Kingdom University Newsletter





A Season of Reflection and Renewal: Warm Wishes for Ramadan

The appearance of the crescent moon indicates the beginning of the sacred month of Ramadan. I would like to express my sincere congratulations and good wishes to all within KU community. Ramadan is characterised by deep thought, strict self-control, and devoted dedication. During this season, we aim to enhance our soles by engaging in fasting, prayers, and acts of charity. Additionally, it presents a fantastic instance to support a feeling of togetherness and empathy as families unite to break their fasts and commemorate the essence of Ramadan. Dear students, Ramadan provides a unique opportunity for self-reflection and individual development. While you commit yourself to the sacred month's principles, remember that achieving high academic standards may be harmoniously combined with nurturing spiritual growth. Use this Ramadan as an opportunity to enhance your religious beliefs and recommit yourself to your academic pursuits. Dear faculty, may this Ramadan grant a profound feeling of contentment as you witness your students> spiritual and cognitive development. As a university community, we should use the essence of Ramadan to encourage sensitivity and understanding and let us assist those in need. May this Ramadan serve as an opportunity to unite and enhance the connections between people while also acknowledging and appreciating the cultural and ethnic diversity within our community.

May you all have a sacred and illuminating Ramadan.

Professor Hassan Rafdan AlHajhoj Kingdom University - President

A Meeting with the academic and administrative staff





The regular meeting of the President of the University, Prof. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, and the Vice President, Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, was held with members of the academic and administrative staff to consider aspects of development. The president thanked everyone for their great efforts in developing the university's progress teaching and scientific research programs and all internal and external participations.







College of Law



Visiting criminal courts, March 3rd to 4th, 2024

The College of Law organized a visit to the Great Criminal Court at the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments, on Sunday and Monday, 2024/3/4-3. During the visit, a discussion about the equipment of the headquarters of the criminal courts were given briefly. Students attended two sessions at the court to learn about the litigation procedures followed in the court with regard to prosecutors and defense. At the end of the sessions, the judge had a meeting with the students to answer their questions about procedures, laws and cases that took place during the session.



A Visit to the Commercial Arbitration Center for the Cooperation Council for the Gulf Arab States (Dar Al-Qarar), March 5th, 2024

The College of Law organized a visit to the Commercial Arbitration Center for the Cooperation Council for the Gulf Arab States (Dar Al-Qarar), on Tuesday, 2024/3/5, in order to enrich students' background and a lecture about commercial arbitration was given to students thereto



A Lecture entitled «Drugs and their negative effects on society and the legal penalties prescribed for users and promoters.» March 5th 2024

Students of the legal clinic course under the supervision of Dr. Maha Al-Sakka presented a lecture on drugs and their negative effects on society and the legal penalties prescribed for users and promoters at Budaiya Sports Club.



A Visit to the Shura Council March 3rd 2024

The College of Law organized a visit to the Shura Council to attend a session held on Sunday, 03 March 2024. The aim of the visit was to get closely acquainted with the work of the Shura Council and its role within the democratic and legislative work system in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

College of Law



A Lecture entitled: «The presumption of innocence between text and application.» March 23rd, 2024

Dr. Abdul Basit Al-Hakimi, Associate Professor of Criminal Law at the College of Law, presented a lecture entitled «The Presumption of Innocence between Text and Application», as part of the Ramadan cultural season organized by the Gulf International Center. The lecture was presented via Zoom on Saturday, March 2024, 23.



First Joint International Scientific Conference March 7-6th 2024

Prof. Dr. Omar Fakhri Al-Hadithi, a professor specialized in Criminal Law and the Dean of the College of Law, participated in the first joint international scientific conference (Modernization of the legislative system in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq) with a research paper entitled «Criminal Protection of Public Taste in Bahraini and Saudi Legislation». The conference was organized by the University of Duhok, University of Sulaymaniyah and Salaheddin University.



