

Kingdom University Newsletter



President Speech

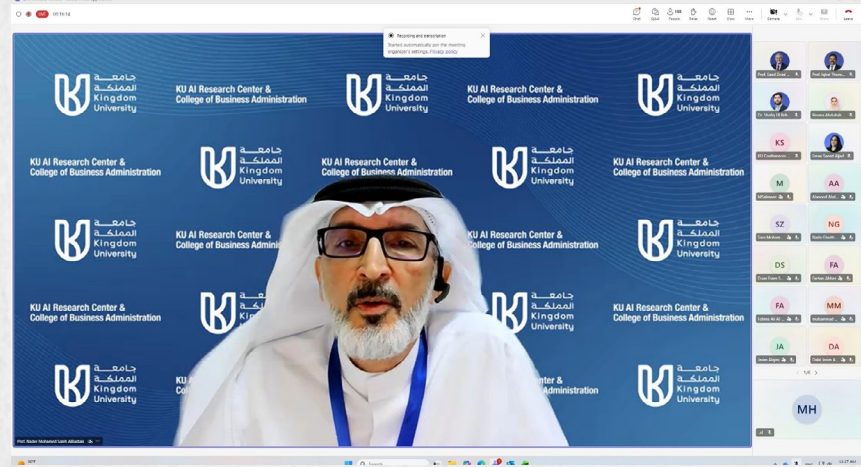
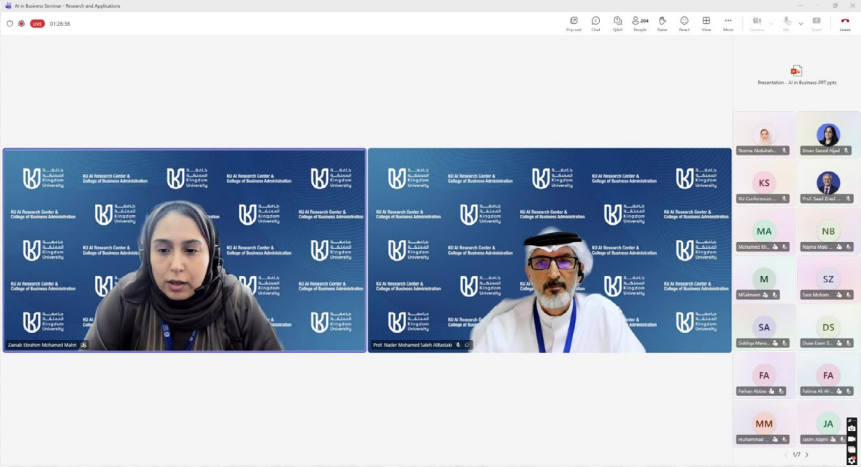
The University of Kingdom (KU) continues to celebrate a series of inspiring achievements in the field of Information and Communication Technology, reflecting a journey filled with passion, dedication, and shared pride. At the center of this success are the university’s outstanding student teams, guided and inspired by Ms. Marwa Assim, Director, a leading figure in ICT and a devoted director who has consistently invested her time and energy in supporting and mentoring students. Her commitment, combined with the continuous encouragement and backing from university leadership and colleagues in top management, has created a thriving environment where innovation and excellence naturally flourish. This spirit of collaboration and determination has led KU students to shine on some of the most prestigious stages. Their participation in the Huawei ICT Competition 2026–2025 reached the global level, where they competed in the Innovation Track at the Global Final in China, marking a proud moment of international recognition. Their excellence was further reflected at the regional level, where they stood out in the Middle East and Central Asia Huawei ICT Competition in the same innovation category. On the national stage, KU students demonstrated their strength in artificial intelligence by excelling in the Huawei AI Innovation Challenge 2026–2025 among all universities in Bahrain. Adding to this remarkable journey, KU was also honored with the Women in Tech Award at the Huawei ICT Global Final 2026, a powerful testament to the university’s commitment to empowering and celebrating women in technology. The joy of achievement extended even further during the Energy Sustainability Forum Hackathon, where the University of Kingdom participated with two teams representing the College of Information and Communication Technology and the College of Engineering, in collaboration with the ICT Administration. In an atmosphere of creativity and competition, the teams proudly secured second and third place, reflecting both technical excellence and strong teamwork. One of the standout achievements was the EcoTwin project, an Environmental Digital Twin solution that combines artificial intelligence and Internet of Things technologies to address real-world challenges. This innovative system focuses on reducing carbon emissions and enhancing energy efficiency in buildings, representing a forward-looking vision for sustainable development. The project was developed through close collaboration between the College of Information and Communication Technology and the ICT Administration, highlighting the power of partnerships within the university. Alongside this, the Eco Grids project, developed by the College of Engineering and Design, showcased another dimension of KU’s innovation. By focusing on smart environmental grids, the project emphasized efficient energy management and sustainability through advanced engineering solutions, reinforcing KU’s commitment to building a smarter and greener future. Continuing this journey of success, the University of Kingdom also earned fourth place in the UniThon 2026 competition held at King Faisal University. The Smart Parking Project presented by KU students demonstrated practical innovation aimed at solving everyday challenges, reflecting their ability to transform ideas into impactful solutions that enhance urban living.

