

Kingdom University

President's Newsletter

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President's Message

Celebrating the National Day of Bahrain



As we celebrate the National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain, we do so with immense pride and gratitude. This significant occasion commemorates our nation's independence and sovereignty, and it serves as a testament to the resilience, unity, and solid spirit of the Bahraini people. As we reflect on the remarkable achievements of our nation, I am particularly inspired by our leadership's persistent commitment to fostering excellence in education. Education has always been recognized as the cornerstone of progress and prosperity, and our government has consistently demonstrated its dedication to providing our citizens with access to quality education at all levels. Under the visionary guidance of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and HRH Crown Prince Saman bin Hamad made significant strides in advancing its education sector. We have witnessed the establishment of world-class universities, the implementation of innovative curricula, and the nurturing of a culture of lifelong learning. These efforts have not only empowered our citizens with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in an increasingly competitive global landscape but have also instilled in them a deep appreciation for the values of tolerance, respect, and understanding. As the President of Kingdom University, I am incredibly proud of our institution's role in contributing to Bahrain's educational excellence. We are committed to providing our students with a transformative learning experience that prepares them to become leaders, innovators, and responsible global citizens. Our faculty is composed of highly qualified and dedicated individuals who are passionate about teaching and inspiring the next generation. On this National Day, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed leadership for their steady commitment to excellence in education. Their vision and dedication have paved the way for a bright future for our nation. To our students, I encourage you to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead. Pursue your dreams with passion and determination, and never underestimate your ability to make a positive impact on the world. Together, let us continue to build a Bahrain that is not only known for its rich heritage but also for its commitment to innovation, progress, and human potential.

Thank you

Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj
Kingdom University - President

In the presence of His Highness Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the General Sports Authority and Kingdom University



His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Supreme Council for Youth and Sports (SCYS) First Deputy Chairman, General Sports Authority (GSA) Chairman, and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) President, attended the signing ceremony of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the General Sports Authority (GSA) and Kingdom University. The memorandum aimed at supporting the Khalid bin Hamad Gold Generation Initiative. The MoU was signed by Dr. Abdul Rahman Sadiq Askar, the CEO of the GSA, and Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj, the President of Kingdom University. The event was also attended by His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, GSA Deputy Chairman; Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Jumaa, minister of the Ministry of Education; and Dr. Diana Abdul Karim Al Jahromi, the Secretary General of the Higher Education Council. HH Shaikh Khalid affirmed that the GSA continues to work on implementing initiatives to develop the sports sector and has concluded partnership agreements with institutions, including universities, to support athletes and encourage academic development. His Highness commended Kingdom University's contribution to the Khalid bin Hamad Gold Generation Initiative, which aims to motivate and encourage young athletes by offering them educational opportunities. HH Shaikh Khalid emphasized the role of education in driving the development of all sectors in the kingdom, including the sports sector. He added that GSA focuses on education as part of career development for Bahraini athletes.

Guest lecture Codes for Interior Design Profession (IDES324)

Int. Arch. Ebtihal Salem, head of interior design section at Domes Interiors, was invited as a guest lecturer in the course (Codes for Interior Design Profession – IDES324) on Sunday 5th of November 2023. She delivered a lecture on the codes related to different finishing material that can be used for walls, floors, and ceilings of different types of interior spaces. She covered many cases such as residential spaces, commercial spaces, and educational spaces. Moreover, she highlighted safety aspects and codes stipulated by the general directorate of civil defense (utilization of non-flammable materials, and specifications of finishing materials used in spaces with high risk such as chemical labs). She brought some samples of the finishing materials that are approved to be used. Students experienced the texture and physical properties of different materials.



World Engineering Day Hackathon 2024

Under the patronage of His Excellency the President of Kingdom University, Prof. Hassan bin Rafidan Al-Hajouj, and with the support and encouragement of His Excellency the Vice President of Kingdom University, Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, a number of students from the College of Engineering and Design participated in the international competition within the activities of the International Engineering Day, under the supervision of Dr. Ashraf Suleiman, Dean of the College and Dr. Adeeb Al-Ameri, Assistant Prof. at the College. The students made a block dedicated to building walls with a new design in order to be used in the construction of green walls, which contributes to improving the quality of the environment surrounding the building as well as enhancing the ability of the walls to thermal insulation. This contributes to reducing the consumption of electrical energy used in the process of industrial ventilation and air conditioning. Students used all the possibilities of engineering workshops and laboratories with the help of Engineer Muhammad Al-Mashhadani, a specialist at the college.