The Tenth Arab Moot Court Competition Held in the State of Kuwait – Kuwait International Law College March 6-4th 2024

The students at the College of Law participated in the 10th Arab Moot Court competition which was held in the State of Kuwait - Kuwait International Law School on March 2024,6-4. The participating team qualified for the finals of the competition.



Criminal Law Moot Court Competition

The College of Law at Kingdom University qualified and participated in the final stage of the moot court competition for criminal law, which is held by the Association of Arab Law Faculties in cooperation with the United Arab Emirates University. 32 universities from various Arab universities competed and only 8 universities qualified for the final stage, including the College of Law at Kingdom University.

College of Law



A Moot Court in the military judiciary Feb 29th, 2024

Dr. Ahmed Rashad, Associate Professor of Civil Law at the College of Law and Head of the Department of Private Law, participated in supervising the mock trial organized by the military judiciary. A number of students participated as this event aimed to develop students skills for pleading, and other relevant applied and practical skills.





Forensics Exhibition Feb 27th, 2024

The College of Law, in cooperation with the General Department of Forensic Evidence, organized an exhibition of forensic evidence at the university's headquarters. The officers and members of the administration brought the tools used in crime detection to identify these tools, the procedure used to collect evidence and how to survey the crime scene, in addition to organizing work and identifying the sections of the General Department of Criminal Evidence. Many students from different colleges attended and responded to this exhibition.



A Lecture entitled «Amendments to the French Civil Code and their impact on the Bahraini Civil Code.»Feb 29th 2024

Dr. Abdullah Al-Mikhlafi, Associate Professor of Civil Law at the College of Law, presented a lecture entitled «Amendments to the French Civil Code and their Impact on the Bahraini Civil Code» through the MS Teams for the Bahraini Shura Council, on Thursday, February ,29 2024. The lecture aimed to identify the new amendments in the French Civil Code and explain the effects of the amendments to the Bahraini Civil Code.









Kingdom University's team from a newly established College of Information Technology, showcased their ingenuity and technical capabilities throughout AI Lab Hackathon, March, 10th, 2025

In a groundbreaking triumph, Kingdom University's team consisting of three students from the Computer Science Department achieved the third position in the prestigious 2024 Benefit Advanced Al Lab Hackathon, organized by the University of Bahrain. The team composed of Sara Sharif, Masrrah Mouafak, and Fathima Nazira, under the supervision of Dr. Khalid Mansour (Dean of the College) and Ms. Marwah Assim Lateef from the ICT department were honored at the end of the Hackathon. The hackathon, spanning from the 5th to the 8th of 2024, served as a platform for participating teams to demonstrate their aptitude in leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies for societal benefit. Encouraged by the Dean of the IT College, Dr. Khalid Mansour, Kingdom University's participation underscored their commitment to fostering technological advancement and innovation among their students. The winning KU project, entitled «Automated Classification of Trash Waste,» centered on harnessing AI technology to precisely categorize different types of waste. The team developed an AI model for the creation of an Auto Waste Classification system. This creative solution promises to streamline waste management processes and contribute to environmental conservation efforts. Among the myriad of competing teams from different universities in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom University's entry stood out for its robust implementation and practical implications. Their dedication, coupled with the college encouragement and the close supervision of the mentor, Mrs. Marwa, propelled them to the forefront of the hackathon, securing the third place among the winning teams. The victory not only brings honor to Kingdom University but also signifies the potential of Al-driven innovations in addressing real-world challenges. As societies increasingly rely on technological solutions, initiatives like the Benefit Advanced Al Lab Hackathon serve as vital platforms for nurturing talent and fostering collaborative problem-solving. Kingdom University team's success exemplifies the transformative power of AI technology when wielded by bright minds driven by a commitment to societal welfare. With their groundbreaking project, they have not only triumphed in the hackathon but also paved the way for a greener, more sustainable future.



