

Kingdom University President's Newsletter

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President's Message



September Speech

Welcome esteemed faculty members, dedicated staff, and our wonderful student body, as we begin another exciting academic year. I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to the new students and members of KU, and to those returning, we're thrilled to have you back on campus.

I'd like to share some advice and guidance for our students this year. Firstly, it's important to challenge yourself to foster personal growth and development. This is a time to expand your knowledge and personal skills, so don't be afraid to try new experiences. Enroll in courses that align with your interests, but also offer academic rigor, and join extracurricular activities that help develop new skills and interests. It's equally important to participate in community activities, to learn intercultural coexistence and collaboration, and to connect with your peers and faculty members.

At KU, we have a supportive community of instructors, staff, and students who are always available to help when needed. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

I wish everyone a successful and rewarding academic year ahead.

Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj
President
Kingdom University

KU and the Ministry of Oil and Environment discuss ways of cooperation.

KU discussed ways of cooperation with the Ministry of Oil and Environment through a visit by KU. Prof. Nader Al Bastaki, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, and Ms. Asmaa Al-Zuabi, Public Relations Specialist at KU, visited the ministry on 25th August 2023. Mr. Ahmed Al-Haddad, Head of Public Relations at the Ministry of Oil and Environment, received them. Prof. Nader expressed the university's keenness to establish strong partnerships with the Ministry to contribute to the development and growth of the energy sector in Bahrain.

Prof. Al Bastaki stressed the university's commitment to academic and research excellence, referring to the effective cooperation between the Academy and industry. He added: "We believe that through joint action, we can address challenges and exploit opportunities in the oil and energy sectors for the benefit of the Kingdom of Bahrain." Mr. AlHaddad stressed the importance of academic institutions in providing innovative solutions and research ideas to support the development of the oil industry, energy, and environment. This visit is essential in strengthening the relationship between KU and the Ministry of Oil, paving the way for fruitful partnerships to contribute to Bahrain's oil sector's sustainable growth and development.



The President of KU conducts a visit to the Registration and Admission Department

The President of KU, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhoj, made a visit to the Registration and Admission Department in order to check with the progress of work and ensure that they are ready to admit students. He met with admin staff at the registration and admission department and discussed the progress of work and the procedures followed to admit students.

The president said, "We are keen to provide a distinctive learning environment for students, and we seek to provide high-quality registration and admission services. Therefore, we have established a special registration and admission facility for new students." The President expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the efforts of the Registration and Admission Department Team, praising their commitment and accuracy in carrying out their tasks.



KU and Municipal Council Member Discuss the Development Plan for the National Charter Highway

Professor Hassan bin Rafdan Al Hajhoj, President of the KU, met with Mr. Mohammed Draj, a Municipal Council of the Southern Governorate member, in an important meeting to improve collaboration between the two sides. The meeting aimed to develop a plan for the Al Estiklal highway in the Southern Governorate, which would significantly enhance the area's infrastructure. The plan is the product of the municipality of the Southern Governorate's efforts to develop Al-Hajiyat. The road close to the KU is included in the plan to satisfy the requirements of students, visitors, and inhabitants of the region. The meeting featured a graphic of the site layout and the project's execution timeframe. The President of KU expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the municipal member Mohammed Draj for his quick response to the improvement proposal and his cooperation in achieving a comprehensive development vision of the Southern Governorate. Mr. Mohammed Draj stated, "The plan was proposed after a strategic study of demands and this project will be one of the area's greatest necessities, solving problems such as parking spaces, lighting, and rainwater accumulation." Finally, it should be highlighted that this meeting is part of the university's general efforts to assist the area's overall growth and development, which includes collaboration with local leaders.



KU Supports Flexible Payment System for Students with Monthly Installments

KU announces its continuous support for a flexible payment system for students, aiming to provide an easy and convenient educational experience for them. This system aims to facilitate payment for students through monthly installments to settle tuition fees. Professor Hassan bin Rafdan Al Hajhoj, president of KU, stated that this is part of the university's commitment to developing university services and meeting the needs of students. The university is keen on providing a modern, flexible educational environment that aligns with their aspirations and requirements. Therefore, the university offers a flexible payment system with monthly installments. Al Hajhoj emphasized that the flexible payment service is one of the university's initiatives to meet the needs of students and facilitate the payment process for them.



KU Welcomes Students with a Festive Carnival on the First Day of the 2023-2024 Academic Year

In a remarkable welcome for the new academic year 2023-2024, KU organized a lively carnival on campus for all students. The carnival witnessed the participation of current and new students, as well as administrative and academic staff members at the university. The carnival was organized to welcome students for the new academic year and provide them with an enjoyable and entertaining environment. Students expressed their happiness and excitement about this event. The carnival included a variety of activities and events that the students enjoyed. It featured diverse activities, creating a fun and vibrant atmosphere on the university campus. Students enthusiastically engaged with the activities and enjoyed the celebratory atmosphere. It was an exciting and energizing start to the new academic year for all students. This entertaining event reflects KU's desire to promote a sense of belonging and a vibrant university community. It reaffirms the university's commitment to providing an ideal educational environment for students, extending beyond the academic aspect to encompass social and recreational aspects.



