

Kingdom University President's Newsletter

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President's Message



This month, I want to emphasize the significance of quality and accreditation. A quality education is crucial for our students' success, as well as for our university's reputation and prestige. Students who graduate from a distinguished institution have a better chance of being employed in good jobs, earning higher salaries, becoming engaged citizens, and making positive contributions to society.

Accreditation is a process of external review that evaluates the quality of our programs, faculty, and facilities. It is an essential aspect of ensuring that our university meets high standards of quality. Accreditation helps us to identify areas where we can improve, assures students and their families that we offer a high-quality education, and it is required for our students to be more inclusive in the society.

I am happy to report that our HEC accrediting body accredits our university. However, we cannot take accreditation for granted. We must work diligently to maintain our high standards of quality during the current cycle.

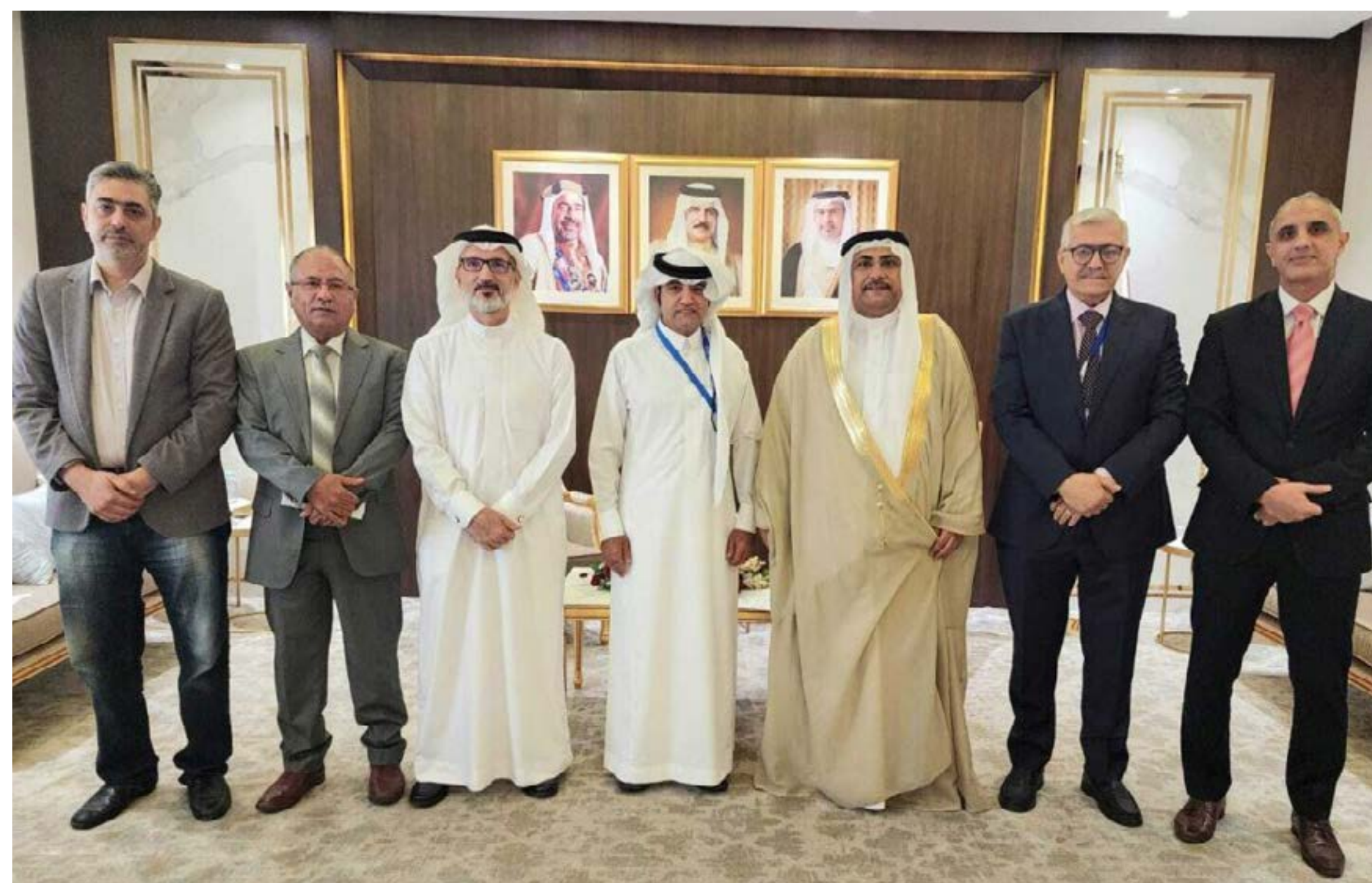
I am confident that we can achieve this goal. Our talented faculty and staff are committed to providing our students with the best possible education. Additionally, we have a strong culture of continuous improvement.

