. The university thanked the students and parents for attending the exhibition and confirmed that it will continue to organize such collections.



College of Architecture and Design (Bachelor of Architecture - Bachelor of Interior Design) receives a full confidence appreciation



Kingdom University announced that programs of the College of Architecture and Design (Bachelor of Architecture - Bachelor of Interior Design) have received a full confidence appreciation in the academic evaluation of the Education and Training Quality Authority after conducting the necessary review, auditing the documents related to the college's programs and ensuring the development of improvement plans. The President of the University, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhouj, assured that the university management does its best to develop the educational system and the academic programs it offers, to graduate students capable of excellence and competence in the labor market noting that the college's programs and study plans are subject to periodic reviews to keep pace with developments and continue excellence at various levels. Al-Hajhouj explained that the achievement of the College of Architecture and Design is due to the efficiency of its academic and administrative staff and distinguished students, pointing out that this critical achievement confirms the quality of education provided by the university to its students and the quality of its educational outputs in all disciplines it offers, assuring that the university will seek to obtain other international accreditations in all its colleges. The President of the University noted that this achievement coincides with the Bachelor of Interior Design program at the university, which obtained accreditation from the British and International Interior Design Association (SBID) as the first university in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Arab world.

Kingdom University organized an Event for its Employees celebrating Eid Al-Adha

Kingdom University organized a gathering for its employees after Eid al-Adha. All university employees attended the meeting. In the beginning, the university president delivered a speech in which he congratulated the employees on the occasion of Eid. He stressed that the gathering comes within the university's keenness to communicate with its employees and appreciate their efforts. He was also pleased with the employees' work and expressed confidence in their ability to achieve more. The staff praised the university's organization of the gathering and expressed their happiness to communicate with their colleagues and exchange Eid greetings. The university stressed that the gathering comes with its keenness to create a positive work environment and motivate employees to achieve excellence.



Egyptian National Day

Dean of college of Architectural Engineering and Design participated in the seventy first anniversary celebration of Egyptian National Day that synchronized with 23 July revolution. He congratulated HE the ambassador Yasser Shabban and thanked him for his kind invitation.



Congrats Kingdom University graduates

The President of the University, Prof. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhouj, congratulated KU graduates Mr. Muhammad Yousef Muhammad Al-Zubari, Mr. Nasser Ibrahim Hassan Al-Shaib, and Mr. Muhammad Ahmed Khalifa Al-Dahrani for their appointment in the High Civil Court and heads of public prosecution graduates, expressing the pride of Kingdom University in its distinguished graduates and wishing them continuous success.