



## President Speech

In times of regional uncertainty, Kingdom University response was guided by three core priorities: safety, continuity, and quality without compromise.

At the institutional level, we established an Ad-hoc Emergency Committee, chaired by the President, to ensure a coordinated and agile response. This committee played a critical role in safeguarding our students and staff, maintaining operational stability, and enabling a rapid transition to alternative modes of education.

Within a very short timeframe, we successfully shifted to a fully online learning environment. However, this transition was not merely technological—it reflected our commitment to sustaining academic excellence under challenging circumstances.

Our faculty demonstrated remarkable adaptability, transforming traditional teaching into engaging, interactive digital experiences. At the same time, we ensured that students remained fully supported through virtual advising, academic engagement, and continuous communication.

Equally important was the role of the Higher Education Council, which provided a structured and coordinated framework to regulate the educational process during the crisis. Through close collaboration with universities, the Council ensured alignment, consistency, and the uninterrupted continuation of academic activities across the sector.

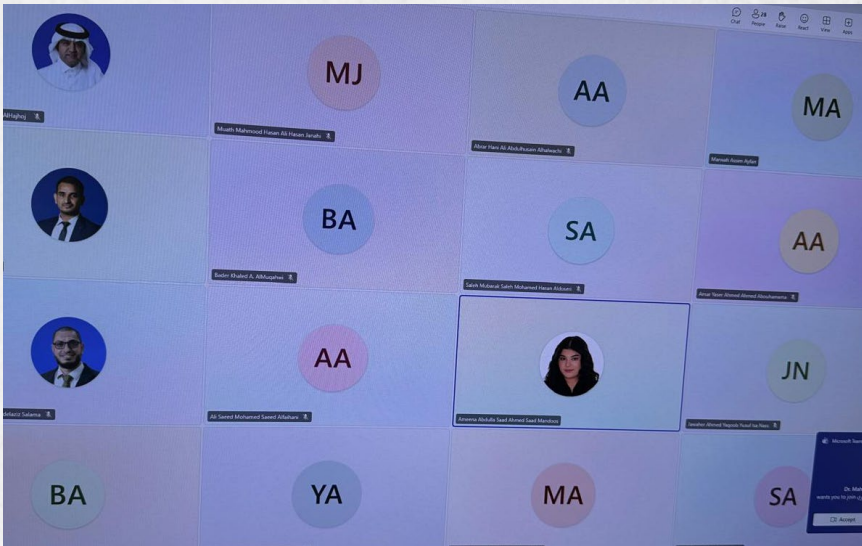
This coordination was instrumental in maintaining confidence, preserving academic standards, and ensuring that students' educational journeys were not disrupted.

At Kingdom University, we also adopted an approach of adaptive governance—reviewing policies, adjusting assessments, and listening closely to feedback from our academic community. This inclusive approach strengthened institutional cohesion and collective responsibility.

What this experience has shown us is that resilience is not simply about responding to challenges—it is about evolving through them.

Today, we stand stronger, more agile, and better prepared for the future.

## The President of Kingdom University inspects the progress of exams remotely and confirms the readiness of the electronic educational environment



Within the framework of the keenness of Kingdom University to ensure the continuity of the educational process efficiently, Prof. Dr. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, conducted a remote inspection tour to follow up on the progress of the electronic exams, in light of the current situation that necessitated the transition to the distance education process.

The tour aimed to ensure the regularity of the conduct of the exams within the e-learning environment, readiness of the technical systems and the provision of appropriate conditions that enable students to perform their exams with ease and smoothness.

The tour also included a live review of the progress of several electronic exams by entering virtual committees, to follow up on the mechanism of organizing them and ensure that they proceed according to the approved procedures.

Prof. Al-Hajhoj stressed the importance of enhancing technical readiness and ensuring the provision of the necessary support to students, stressing the commitment to the approved procedures to ensure the integrity and quality of the exam process.

He praised the efforts made by the academic and administrative staff in creating the appropriate electronic environment, appreciating their role in the success of the exams under these circumstances, calling on students to exert their utmost efforts and achieve the best results.