I am asking all of you to join me in our commitment to quality and accreditation. Let's work together to make our university the best it can be."

Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj
President
Kingdom University

KU President and Senior KU Members meeting with the President of the Arab Parliament

KU President Prof Hassan Alhajhoj and Prof Nader Vice President accompanied by some faculty members met with Arab Parliament President Adel bin Abdulrahman Al-Asoomi in the Shura Council on October 9, 2023. Future education, research, and innovation partnership between the institution and the Arab Parliament was discussed. During the meeting, KU President stressed the university's dedication to teaching, research, and serving the Arab community. He also mentioned the need to collaborate with the Arab Parliament on new programs for Arab students and scholars. The Arab Parliament President Al-Asoomi commended the university's enthusiasm in collaborating and pledged to assist Arab education and research. He outlined numerous ways the university and Arab Parliament may collaborate, including Researching Arab-related problems together, University scholarships for Arab students and Coordinating Arab-focused seminars and workshops. This visit strengthens KU-Arab Parliament cooperation. The two parties have vowed to collaborate on new programs and initiatives for Arab students and researchers.



Prof Saad Darwish Director of Entrepreneurship Center and Acting Head of CECE to Visit Kanoo Award Office to Initiate MOU

KU and the Kanoo Award are pleased to announce that they will be meeting to discuss the potential for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU would outline a partnership between the two organizations to promote excellence in education and provide opportunities for students in the region. The visit to the Kanoo Award office will be an opportunity for representatives from both organizations to discuss the specific terms of the MOU and to develop a plan for moving forward. It is also an opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the two organizations and to explore other areas of potential collaboration. KU is committed to working with the Kanoo Award to develop educational programs and initiatives that will benefit students in the region. We believe that a partnership between our two organizations will be mutually beneficial and help us achieve our shared goals of excellence in education. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting partnership



Kingdom University (KU) participating in Institutional Reviews Workshop organized by Education and Training Quality Assurance /DHR

KU actively participated in the Institutional Reviews Training Workshop on October 15th, 2023, which was organized by Education and Training Quality Assurance/Bahrain. The workshop aimed to enhance institutional reviews within the education sector. This event served as a valuable platform for KU to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to providing quality education. During the workshop, KU showcased its dedication to excellence in education. Through active participation and engagement, representatives from the university contributed effectively to the discussions and activities. The workshop provided an ideal setting to exchange insights, share best practices, and learn from other participants in the field.



Kingdom University Discusses Cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Sudan in the Field of Education and Scientific Research

A delegation from Kingdom University, led by the university president Professor Hassan Al-Hajhoj, visited the Embassy of the Republic of Sudan in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The delegation was received by the acting Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Abdulrahman Ali, at the embassy.

During the meeting, the two parties discussed ways of cooperation between the university and the embassy in the fields of education and scientific research, including the reception of Sudanese students at the university and the exchange of scientific and cultural experiences.

Professor Hassan Al-Hajhoj, the president of Kingdom University, stated that the visit comes within the framework of the university's keenness to enhance cooperation with Arab countries, including Sudan. He added that the university is eager to welcome Sudanese students and provide them with a suitable educational environment.

On his part, Mr. Abdulrahman Ali, the acting Charge d'Affaires, welcomed the delegation from Kingdom University and emphasized the importance of cooperation between the university and Sudanese universities in various scientific and research fields. He expressed his hope that this visit would lead to the signing of cooperation agreements in various scientific and research areas.



Session about “The Urban” project at Dumistan

The Department of Interior Design recently conducted a session, in collaboration with Arab Architects, organized by Arch. Fatema Janahi to give a brief to students in the Interior Design III and Interior Design V courses about “The Outlet” project. The department chairperson Dr. Sherif El-Wageeh and students attended the session. During the session, Arch. Habib Ali and Arch. Donal Martin provided a detailed explanation of the project, construction methods, and structure. It is noteworthy that Arch. Habib is an alumnus of Kingdom University's Architecture Engineering program. The attendees interacted with the architects during the informative and valuable session.



