

Kingdom University Newsletter



President Speech

In universities, alumni is a unique bond between students and their institutions. This connection often extends far beyond graduation, shaping the paths of both alumni and the universities they leave behind. The role of alumni in enhancing university reputation cannot be exaggerated; it is a narrative woven through success stories, shared experiences, and lasting legacies. Alumni networks serve as bridges to opportunities when graduates maintain connections with their universities, they create avenues for mentorship, internships, and job placements for current students. These relationships raise a sense of community, enriching the university experience and enhancing its reputation as a nurturing ground for future leaders. Universities also benefit from charitable support from their alumni. Donations often fund scholarships, research, and infrastructure improvements, directly impacting the quality of education. This financial backing not only strengthens the institution but also showcases the loyalty and commitment of its graduates. In essence, alumni are the living expressions of a university's legacy. Their achievements and contributions reflect the quality of education received and the values instilled within them. As universities strive for excellence, they must recognize that their reputation is intricately linked to the success of their alumni, creating a cycle of pride and progress that benefits all. At KU we believe greatly in these principals and work hard to keep our graduates connected as proved by our newsletter. We praise our alumni who are ambassadors to KU and always proved to be so.



Dr. Zakir Shaikh. Participation in VIKSHIT BHARAT@2047 IN COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENTFOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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VIKSHIT BHARAT@2047 IN COMMERCE AND MANAGEMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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KU Celebrates Saudi National Day

KU organized a special celebration on its campus to mark the 95th Saudi National Day, sharing in the joy of this cherished occasion with its brothers and sisters in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The event was attended by Saudi students and their peers from various nationalities, along with members of the academic and administrative staff. The program featured cultural and entertainment activities, interactive competitions, and the distribution of commemorative gifts to participating students, creating an atmosphere of joy and pride. Professor Dr. Hassan Bin Rafdan Al Hajhooj, KU President, expressed the university's pride in hosting this celebration, emphasizing that it reflects the deep fraternal bonds uniting the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He further noted that the event highlights the university's commitment to fostering cultural exchange and strengthening national belonging among its students. The celebration also comes as an extension of the longstanding historical and strategic relations between the two nations and as a testament to the values of Gulf solidarity and brotherhood. Furthermore, Kingdom University's recognition as a recommended institution by the Saudi Ministry of Education gives this celebration an additional academic dimension, reinforcing the educational and cultural ties between the two brotherly peoples.



KU Organizes Orientation Day for New Undergraduate Students

KU organized an Orientation Day for new undergraduate students, as part of its commitment to creating a supportive and stimulating academic environment that ensures a successful start to their educational journey. The Orientation Day program is designed to provide students with the guidance and support needed to integrate smoothly into university life. It also aims to familiarize them with the university's facilities, services, and resources, helping ease their transition from high school to higher education. Professor Dr. Hassan Al-Hajhoj, President of Kingdom University, highlighted the importance of this day in the lives of students, stating: "We warmly welcome all new students to the KU family, and reaffirm our commitment to providing an inspiring and innovative learning environment that develops their skills and abilities and prepares them for the job market." Dr. Al-Hajhoj added: "We hope this day marks the beginning of a journey filled with achievements and success for our new students, and that it contributes to building a new generation of leaders and innovator", Orientation Day is part of Kingdom University's

comprehensive student support and guidance system, which offers various services and directions to help students succeed. Through such programs, the university also seeks to introduce students to its internal regulations and ensure their effective implementation.



KU Organizes Orientation Day for New Master’s Students

KU organized an Orientation Day for new master’s students, as part of its commitment to providing a distinctive and stimulating academic environment for postgraduate studies and ensuring a smooth transition into university life at the master’s level. Orientation Day is a key element of the university’s dedication to offering a vibrant and prestigious learning environment for graduate students. The program aims to introduce new students to the advanced academic setting required for postgraduate studies. As part of the program, meetings were held with faculty members specialized in each program to discuss academic expectations and available research opportunities. The event also included tours of the university’s specialized academic facilities.