## The President of Kingdom University Attends the Fifth International Conference on Computing and Machine Intelligence at King Faisal University



Within the framework of KU's keenness to enhance its presence in international scientific forums, Prof. Dr. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, attended the activities of the Fifth International Conference on Computing and Machine Intelligence, organized by King Faisal University, with the participation of a group of academics and researchers from various universities and scientific institutions.

The presence of the President comes as an affirmation of the university's interest in following up on the latest developments in the fields of computing and machine intelligence and learning about the most prominent experiences and modern scientific practices, which contributes to supporting its directions towards innovation and digital transformation.

This attendance also reflects the university's keenness to enhance communication with academic and research institutions, build effective partnerships that contribute to the development of academic and research programs, and raise the quality of its educational outputs.

It is noteworthy that this attendance coincided with the distinguished participation of Kingdom University in the «Unithon 2026» event where the university team achieved fourth place prize. It is an achievement that reflects the efficiency of its students and academic staff members in the fields of innovation and technology.

Kingdom University confirms its continued support for its participation in scientific conferences and events as this enhances its academic presence and keeps pace with the developments in various disciplines.

## The President of Kingdom University Meets the Winning Team of the University in «Unithon 2026» and Appreciates their Achievement in Technical Innovation

Within the framework of KU's keenness to support and encourage academic excellence and innovation, Prof. Dr. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, met with the university's team participating in the «Unithon 2026» competitions organized by King Faisal University in conjunction with the Fifth International Conference on Computing and Machine Intelligence, after they achieved the fourth place prize in the competition.

The team included Dr. Hassan Al-Lawati and student Fawaz Al-Bahri, who presented an innovative project entitled «Smart Parking System to Enhance Security and Safety on Campus», which was praised by the jury for providing innovative technical solutions to address congestion challenges and improve the efficiency of on-campus parking management.

During the meeting, the President of the University expressed his pride in this achievement, praising the efforts of the team and the scientific and innovative excellence they showed, stressing that this success reflects the efficiency of the university's students and academic staff members in scientific and technical forums.

Prof. Al-Hajhoj also praised the efforts made in developing and supervising the project, and what it represents as a qualitative addition in the field of smart solutions and sustainability, pointing out the importance of continuing to support such participations that promote innovation and keep pace with modern trends.

This meeting comes within the framework of the university's keenness to honor its distinguished employees and motivate them to continue achievement and innovation in various fields.



## Kingdom University continues its preparations to organize the ICBDT Conference 2026

The Organizing Committee of the ICBDT 2026 Conference held its preparatory meeting on Wednesday, April 2026 ,15, under the chairmanship of His Excellency Prof. Dr. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, and with the participation of the members of the Organizing Committee of the Conference.

The committee reviewed the preparations for the conference, where it was reported that 30 scientific papers were accepted for participation, in a step that reflects the growing scientific interaction with the conference.

The meeting also addressed the organizational and administrative aspects related to the management of the conference and the mechanisms for completing the preparations during the next phase, in order to ensure the achievement of its scientific and organizational objectives.

At the end of the meeting, the committee recommended that April 2026 ,29 be adopted as the date for the conference, provided that the nature of its holding is determined remotely, based on the assessment of developments to ensure the best possible organization of the conference.

The ICBDT 2026 conference comes as an affirmation of Kingdom University's role in supporting scientific research and strengthening academic partnerships at the local and international levels.