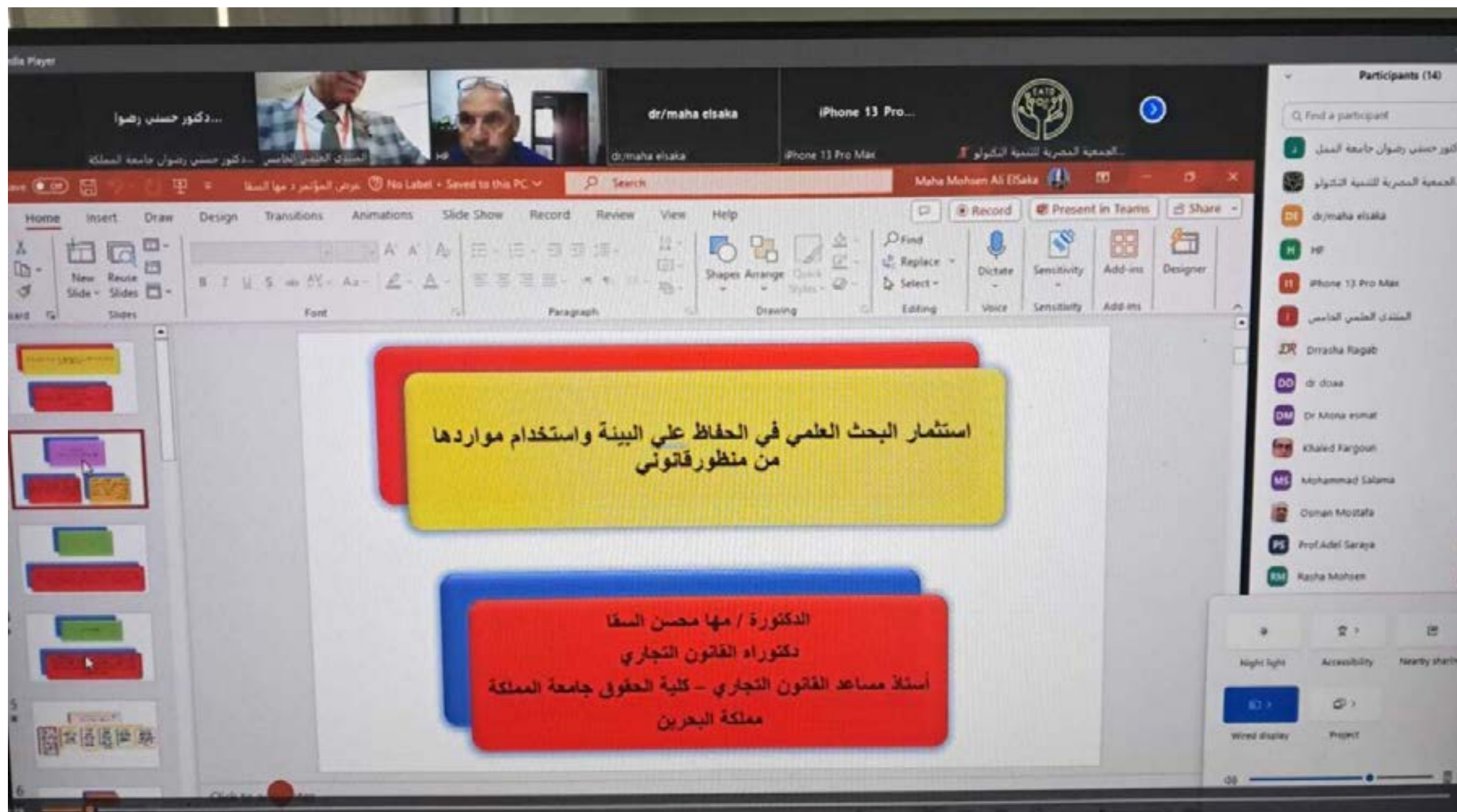
Site visit to the “Outlet” project, a retail complex designed and supervised by Arab Architects

The Department of Interior Design has taken the initiative to conduct a site visit to “The Outlet” project, a retail complex designed and supervised by Arab Architects, with Century 21 Bahrain as the real estate company. The site visit was organized by Dr. Mahtab Asvar and Arch. Fatema Janahi. Students from Interior Design III and Interior Design V courses participated in the site visit to enhance their comprehension of the project and to design interior spaces for the design courses. The site visit provided valuable opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and gain practical insights into the project. Students participated in the site visit to enhance their comprehension of the project and to design interior spaces for their design courses.



Investing in scientific research and information bases via the web

Dr. Maha Al-Saqqa, Assistant Professor at Law College of Law, presented a working paper entitled "Investing a Scientific Research in Developing Society and the Structure of the Environment from a Legal Perspective during the International Scientific Forum: "Investing in Scientific Research and Databases via the Web," organized by Mansoura University, and represented by the Central Library and the Egyptian Society for Technological Development, on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25-26.