Introduction to AA Visiting School Bahrain activities and workshops. Cinematic Climate Cartographies

Dr. Suha Hasan delivered a presentation on the activities and workshops of the Architectural Association (AA) visiting School-Bahrain. The school's focus was on the connection between climate change and heritage, exploring new ways of representation using a film. The shifting coastlines throughout history, exacerbated by climate changes, have raised important questions about small island states. Some states, like Tuvalu, have virtually recreated themselves to demand political recognition, preserving and documenting their island ecology. Qal'at al-Bahrain is the site chosen for studying climate change challenges, employing film as a medium to capture the island's ecology. Participants will collaborate in groups to create a 4-7-minute documentary film, incorporating data research, artistic practices, and a rich historical backdrop.

These films will explore the critical issue of climate change in relation to archaeology to emphasize the interplay between history and the urgent challenges of climate we face today.



Guest Lecture on AI and other Emerging Technologies in Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Dr. Danilo Diotay, a distinguished faculty member from the University of Technology Bahrain, was graciously invited by Dr. Venus Bunagan and Dr. Manolo Anto of the College of Business Administration to share his expertise. The lecture session, which took place recently, witnessed active participation from a diverse group of business students. The event proved to be a fruitful interaction, especially for students exploring special topics in AI and other emerging technologies." in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.



In Collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Center- Lecture on Entrepreneurial Mindset

Last December 14, 2023, Ms. Haya, a successful graduate from our College of Business Administration, gave an interesting talk about Leadership and Entrepreneurship Mindset. The event was attended by enthusiastic business students, making it a great learning experience. Students from different levels and courses had lively discussions, creating an inspiring atmosphere."



Dr. Venus Bunagan, Chairperson of the Business Management Department Invited Industry Guest Lecture on Awareness ZOHO Software

Students from the College of Business Administration participated actively in the intricacies of ZOHO software as it relates to accounting transactions. The enlightening lecture, delivered by Guest Lecturer Dr. Mary Anne Taquiqui, Administrative Officer of Green Company, facilitated a highly engaging and fruitful interaction with the students. This initiative was spearheaded by Dr. Venus Bunagan, Chairperson of the Business Management Department, in collaboration with Dr. Manolo Anto.

Dr. Zakir and Dr. Abdul Aziz Participation in World Islamic Finance Dialogues 2023

Building Momentum through the Growth of Islamic Financial Markets and Reaching New Heights – Innovation and Transformation, and digitalization of Islamic Financial Services. Highly interactive sessions regarding achievements and milestones of Shariah compliant financial and capital markets, influence of Waqf in fund and capital market Shariah compliant transition, sustainable and sustainability. impact from green and sustainable issuance, regulatory measures would adequately address and mitigate challenges, Islamic P2P and equity crowdfunding, digitalization of Islamic financial services, ESG frameworks as part of a wider Islamic banking philosophy, social impact initiatives through the advancement of education, housing, health, culture, and well-being.



Rights of Persons with Special Disabilities in the Kingdom of Bahrain

Dr. Hosni Radwan – Assistant Prof. in the College of Law, participated in a lecture on “The Rights of Persons with Special Disabilities in the Kingdom of Bahrain”. The lecture was organized by the Legislation and Legal Opinion Authority on Monday, November 27, 2023.





Promoting the values of integrity, transparency and anti-corruption

Dr. Hosni Radwan - Assistant Prof. at the College of Law, participated in an international symposium on promoting the values of integrity, transparency and combating corruption. The event was organized by the Observatory Society for Human Rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Manara Foundation for Development and Education in Iraq on December 9th, 2023. It discusses mechanisms to promote the values of integrity, transparency, anti-corruption and transfer successful international experiences in the field of combating corruption.

Observatory for Human Rights Association

The college Dean, Prof. Dr. Omar Al-Hadithi, and the heads of scientific departments, Dr. Abdul Basit Al-Hakimi and Dr. Ahmed Rashad, met with the President of the Observatory Society for Human Rights, Mr. Mohsen Al-Ghurair. It was agreed to participate in the "Bahraini Researcher" project, which aims to prepare Bahraini researchers in the field of law and human rights, and this year's theme will be "Family and Child Legislation."