## In a Historic Regional Achievement.. KU Sweeps Huawei Global Innovation Competition and Wins the Grand Prize

KU has achieved an unprecedented technological and academic milestone through the outstanding performance of its female students on the international stage, as a team from the College of Information Technology successfully secured the Grand Prize at the Middle East and Central Asia regional level in the Innovation Track of the Huawei ICT Competition 2026–2025. This well-deserved victory came after fierce competition against 24 teams representing top innovative student talents from 19 countries, with the university’s project emerging as the best integrated AI-powered technological solution. The winning project, “ResQ-AI,” is an advanced intelligent emergency response triage system designed as a fully integrated ecosystem that connects ambulances, smart city infrastructure, and hospital emergency rooms. The innovation stands out for its ability to enhance response times for critical cases through “green wave” technology, which automatically clears traffic routes for ambulances, in addition to integrating sign language and an intelligent assistant to ensure inclusivity—transforming ambulances into smart units that are connected in real time with hospitals to save lives and reduce medical congestion. On this exceptional occasion, Professor Dr. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of Kingdom University, affirmed that this achievement represents a milestone in the university’s history and reflects the quality and efficiency of the educational system in the Kingdom of Bahrain. He noted that the students’ attainment of the regional Grand Prize is the result of the university’s innovation-driven environment and a clear testament to the ability of national talents to excel in advanced technology and artificial intelligence, in line with national digital transformation visions. Prof. Al-Hajhoj also praised the exceptional efforts of the team, composed of students Sarah Mohammed Sharif, Ria Sarfraz, and Fatima Nazeera, under the distinguished supervision of Mrs. Marwa Asim Aifan. He explained that the team not only secured first place at the national level in the initial phase but also demonstrated global excellence by qualifying to represent the region in the final global competition, where they will present their innovation before leading technology experts and international industry leaders—continuing their journey of excellence and proudly raising the name of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the world’s most prominent technological forums



**HUAWEI**

**Huawei ICT Competition 2025–2026**  
**Middle East & Central Asia**  
 The Regional Final of Innovation Competition

CONNECTION  
GLORY  
FUTURE

Awards	Country	Team Name	University Name	Team Number
Grand Prize	Bahrain	ResQ AI	Kingdom University Kingdom University Kingdom University	Sarah Mohamed Sharif Fathima Nazira Mohamed Naseer Riya Sharfraz
First Prize	UAE	AURAK	American University of Ras Al Khaimah American University of Ras Al Khaimah American University of Ras Al Khaimah	
Second Prize	Pakistan	Root Hunter	FAST-NU FAST-NU FAST-NU	
Second Prize	Qatar	Aber	Qatar University Qatar University Qatar University	
Third Prize	Bahrain	Tanki	Bahrain Polytechnic Bahrain Polytechnic Bahrain Polytechnic	Noora Qasim Maryam Alkhattar Sara Bucheeri
Third Prize	Pakistan	Grain Hero	Air University Islamabad Air University Islamabad Air University Islamabad	
Third Prize	Kazakhstan	Dockify	Kazakh British Technical University Kazakh British Technical University Kazakh British Technical University	
Third Prize	Qatar	Vora	Qatar University Qatar University Qatar University	

## KU Secures Fourth Place Prize at “UniThon 2026” with Smart Parking Project at King Faisal University

In a new achievement reflecting the excellence of its academic staff and students in the fields of innovation and technology, KU–Kingdom of Bahrain secured fourth place prize in the “UniThon 2026” competition, organized by King Faisal University alongside the Fifth International Conference on Computing and Artificial Intelligence, with the participation of more than 35 teams from local and international universities, after successfully passing the initial selection stage. The university was represented in the competition by a team consisting of Dr. Hassan Al-Lawati and student Fawaz Al-Bahri, who presented an innovative project titled: “Smart Parking System to Enhance Safety and Security within the University Campus.” The project addresses one of the most prominent challenges faced by universities, namely traffic congestion and the difficulty of finding parking spaces, by developing an intelligent system that directs vehicles in real time to the nearest available parking spot, thereby reducing search time, improving traffic flow, and enhancing safety and security levels within the campus. The project also supports more efficient management of emergency routes by organizing vehicle movement and facilitating rapid access in emergency situations, which enhances the campus’s readiness to handle various operational conditions. In addition, the project places special emphasis on environmental sustainability by reducing unnecessary vehicle movement within the campus, contributing to lower fuel consumption and carbon emissions, and improving overall environmental quality. KU expressed its sincere appreciation and recognition of the efforts of Dr. Hassan Al-Lawati for his distinguished academic supervision and significant role in guiding the team and developing the project, which had a major impact on achieving this honorable accomplishment. This achievement reaffirms Kingdom University’s commitment to supporting innovation, encouraging applied research, and enhancing the participation of students and faculty members in scientific and technological forums, in line with modern trends toward digital transformation and sustainability. “UniThon 2026” is considered a leading platform that brings together innovators and creatives to develop practical technological solutions that contribute to improving university life, and this edition witnessed a high level of competition and creativity among participating teams.