College of Engineering and Design



ARABICT CONFERENCE 2024

Dr. Mohamed Mahdy representing Kingdom University attended the famous Arab international ICT Conference for the year 2024 which was held in Bahrain. The conference discussed how ICT revolutionized architecture with tools like Building Information Modeling (BIM) for creating detailed digital building models. This improves collaboration, visualization, and identifies clashes before construction begins. Furthermore, ICT facilitates communication across teams and real-time project management, leading to increased efficiency and cost savings.



Visit to Four Seasons Hotel

In the framework of the continuous trial of College of Engineering and Design at Kingdom University to engage the students in real world experiences, a visit to Four Seasons hotel at Bahrain Bay was arranged as a co-curricular activity for the course (Architectural Design Studio IV-ARE312) under supervision of the course's instructor, Dr. Sherif Elwageeh. The studio was focusing on designing a medium rise hotel building. It was essential for students to see the technical hidden zones of the hotel that guests usually don't see. The hotel's engineering staff started by explaining the hotel main zones, and the relationship between the "back of the house" and "front of the house" zones through detailed plans of each floor, then they started a tour with the students in the hotel building. Students benefited from seeing the water treatment, water tanks and pumps zones. Students visited the Air handling units' plant as well. Moreover, students visited the boilers plant, and listened to the explanation on their purpose. A detailed explanation of the firefighting systems, and CCTV control room was given to students as well. Moreover, students had a tour of the main kitchen and laundry of the hotel and understood the connection both to the guest rooms and other facilities. At the end of the tour, students visited the multipurpose hall, the indoor and outdoor entertainment zones, all types of guests' rooms and suits (presidential suit-Imperial suit), and the main restaurant and sky restaurant and meeting halls on the 51st floor with its magnificent panoramic city view.



Site Visit to Harbor Heights at Bahrain financial Harbor with IDES-311Interior Design Studio III students

Heights is one of the flagship projects that shape up Bahrain's skyline and landmarks. Harbor Heights is set to emerge as Bahrain's most advanced, luxury mixed use residential, retail, hospitality and leisure complex spread over 35,900 sqm featuring a built-up area of more than 250,000 sqm. The project is built on an island in the heart of the business district of Manama, the capital of Bahrain, and directly along the waterfront of the Bahrain Harbor. These projects were designed by Aarab Architects. The site visit for students is part of the activities required for course IDES311 - Interior design studio III. Students are required to design a restaurant based on their course requirements. Therefore, on 26th February students visited the site where they could take photos and measurement in order to produce the site analysis and next steps of design process. Moreover, on that day the Operations Manager, Mr. Habib Gowhary, and the Project Manager, Mr.Mahmoud El Sawy, accompanied us on the site tour and described different aspects of the project to our students.

College of Engineering and Design











3rd KU Symposium of Engineering & Design: Entitled "Sustainable Design and Technology March 2nd, 2024"

Under the patronage of His Excellency Professor Hassan Al-Hajhoj, President of Kingdom University, the College of Engineering and Design held 3rd KU Symposium for Engineering and Design under the title – "Sustainable Design and Technology". His Excellency Professor Nader Al Bastaki, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research stated that the university pays great attention to such activities that seek to achieve the university's strategic goals in an effort to link the academic side with the practical side. Dr. Ashraf Soliman, Dean of College Engineering & Design, stated that the symposium focused on digitization and artificial intelligence in engineering and design. Where Dr. Engineer / Haitham Makki, Director of the Saudi Entertainment Ventures (SEVEN) at Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, spoke about digital architecture and its impact on the architecture industry. For his part, Professor Engineer/Mohamed Saad, technical advisor for the Ministry of Interior at the Kingdom of Bahrain, spoke about artificial intelligence and its role in sustainable designs for the future. On the other hand, Architectural Professor Islam Al-Ghonaimy, Professor at the College of Engineering, University of Bahrain, spoke about the cooperation of geographic information systems and the impact of their applications on landscaping projects for rapid, accuracy, and integration of the various project scops. Engineer Abdul Hakim Al Mansouri also presented proposed solutions for many engineering issues in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the most important of which is providing a digital model of construction sites that simulates the construction process, which solves the problem of the lack of practical training for engineering students, as the student can attend virtual training in all stages of construction. The symposium was attended by students and professors at the university's College of Engineering and Design.