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Meeting of the College of Law with the Advisory Board

The College of Law held a meeting for its Advisory Board on Monday, 04/12/2023, to discuss the following topics:

1. Offering Master of Law.
2. Offering Master in "Cybercrime and Digital Evidence"
3. College Research Plan and Scientific Research Priorities



Rights of persons with special disabilities

Dr. Nadia Al-Jabali, assistant professor . at the College of Law, participated in a lecture entitled: "The Rights of Persons with Special Disabilities". The lecture was organized by the Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission on November 27, 2023.



Preparing scientific research and how to use library resources.

Dr. Hosni Radwan gave a lecture to the students enrolled in the course 'legal research methodology' on how to prepare scientific research and how to use library resources, on Tuesday, 20/12/2023.



Moot Court Base for legal practices

Under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Omar Fakhri Al-Hadithi, the proceedings of the moot court were conducted within the methodology of teaching the 'moot court' course. 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.



Self-Sufficiency Lecture

Dr. Hiam Al-Sahmawi, assistant prof. of Civil Law, and Dr. Nadia Al-Jabali, assistant prof. of Public Law, presented a lecture entitled "Self-Sufficiency", on Monday at 1:00 pm. The lecture discussed the following topics:

1. Definition of self-sufficiency
2. The ability of a person to do without outside help, as well as maintain psychological comfort.
3. Clarify the idea of self-sufficiency not only survival, but also independence in decision-making, and life choices, regardless of supporting or blaming others.

Discussion of the master's thesis at the College of Law entitled: "Abortion in the crime of rape between Islamic law and positive law - a comparative analytical study"

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مناقشة رسالة الماجستير في كلية الحقوق
الإجهاض في جريمة الاغتصاب بين الشريعة الإسلامية والقانون الوضعي - دراسة

Seminar "Promoting the Values of Integrity, Transparency and Anti-Corruption"

On 9/12/2023, Dr. Maha Al-Sakka attended an online seminar entitled "Promoting the Values of Integrity, Transparency and Anti-Corruption". The seminar was organized by the Observatory Society for Human Rights in Bahrain to celebrate the International Anti-Corruption Day.



Publishing joint research

In cooperation with the professors in the College of Business Administration, Dr. Abdulaziz Abdul Rahman, Dr. Abdul Rahman Miro and Dr. Habib Rahman, Dr. Ahmed Rashad Al-Hawari, associate prof. at the College of Law, prepared a research entitled "Fintech innovations and Islamic banking performance: Post-pandemic challenges and opportunities". The research was published in the journal, Banks and Bank Systems, 18(4), 281-292. doi:10.21511/bbs.18(4).2023.23. The journal is a distinguished journal, rated Q1 in the Scopus database.

A Joint Search

Dr. Omar Al-Hadithi, Dean of the College of Law, published joint research with Dr. Mustafa Abdullah Hassan, entitled: "Procedural Risks in the Witness Protection System in the Bahraini Code of Criminal Procedure"



Kingdom of Bahrain Day

As part of the Kingdom of Bahrain's celebrations of the glorious National Day and His Majesty's Coronation Day, the Student Affairs Department and the Student Council organized a family festival at the university entitled (Kingdom Day) on Tuesday, December 12th, 2023. The celebration included a lot of entertainment activities and food trucks.

Advance HE

Advance HE - Kingdom University (KU) Achieving Excellence

Advance, HE praised KU and mentioned on their website that we are committed to providing a comprehensive global education, which is demonstrated by its numerous international connections, local accreditations, and partnerships with reputable institutions worldwide. KU takes great pride in offering a unique student experience that includes a variety of extracurricular activities to enhance the overall academic experience. The university's highly qualified teaching staff are dedicated to supporting and mentoring students as they pursue their academic goals. The primary objective is to provide them with the necessary tools to succeed in their chosen career and life paths.



Flower Arrangement Workshop on the Occasion of Bahraini Women's Day

The Department of Public Relations and Marketing at Kingdom University organized a flower coordination workshop on the occasion of Bahraini Women's Day for all female employees and students at the university. This event comes in honor of Bahraini women for their efforts and giving. The university cooperated with one of the Bahraini flower shops, and the coordinator taught the affiliates the basics of flower coordination, and upon completion of making the bouquet, each employee and student presents her work.