KU Organizes Orientation Day for New Students

KU organized an orientation day for new students in several colleges, including the College of Business Administration, College of Engineering and Interior Design, College of Information Technology, and the College of Law. The induction day was organized separately for each college. The university administration and college deans welcomed the new students and introduced them to KU and its facilities and educational opportunities. A university tour was also organized for new students to inform them about the university main building, the library, laboratories, classrooms, and other academic and recreational facilities. Students were able to discover the university environment and the spaces where they will spend most of their educational time. Besides, students are given information about their respective colleges' organizational structure and to meet the academic and administrative staff.





KU announces the opening of admission for the Master of Science program in Digital Finance and Financial Technology

KU announced the opening of admission for the Master of Science program in Digital Finance and Financial Technology. The program aims to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand and apply financial technology and digital finance in the financial and business sectors. Courses in the program will be delivered by qualified faculty with experience in the field.

Professor Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, announced the launch of the new program, pointing to the importance of digital finance and financial technology in achieving economic development and innovation in Bahrain and the region.

Al-Hajhoj confirmed that this step aligns with KU's direction toward meeting the needs of the market and the aspirations of students in digital finance and financial technology. This program is expected to serve students interested in modern financial disciplines and technological innovations in business.

Courses in the program cover a wide range of topics related to digital finance and financial technology, such as financial data analysis, digital banking operations, electronic payment technologies, financial security, and financial innovation.

The President of KU received Radio Plus and welcomes for the cooperation that serves the educational side and students

Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, received a delegation from Radio Plus on a visit to the university. The President welcomed the delegation and praised the expected joint cooperation between the university and the radio, which will serve the educational aspect and benefit students. The President expressed his joy with the Radio Plus team's visit and stressed the media's importance in supporting the educational process and enhancing the students' experience. He expressed the university's keenness to cooperate with Radio Plus within the framework of programs and segments aimed at spreading knowledge and improving cultural awareness among students. The delegation of Radio Plus expressed their thanks and gratitude to the President of the University and the administration members for the warm reception. They expressed interest in strengthening cooperation with the university through radio programs targeting students. It is worth noting that this visit reflects KU's commitment to enhancing collaboration with the media and partner organizations to strengthen the educational sector and serve students. This cooperation is expected to yield benefits for the academic community and students alike.

The President of KU stresses the depth of the relationship between the Saudi and Bahraini people



The President of KU, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhoj, participated in the Saudi National Day at the Gulf Hotel within the framework of the university's keenness to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries. Prof. Al-Hajhoj expressed his happiness to participate in these celebrations, stressing the depth of the relationship between the Saudi and Bahraini people. "The relations between the Saudi and Bahraini people are historical and well-established, characterized by cordiality and mutual respect. We aim to strengthen these relationships through various fields, including education." This participation comes within KU's keenness to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries and support their development process.

KU Honored with Shield from the Ministry of Interior



In August 2023, KU was honored with a shield from the Ministry of Interior for its outstanding contributions to the Virtual Youth Forum for Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing. The shield was presented to the university president, Professor Hassan Al-Hajhoj. The president thanked the Ministry of Interior for the recognition and praised the university's faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication. He asserts the university's commitment to benefit the community and the nation. Overall, the shield presentation is a positive development for KU and its community. It is a recognition of the university's excellence and commitment to providing the best services to the community with a high quality.

Criminal protection of investment in Bahraini legislation

Dr. Abdul Basit Al-Hakimi, Associate Professor of Criminal Law and Head of the Public Law Department at the College of Law, participated in a research paper entitled: "Criminal Protection of Investment in Bahraini Legislation" in the International Conference for Legal Entrepreneurs, entitled: (Law and Investment Protection: "Fairness... Competition... Sustainability") which was held by the Gulf International Center on Saturday, September 16th, 2023.



Ice breaking technique brain storming

A brainstorming session led by Prof Nader Al Bastaki with the College of Business Administration staff and the College Dean, Dr Abdul Rahman Meero. The session started with introductions and a brief overview of what icebreaking is and why it is essential. Icebreaking tools are short activities that are used at the beginning of a conference, class, or workshop to help people get to know each other and feel more comfortable. Such tools can also be used to energize a group or to get people thinking creatively.

Icebreaking tools are activities that can help students get to know each other and feel more comfortable in the classroom. They can be helpful in university classrooms for students who need to know each other or the instructor better. Such tools can also be effective for instructors to build rapport with their students and create a more positive and supportive learning environment. They can also help instructors increase their popularity among students when used effectively.



Collegial Business Faculty Lunch

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, the faculty of the College of Business gathered at the local restaurant for their weekly lunch. It was a time for them to relax, socialize, and build collegiality.

The faculty members came from various backgrounds and disciplines but were united by their passion for teaching and research. They were also committed to creating a supportive and collaborative environment for their students.

As the faculty members sat down to eat, they chatted about their lives, work, and the latest news. They laughed together and shared stories. They also discussed current events and the challenges and opportunities facing the College of Business.