KU Students Organize “Secret of the Room” Activity

KU students organized an interactive event titled “Secret of the Room”, in collaboration with the Student Affairs Department. The activity offered an innovative experience centered on solving a simulated criminal case to uncover the identity of the perpetrator. Designed as an engaging and dynamic challenge, “Secret of the Room” divided participants into competing teams, where each group was required to work collaboratively in solving a series of puzzles and interconnected clues to identify the hidden culprit. The event aimed to enhance both individual and group skills, foster critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, and instill values of social responsibility and teamwork. It also provided students with the opportunity to explore their potential within a stimulating and enjoyable educational environment. As part of KU’s diverse extracurricular offerings, “Secret of the Room” reflects the institution’s ongoing commitment to enriching the student experience, creating a welcoming campus atmosphere, and encouraging active participation and peer interaction. The success of the event further underscores KU’s dedication to adopting innovative educational and recreational approaches that meet students’ needs, build their character, and develop their practical and social skills within a distinctive academic community.



Kingdom University President Honors Students Supervising Food Trucks on Campus

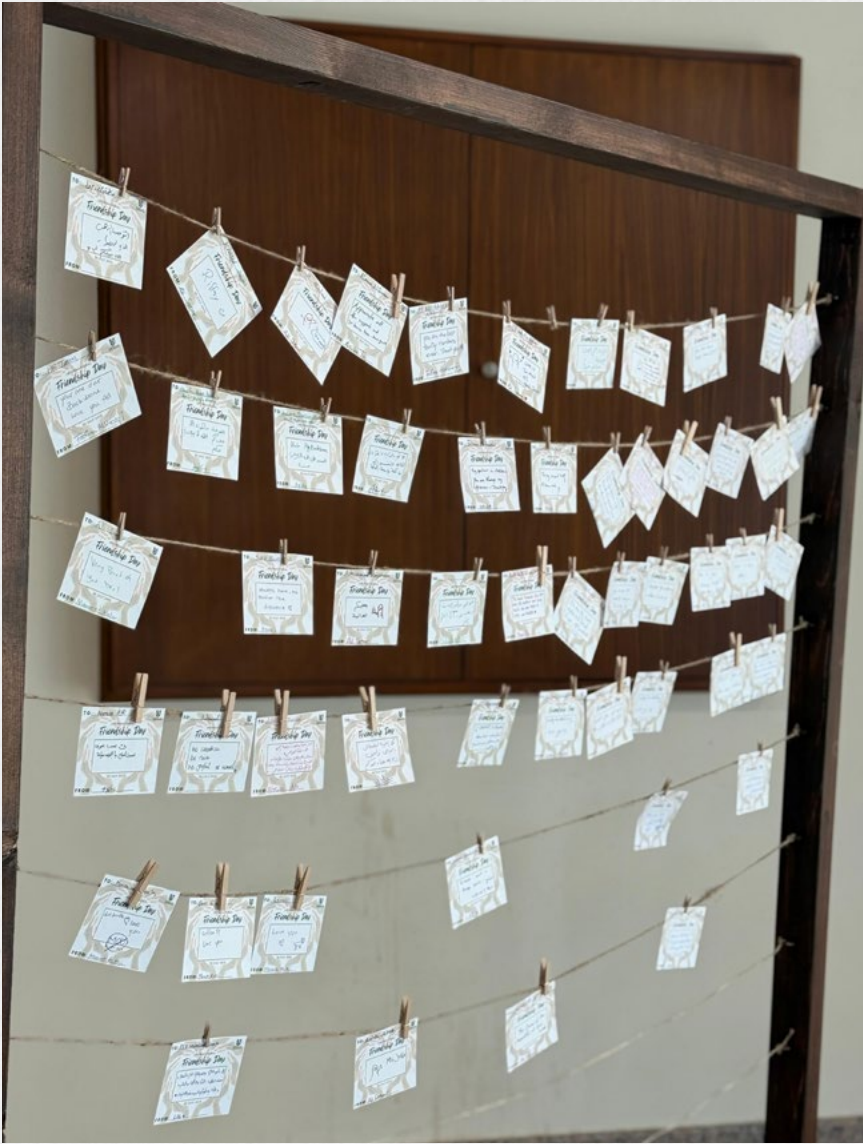
The President of Kingdom University honored students who supervised the food trucks on campus throughout the academic year 2025–2024, in recognition of their efforts in coordinating with various vendors and ensuring a diverse selection of food options for students.