The impact of the Arabic language on shaping knowledge and expanding the horizons of cultural diversity

Dr. Maha Al-Sakka attended online the forum held at the University of Samra in Iraq to celebrate the International Day of the Arabic Language on 18/12/2023, as the Arabic language is the mother tongue that we must all celebrate and know all its rules, regardless of the scientific specialization.



Prof Hassan Al Hajhoj Attends the Closing Ceremony for the Digital Transformation Program in Collaboration with Bahrain Voluntary Work Society

As part of the community engagement activities, on November 28th, Professor Hassan Al Hajhoj attended the closing ceremony for the Digital Transformation Program and delivered a speech. He emphasized the importance of digital transformation in today's hyper-connected world. It has become crucial for organizations seeking to survive and thrive. Digital transformation involves integrating digital technologies into all aspects of an organization, fundamentally altering how it operates and delivers value. It is more than adopting new tools and platforms; it requires a cultural shift, a reimagining of processes, and a relentless focus on leveraging technology to unlock new possibilities. Additionally, he congratulated the Bahraini Volunteers Society for collaborating with Kingdom University and achieving fruitful results. Prof Saad Darwish attended the ceremony.

Prof Saad Darwish Dr Abdul Rahman Meero and Dr Sami Baily attending event on "Climate Change and Groundwater Depletion" at Derasat Center 6th December 2023

This event addressed the pressing challenges posed by climate change and groundwater depletion to food security for both regional and global scales. Dr James Famiglietti, Global Futures Professor at Arizona State University, was the main speaker for this event. He highlighted many challenges in the world and GCC. Some of the audience, Prof Darwish and Dr Meero shared insights and ideas to be taken for better secure planet resources. This event is part of the think talk series as it provides a platform for knowledge sharing and collaborative work. He mentioned that groundwater is the largest source of fresh water on our planet and plays a vital role in supporting ecosystems and helping humans adapt to changes in the climate. As the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events such as droughts and floods increase due to climate change, the importance of groundwater for global water and food security will only continue to grow. Such events sponsored by Derasat will lead to solutions for water and food security and other global challenges.





The entrepreneurship Center at Kingdom University and Bahraini Management Society holding a seminar and “Management Resilience.”

On November 27th, the Entrepreneurship Center collaborated with the Bahraini Management Society to organize a seminar aimed at helping entrepreneurs adopt a resilient approach to management. The seminar hosted a group of distinguished experts from Bahrain, including Yusuf Al Bader, a freelance training and coaching consultant at Self-employed, Zakaria Ibraheem, CEO of Options Consultancy, and Dr. Sheikha Mufeez, Head of Strategic Management in the Ministry of Education. During the three-hour seminar, the speakers discussed the concept of Resilient Leadership, which has gained attention from researchers over the past twenty years due to the significant role that leadership plays in achieving organizational success. They shared their own experiences throughout their careers, highlighting the increasing pressure that leaders face from various sources, such as managing a team, dealing with fast-paced and changing markets, responding to competition, and adapting to digital transformation. High levels of stress and anxiety can also adversely affect work performance. The speakers concluded that managers could improve their ability to find and develop resilience, which in turn helps them and others more effectively. They suggested that looking at particularly resilient moments from one's past can help identify key strategies and strengths in finding resilience.



Productive Families Exhibition

Kingdom University in collaboration with the Ministry of Social development hosted the productive family Exhibition. More than 50 families contributed to this successful event. There was great demand for the products from staff, students, and local families. Prof Hassan Al Hajhoj opened the exhibition and said this is a great opportunity for developing this sector of the economy and it is a good for us all to engage in such event. Official from the ministry joined the event and were very pleased with the organization and the hospitality.



Meeting of the Board of Trustees with the University Administration

A meeting was held between the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kingdom University, Mr. Muhammad Ibrahim, and a member of the Board of Trustees, Eng. Tariq Al-Qasabi, with the university administration. The meeting was attended by the President of Kingdom University, Professor Hassan Al-Hajhouj, Ms. Zainab Mahri, Acting Executive Director for Financial and Administrative Affairs. The purpose of the meeting is to follow up the implementation of strategic plans and review the progress of work at the university.

The Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees stressed the support of the University Permanent Council and its continuous keenness to promote excellence and progress.

The President of the University expressed his thanks to the Chairman and members of the Board of Trustees for their continuous support for the University, stressing the University's commitment to achieving its goals and providing high-quality education to its students.