## KU Organizes Gathering for Its Staff Celebrating the Return to Normal Life

KU organized a friendly gathering for its administrative and academic staff on the full return to the workplace after the exceptional period, in an atmosphere that reflected a spirit of unity and family. This gathering comes considering the security, safety, and stability enjoyed by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which have contributed to the return of life to normal and the full resumption of in-person work. Staff members came together over a lunch in a warm and friendly setting that reflected appreciation and a spirit of cooperation. The university emphasized that these gathering aims to strengthen communication among staff and recognize their efforts during the past period, contributing to a positive and motivating work environment. For his part, Professor Dr. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of Kingdom University, praised the spirit of cooperation and dedication demonstrated by the university's staff during the past period, despite the challenges and exceptional circumstances, affirming that this unity played a key role in maintaining operations and achieving goals efficiently. He added that this return marks a new beginning to continue the journey of giving, stressing that investing in human capital and strengthening team spirit remain the foundation of institutional excellence. The gathering concluded in an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie, reflecting a strong sense of belonging to KU and reinforcing bonds of cooperation among all staff members



## First Aid Workshops Held During Times of Crisis, 26 April 2026

As part of the community partnership strategy and in response to the initiative of the Bahrain Society for Social Responsibility, the General Directorate of Civil Defense, in cooperation with Kingdom University, organized a series of first aid workshops during times of crisis. The workshops witnessed distinguished attendance from members of the Society and specialized doctors in the field of first aid, reflecting a high level of community awareness and a strong commitment to acquiring safety and prevention skills. At the outset of the event, Mr. Khalid Al-Qaoud, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Society for Social Responsibility, expressed his highest sentiments of loyalty to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, may God protect and preserve him, in appreciation of His Majesty's commitment to strengthening national security and ensuring the safety of citizens and residents. He also conveyed his pride and appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, may God protect him, in recognition of His Royal Highness's support and interest in advancing the path of development and modernization. The Chairman also expressed his sincere thanks to His Excellency Lieutenant General Sheikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Minister of Interior, for his dedicated efforts in maintaining security and public order. He noted that this initiative falls within the framework of promoting a culture of social responsibility and raising awareness of the importance of preparedness in facing crises. He further expressed his pride in the partnership with the General Directorate of Civil Defense and Kingdom University, praising the vital role these entities play in promoting safety and prevention concepts. He emphasized that the program witnessed positive engagement, reflecting the community's awareness and eagerness to learn and develop. For his part, Brigadier Pilot Ali Mohammed Al-Kubaisi, Director General of the General Directorate of Civil Defense, affirmed that Civil Defense's participation in these workshops stems from its national responsibilities to promote a culture of public safety and enhance community readiness to deal with emergency situations.



## Alumni Speech

First question: Tell us about the nature of your work

«I work as the Head of Administrative and Financial Services in a school, and being part of the senior leadership of the educational institution, the nature of my work combines financial organization and administrative supervision of this institution. I am keen to manage resources efficiently, lead people effectively, and strive to ensure a smooth flow of work between different departments, in addition to supporting the educational environment by organizing the administrative and financial aspects in a way that serves students and teachers alike.»

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Question 2: How relevant is your specialization to your job

«My specialization was very much related to the nature of my work, as it gave me the right theoretical foundation that helped me build my work experience. It is true that the labor market always requires continuous development, but my legal specialization has been a strong and essential supporter and a new starting point for excellence and creativity at work, as it has helped me understand the details of administrative and financial work in a structured and in-depth legal framework.»

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Question 3: What did your studies at Kingdom University add to your current job?

«My studies at Kingdom University have added a lot to me, both academically and personally. I learned discipline, analytical thinking, and how to approach challenges calmly and confidently. These skills were directly reflected in my performance at work and helped me to be more professional in making decisions.»

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Question 4: What do you advise prospective students and graduates?

«I advise them to fully invest in their study period, not only in academic attainment, but also in developing their personal and communication skills. The most important thing is that they must have a passion for continuous learning, because graduation is the beginning of the road, not the end of it.»

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Question 5: The university's relationship with you as a graduate

«My relationship with the university continues with pride and gratitude. I consider it an important part of my journey, and a source of support and knowledge. University is not just a stage that has ended, but it is a foundation on which we build our future and always return to it with value and pride.»

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