The students played an active role in enhancing the on-campus experience by introducing and managing restaurants and food trucks that meet students’ preferences, reflecting the university’s commitment to fostering initiative and responsibility among its students.



International Friendship Day

In celebration of International Friendship Day, the HR department initiated a Friendship Wall, encouraging employees to appreciate one another by exchanging heartfelt cards. The demand and response were truly heartwarming, with colleagues taking the time to share kind words, express gratitude, and strengthen the bonds that make our workplace so special. It was a wonderful reminder of the power of connection and the positive impact of small gestures.



Kingdom University Hosts SIO Workshop on the New Retirement System and ReformsReforms

Kingdom University was honored to host an informative workshop conducted by representatives from the Social Insurance Organization (SIO), Mr. Mohamed Al-Ahmed and Mr. Jasim Abbas, on 30 September 2025 at the University premises. The session, entitled “The New Retirement System and Reforms,” provided faculty and administrative staff with valuable insights into the recent legislative updates introduced by SIO, focusing on the new retirement framework, reform objectives, and their implications for employees’ future financial security. The workshop featured an engaging discussion and Q&A session, allowing participants to clarify inquiries and deepen their understanding of the evolving social insurance landscape. This initiative underscores Kingdom University’s commitment to fostering employee awareness, promoting financial literacy, and aligning with national efforts to ensure sustainable social protection for all citizens.



KU participated in the Global Conference on Water, Energy, and Climate Change 11-9 Sep 2025

From September 9 to 2025 ,11, the KU participated in the Global Conference on Water, Energy, and Climate Change, held at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre. During this event, we engaged with numerous visitors and stakeholders from various sectors who were interested in our sustainability initiatives. Among the highlights were various student projects that showcased the university's commitment to its mission of promoting sustainability. The conference served as a vital platform for exchanging knowledge and ideas on pressing global challenges related to water, energy, and climate. It provided an opportunity for the university to demonstrate its innovative approaches and solutions developed by students and faculty alike. By highlighting these projects, KU not only reinforced its dedication to environmental stewardship but also inspired collaboration among participants. The interaction with industry leaders and policymakers further emphasized the importance of integrating

sustainability into educational curricula, ensuring that future generations are equipped to tackle these critical issues effectively. A team of faculty attended the conference heads by KU president Prof Hassan Al Hajhoj, Porf Nader Al Bastaki VP, Prof Saad Darwsih , Dr Abudul Aziz Abdul Rahman , Dr Zaker Al Aheikh , Dr Nishad Nawaz.



A Collaborative Vision for a Sustainable Urban Future

Capital Municipality



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Prof Hassan Al Hajhoj, KU President, Prof Nader Al Bastaki, Miss Zainab Almehri, Executive Director for Admin and Finance, Prof Saad Darwish, Director of Entrepreneurship Center and Acting Head of CECE, and Dr Shafiq Urhman, Dean of College of IT. In a recent meeting, the team met the Capital Municipal Council, and a vision for a more sustainable and vibrant urban community began to take shape during the discussions. The discussions centered on several pressing issues that, when addressed collaboratively, could significantly improve the quality of life for residents. One of the first topics was the importance of public gardens, cherished green spaces where families gather and children play. By gathering data on visitor numbers, the council hopes to understand how these areas are used and make improvements that encourage even greater community engagement. Another critical issue on the agenda was waste management. Council members recognized the need to prevent disturbances in waste bins and reduce littering. They discussed launching educational campaigns to promote responsible disposal practices, as well as reinforcing regulations against posting materials