University Library





KU Library Director Represents Kingdom University at SLA-AGC 27th Annual Conference in Doha starting from March 5th to 6th, 2024.

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Mr. Mohamed actively took part in the workshop held in conjunction with the 27th Annual Conference. The workshop, entitled «Artificial Intelligence and Libraries: Choosing the Best Strategy for Your Library,» provided valuable insights and discussions on the strategic implementation of artificial intelligence in library settings.

This prestigious conference brought together professionals and experts from diverse backgrounds, providing a platform for the exchange of insights, innovations, and best practices in the field of special libraries and information institutions.

KU Library Director actively engaged in discussions, workshops, and exhibitions that explored the integration of smart technologies to enhance the efficiency and functionality of libraries. The conference not only facilitated networking opportunities, but also allowed representatives to stay abreast of the latest advancements in the ever-evolving landscape of library sciences.

Such participations highlight our commitment to staying at the forefront of advancements in library technology and information management. We look forward to incorporating the knowledge gained from this conference into our library's ongoing efforts to provide cutting-edge services to our university community.

KU Library hosts an Inspirational "Welcome Ramadan" Talk, March 3rd, 2024





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Internship, Alumni Affairs and Career Guidance Unit



Head Start: Boosting Your Employability Skills

The Practical Training, Alumni Affairs and Career Guidance Unit, in cooperation with INJAZ Bahrain, organized a workshop entitled "How to Get Started: Enhance Your Job Skills", which was held on the university campus, and presented by Ms. Alanoud Al-Jaber from Bapco and in cooperation with Ms. Shaikha Buallay from INJAZ Bahrain. This workshop came to meet the needs of a diverse group of students and graduates by providing basic concepts related to business and economics, exploring career interests and opportunities, and conducting job interviews successfully.

The workshop also discussed the steps of preparing for the appropriate practical training period.



Entrepreneurship Center at KU hosts a workshop on: How to Start your Digital Business

The Practical Training, Alumni Affairs and Career Guidance Unit, in cooperation with Hub Bahrain, organized a workshop entitled "How to Start Your Digital Project", which was held at the Entrepreneurship Center and presented by Eng. Ali Fawzi Al-Quran. This workshop is a program dedicated to business owners or aspirants to establish their virtual projects. It qualifies business owners to conduct their business without the need to incur operational costs that would hinder the emergence of these promising and innovative projects. This session also aimed at preparing students and graduates to establish their own projects from the first idea to its launch in the market, as well as enabling projects to transform ideas from ordinary to digital and how to design applications or websites



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From study seats to job seats

The Practical Training, Alumni Affairs, and Career Guidance Unit organized a lecture entitled "From the Study Seat to the Job Seat", which was held on the university campus, which was presented by the graduates of the College of Business Administration and currently Kingdom University employees, Ms. Marwa Ali Hussein and Ms. Aisha Taj Al-Sir Othman. This lecture aimed to motivate male and female students to excel and raise awareness of the priority of employing graduates, as well as balancing between study life and spare time in student/university activities. University life is one of the most important stages of a student's life, through which he/she can gain scientific and practical skills and experience through the curricula and student activities offered by the university



Kingdom University organizes its annual Ramadan Ghabga

Kingdom University organized its annual Ramadan Ghabga at the Art Hotel in Amwaj in the presence of its administrative staff, academic staff, students, and graduates. This occasion is a special occasion for the university, where everyone gathers as one family. During the event, the President of Kingdom University, Prof. Hassan Al-Hajhoj, welcomed the attendees and congratulated them on the holy month. He pointed out the importance of this annual Ghabga in enhancing communication and interdependence between the university's employees from various departments and academic staff, students, and graduates. He explained that these gathering aims to create a warm Ramadan atmosphere that embodies the values and principles of the Kingdom University family.