Sports disputes and ways to resolve them locally and internationally

Dr. Hosni Radwan, Assistant Professor of Public International Law at the College of Law, participated in a lecture: "Sports disputes and ways to resolve them locally and internationally," which was organized by the Legislation and Legal Opinion Authority on Wednesday, September 23-2023.



KU Faculty Honored by Under Secretary of Interior for Lecturing in the Arab Youth Forum

Three faculty members from KU have been honored by the Under Secretary of Interior for their contributions to the Arab Youth Forum. The honorees are Prof Saad Darwish, Director of Entrepreneurship & Head of CECE, Dr Kalid Mansoor, Dean of Information Technology, and Dr Abdul Aziz Abdulrahman, Chairperson of the Finance and Accounting Department. The Arab Youth Forum is an event that brings together young people from across the Arab world to discuss and debate issues of importance to them. The forum is a valuable opportunity for young people to learn from each other and develop their leadership skills. The Under Secretary of Interior praised the three KU faculty members for their dedication to teaching and for their commitment to inspiring the next generation of Arab leaders. He also thanked them for participating in the Arab Youth Forum, which he said played an essential role in promoting dialogue and understanding among young people from different backgrounds. The three honorees were presented with certificates of appreciation at a ceremony held at the Ministry of Interior. Senior government officials, academics, and students attended the ceremony.

In their acceptance speeches, the honorees expressed their gratitude for the recognition and commitment to serving the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Arab world. Honoring the three KU faculty members is a testament to the university's commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement. The university is proud to have such distinguished faculty members who significantly contribute to the development of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Arab world.



KU's Pink Bazar – Breast Cancer Awareness

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.



Meeting with Bahrain Management Society

Prof Saad Darwish, Director of Entrepreneurship Center and Acting Head CECE attended a working breakfast with the Bahrain Management Society in the morning of 14-10-2023 in Manama. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the prospects of further collaborations between the Bahrain Management Society and KU. We believe that this meeting is an important opportunity to strengthen our ties with the Bahrain Management Society and to explore new ways to work together. The Bahrain Management Society is a respected organization that represents the interests of management professionals in Bahrain. It is a valuable resource for KU, and I look forward to working with its members to develop new events and initiatives that will benefit both organizations



KU Hosts an Insightful Lecture on Cyber Security delivered by the National Cyber Security Center (NCSC)

KU recently hosted a lecture on cybersecurity by the National Cyber Security Center (NCSC) to emphasize the significance of cybersecurity, the latest best practices, the challenges faced, and the various specialized fields within this dynamic discipline. The event was organized by the Information and Communication Technology Department and the Information Technology College. The KU's President, Prof. Hassan Bin Rafdan AlHajhoj, and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, Prof. Nader Mohamed AlBastaki, welcomed Ms. Aysha Ahmed Bin Haji, Director of Outreach and Awareness Directorate at the National Cyber Security Center (NCSC), and her team. The lecture provided valuable insights into current trends, challenges, and methodologies for securing digital assets. Attendees gained comprehensive knowledge of cybersecurity best practices, and an understanding of how to protect critical information and systems against a variety of cyber threats.



The KU's President, Prof. Hassan Bin Rafdan AlHajhoj meeting with the colleges

During a recent meeting, the President welcomed new faculty members and discussed the importance of utilizing various teaching methods to cater to the diverse needs of students. He also emphasized the significance of conducting research and utilizing credible sources to aid faculty members in publishing their work across different scientific platforms. Professor Nader Al-Bastaki, the head of Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, was also in attendance.



The English instructors from the College of Business Administration conducted a student activity entitled 'How to Master the Grammar of the Language'

A student activity was conducted jointly by the English instructors, Dr. Zaina and Dr. Dunya, at the College of Business Administration/ Business Management Department on 26th October at 1:00 pm. A number of students from the College of Business Administration and the College of Engineering attended the activity. This activity is dedicated to students in the foundation courses as it focuses on the basics of the language, especially grammar. At the beginning of the activity, the speakers started with a clear definition for the grammatical rules and how to master them, since such rules are essential for effective communication and writing. Later, the speakers discussed in detail the fundamentals of grammar.

Starting from the parts of speech, tenses, types of sentences, sentence structure, how to expand vocabulary and how to punctuate sentences and texts. At the end of the activity, students practiced by doing two to three exercises related to punctuation, identifying types of sentences and combining sentences. Students expressed their appreciation as the activity enlightened the important steps to master the grammar of the language.