on private property without permission. This initiative aims to preserve the aesthetic integrity of neighborhoods. Infrastructure development also took center stage. Ideas for designing farm perimeter walls and implementing effective measures to reduce vehicle speed were proposed. The concept of a dedicated platform for displaying agricultural products emerged, alongside the need for smart pothole detection systems to enhance road safety. The council also tackled the pressing issue of rainwater management, exploring optimal strategies for deploying water trucks and developing efficient pumping systems to combat flooding. Tree management was another vital topic. Identifying trees that need trimming and potential areas for planting new ones would contribute to enhancing urban greenery. Additionally, the council recognized the urgent need to address air pollution and promote sustainable transportation options, such as cycling and improved public transit. Lastly, the feasibility of providing low-cost accommodation for laborers was discussed to support local farming initiatives. Through these collaborative efforts, the Capital Municipal Council strives to create a cleaner, greener, and more livable urban environment, fostering a sense of community and sustainability for all residents. KU promised to collaborate on all these issues as part of its social responsibility, and a plan will be set for this purpose.

Advance HE workshop Applying for Fellowship 2025-9-24

Prof. Nader Al Bastaki, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, inaugurated the workshop on Wednesday, September 2025 ,24. A group of dedicated faculty members gathered for an inspiring workshop focused on a significant opportunity: applying for the Advance HE Fellowship. This initiative reflected the university's unwavering commitment to enhancing teaching and learning, igniting a passion for excellence among its educators. As the workshop commenced, the atmosphere buzzed with anticipation. Faculty members were eager to learn about Advance HE, a renowned UK-based organization that champions quality in higher education. The Fellowship, regarded as a prestigious recognition for educators who demonstrate outstanding teaching practices, promised to elevate their professional development and, by extension, the educational experience for their students. Prof Saad Dariwsh, who is a Principal Fellow at Advance HE, skillfully guided participants through the complexities of the application process. They began by outlining the different levels of Fellowship—Associate, Fellow, and Senior Fellow—each with its own set of criteria. This framework helped faculty members pinpoint where they might fit within the esteemed ranks of recognized educators. A key theme throughout the day was the importance of reflective practice. Attendees engaged in thought-provoking exercises that encouraged them to delve deep into their teaching philosophies and methodologies. They reflected on their interactions with students, the effectiveness of their teaching strategies, and the impact these had on learning outcomes. This introspection was not just a preparatory step for their applications; it was a transformative process that reshaped how they viewed their roles as educators. As the workshop progressed, collaboration became a hallmark of the event. Faculty members shared their experiences, exchanging insights and best practices. This amity fostered a sense of community, creating a supportive network of educators who were all striving for the same goal: to enhance the quality of teaching at Kingdom University. In this way, the Advance HE Fellowship workshop at KU became a pivotal moment in the institution's quest for educational excellence. By investing in its faculty, the university was also investing in the future of its students, creating an environment where both teaching and learning could flourish. The workshop was not just an event; it was a catalyst for change, inspiring educators to reach new heights in their teaching careers and ultimately enhancing the educational landscape for all.



Memorandum of Understanding Executed Between Al Qoud Foundation and KU 2025-9- 25

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed between Al Qoud Foundation and KU to promote educational partnership. Prof Hassan AL Hajhoh and Mr. Kalid Al Qoud both exchanged thoughts about this future collaboration. The collaboration seeks to advance scholarly endeavors and supports community development via diverse programs. The signing event, conducted at KU campus, was attended by major representatives from both organizations. The MoU delineates many collaboration initiatives, encompassing research ,training , workshops, and community outreach programs. The Al Qoud Foundation, recognized for its dedication to corporate social responsibility and educational progress, perceives this relationship to adapt creativity and intellectual improvement. Kingdom University, as a prominent institution in higher education, is equally eager about the partnership, which corresponds with its purpose to equip students for future challenges. This MoU signifies a hopeful commencement for a productive collaboration focused on attaining mutual objectives in education and community service.



Kingdom University Meets with the Municipal Council to Discuss Productive Families Event

Kingdom University held a meeting with the Municipal Council to discuss organizing an event dedicated to supporting productive families and promoting local products.

The meeting was attended by Municipal Council member Mr. Mohammed Al Daraj and his team, who continue to maintain a strong collaboration with Kingdom University in supporting community and development initiatives.

During the discussion, several upcoming activities were planned to empower productive families and provide them with sustainable opportunities to showcase and sell their products on campus.