Al-Hajhoj praised the large attendance of students and graduates this year, stressing that this Ghabga comes within a series of programs and social activities organized by the university periodically. He thanked all the organizers for their great efforts in organizing this event.

For their part, students and graduates expressed their gratitude for the university's efforts in organizing the Ghabga and strengthening ties and communication between different members. They praised the atmosphere of fun and interaction that prevailed in the ceremony and stressed that the event was characterized by various paragraphs, competitions, and valuable prizes, which contributed to forming a family atmosphere among the attendees.

This Ramadan Ghabga comes as part of the university's efforts to promote bonding and family spirit among its members and reflects its commitment to providing a social environment that encourages communication and constructive communication among all members.











Community Engagement and Continuing Education Unit



Prof Saad Darwish Director of Entrepreneurship Center and Acting HCECE Shares Expertise at the Bahrain Management Society, March18th, 2024

As part of KU's commitment to engaging with professional organizations, the Bahrain Management Society (BMS) recently held a public event (Ghabgha) focused on the art of writing books and documenting business cases. Dr. Lulua Al Mutlaq chaired the event, where I had the opportunity to participate and exchange my experiences and thoughts with other members and aspiring business writer Mohamed Isa. The open session allowed us to engage in an interactive conversation where we could share our experiences producing books or recording business cases, best practices, and valuable insights from seasoned authors and case studies specialists. Moreover, we had the chance to network with other businesspeople stationed in Bahrain and broaden our connections within the BMS community. By participating in an open session like this, we can advance the professional development of our fellow members and establish ourselves as crucial figures in the field of business writing within the Bahrain Management Society.

Prof Saad Darwish Director of Entrepreneurship Center and Acting HCECE unit Delivers a Lecture on "Risk Management Applications" To the Quality Department at Shura Council, March 6th, 2024.



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Prof Saad Darwish, the Director of Entrepreneurship and HCECE, together with Dr Kahlid Mansoor, the Dean of the College of Information Technology Meets with Shura Council to Discuss Al Development, March 11th, 2024

A meeting with members of the Shura Council was held to explore the future utilization and implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The meeting convened a team of computer scientists, engineers, and social scientists to strategize a path for the ethical and advantageous development of artificial intelligence. Dr. Khalid began the debate by emphasizing the profound impact that AI might have on many industries. An Al committee member emphasizes the significance of actively engaging with the potential consequences of Al. The discussion ended with a request for further partnership between Kingdom University and the Shura Council. The two parties have mutually committed to enhance future cooperation in areas such as collaborative research, student training, and other topics that may arise during the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This significant gathering demonstrates the Kingdom's dedication to building a future in which artificial intelligence contributes to advancement and prosperity in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Shura Councils dedication to continuous improvement is evident in their recent initiative for the quality department. A specialized lecture delivered on risk equipping the quality department staff with the knowledge and tools to proactively identify, assess, and mitigate potential risks. This targeted session aimed to strengthen the councils quality management framework by fostering a risk-aware culture within the quality department. The lecture content delved into various risk management methodologies, including risk identification techniques, risk assessment frameworks, and risk mitigation strategies. This initiative highlights the Shura Councils commitment to excellence. By investing in the professional development of its quality department staff, the council is ensuring it has the capacity to deliver high-quality services and effectively manage potential risks.

Community Engagement and Continuing Education Unit





KU's Charity Bake Sale on March 6th, 2024.

As part of Community Engagement Unit role, Kingdom University initiated a charity bake sale entitled "Tabak khair" ahead of the holy month of Ramadan to raise funds for iftar meals for those in need. Staff and students actively participated in the event, selling baked and cooked goods while collecting donations. The community's overwhelming support enabled the university to raise sufficient funds for the charitable cause. The purchased iftar meals will be distributed later in Ramadan to support those facing hardships during the month









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