This initiative builds on the university’s ongoing efforts to support the local community. In 2023, Kingdom University successfully hosted a market for productive families, providing them with a platform to display and sell their products while fostering entrepreneurship and social development



AI Skilling for Graduates Workshop

Internship, Alumni Affairs and Career Guidance Unit in cooperation with Think Smart for Training and Development organized a workshop entitled “AI Skilling for Graduates”. It aims to provide professional development programs in KU and to aware attendees of AI and its uses.

This Workshop was presented by Mr. Abdulraeem Essam (Cloud Consultant-Senior Cloud Trainer). This workshop is designed especially for IT students who is interested in AI field.



Alumni Speech

My work revolves around the fields of law and business management. I established my own law office, «Al-Kamal Law and Legal Consulting,» where I handle various legal cases and provide diverse consultations for individuals and companies. Additionally, I manage «Al-Kamal Trading» and oversee several investment projects in the Kingdom of Bahrain, such as swimming pools, food trucks, a women’s salon, fashion design, and fragrance hospitality. I am also the actual owner of the land on which the Al-Jawhara Equestrian Center is located, allowing me to combine the legal and practical aspects of entrepreneurship. My specialization in law is the cornerstone from which I began. It extends beyond my work as a lawyer to influence the management of my own businesses and projects. Legal knowledge provides me with a clearer perspective in drafting contracts, protecting rights, and managing businesses confidently, securely, and stably, free from financial or commercial exploitation by others. Thus, my specialization is closely linked to all aspects of my work. Moreover, my strong connection between my specialization and my work has made me a member of the Bahrain Bar Society (Professional Affairs Committee and Women’s Affairs Committee) and a member of the Bahrain Society for Social Responsibility, where I hold the position of Chair of the Legal Affairs Committee. I also serve as Vice President of the Alumni Club at the KU . These memberships have allowed me to stay close to the legal and social spheres, keeping up with developments while aspiring for further scientific and knowledge advancement. The KU was not just an academic stop for me; it shaped my character and honed my abilities. The university supported me morally and believed in my potential, which directly reflected on my self-confidence as a student, then as a lawyer and businesswoman. Additionally, the title of «Poet of the Kingdom,» which I received during my studies, served as an extra motivation to continue excelling. This deepened my emotional and professional connection to the university, as it touched upon my beloved hobby and extended beyond mere academics. My studies at the KU marked a pivotal moment in my professional life, granting me high culture and substantial knowledge at the age of thirty, along with a vast array of skills, experiences, and successes that stemmed from my early beginnings. During my academic journey at KU , I was nominated to represent the university in an international mock court competition in Kuwait, competing against 14 Arab countries. I was selected as one of only three students from KU

and six total from Bahrain to travel abroad under the name of Kingdom University. This achievement has positively impacted my professional journey, opening doors for participation in numerous international conferences in Cairo, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and many others. My prominence as a lawyer representing Bahrain has enhanced my presence on both local and international levels, and my accomplishments reflect the university’s competence, from which I earned my law degree and the title of Poet of the Kingdom, adding a personal and human dimension to my career. My advice to prospective students and graduates is to believe that nothing is impossible with self-confidence, hard work, and determination. University education is an important foundation, but true excellence comes from ambition, perseverance, and self-development. I encourage them to combine academic knowledge with practical experience and not to hesitate to embrace new experiences that will shape them into strong personalities capable of facing the challenges of professional life and moving forward without hesitation or fear of failure. Success is built on self-esteem, self-confidence, and breaking the barrier of fear in taking the first step. My relationship with KU continues to represent my second home. It has not been limited to my time as a student; it has extended into my journey, and I take pride in being one of its graduates. I intend, God willing, to continue my postgraduate studies there, starting from a master’s degree to a doctorate. I believe that university is a true partner in my academic and professional journey, and I take pride in what I have achieved to this day. I attribute my success, after God’s grace, to Kingdom University, which embraced its students with a generous spirit, a suitable and sincere environment, great support, and belief in their abilities, while providing a conducive educational atmosphere.



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