More successes to come!

These achievements are more than just milestones; they are moments of collective pride that capture the joy of a university community united by ambition and vision. With dedicated leadership, supportive management, and talented students, KU continues to build a legacy of excellence in ICT, confidently moving toward an even brighter and more innovative future.



Kingdom University Holds a Forum on «Applications of Artificial Intelligence in the Business Sector»



On June 11th, 2026, the Artificial Intelligence Research Center at Kingdom University held a specialized scientific forum via video communication technology. During the event, a set of work papers were reviewed that shed light on the latest applications of artificial intelligence and digital transformations in various business environments.

The forum witnessed a qualitative presence and wide participation, with more than 320 participants from academics, researchers, professionals, and students interested in the fields of artificial intelligence and digital transformation from the Kingdom of Bahrain, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Qatar, as well as participants from other countries, including the United Kingdom, Sudan, Nigeria, South Africa, Malaysia, China, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

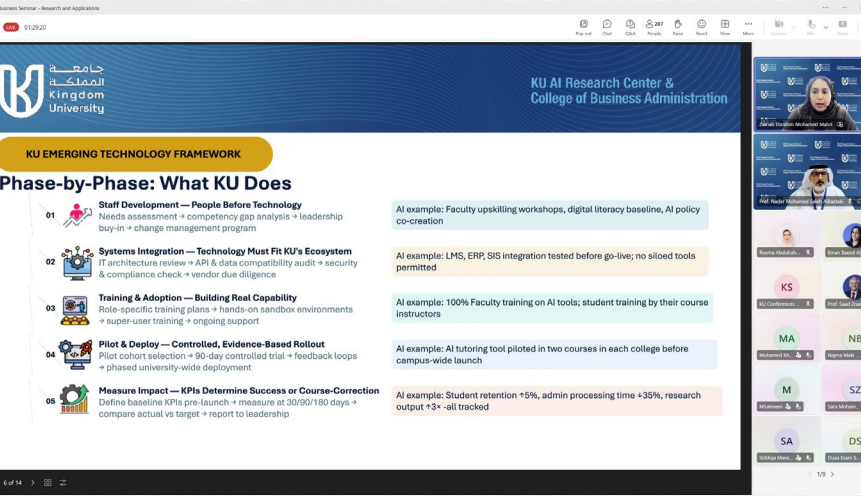
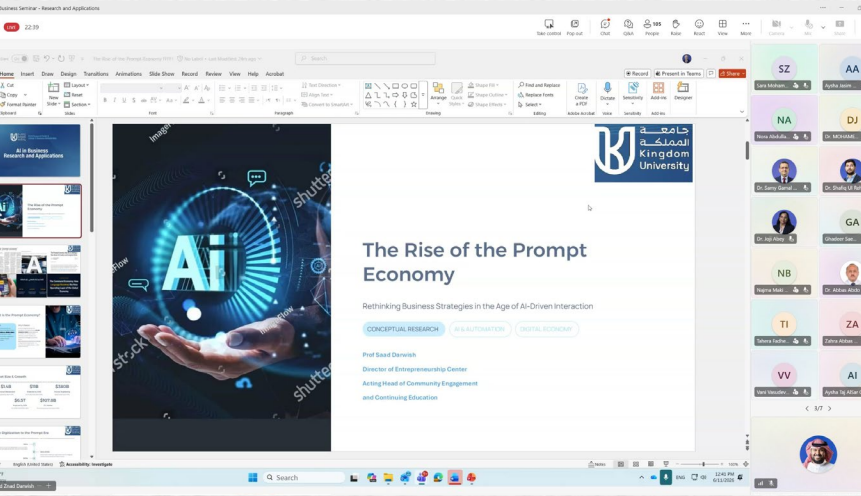
Participants also diversified to include ministries and government entities, banks and financial institutions, industrial companies, telecommunications and internet providers, as well as media and other institutions. The presented working papers addressed a variety of AI applications in different business sectors, reflecting the growing importance of this field and its pivotal role in supporting digital transformation.

Prof. Dr. Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of Kingdom University, stressed that the forum embodies the university's commitment to supporting scientific research and innovation and promoting the exchange of knowledge in modern technical fields. He pointed to the importance of employing artificial intelligence in the development of the business sector and preparing competencies capable of keeping pace with the requirements of the future.

Prof. Nader Al-Bastaki, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, explained that artificial intelligence has become an essential element in developing business environments and raising their efficiency, stressing that the university continues to support research initiatives that contribute to providing innovative digital solutions that serve the economic and development sectors.

During the forum sessions, the papers addressed a number of vital topics, most notably the role of artificial intelligence in enhancing cybersecurity, digital currency management, and smart finance solutions. In addition, the concepts of digital leadership and applications of artificial intelligence in human resource management and stock trading were also reviewed as well as practical models for employing these technologies in the health and commercial sectors.

The organization of this forum comes within the framework of KU's keenness to keep pace with global technological developments, promote applied scientific research that contributes to the development of the business sector, and support the economic system with modern digital visions and strategies that meet the requirements of sustainable development.



KU Holds 9th Annual Scientific Research Forum on May 22nd 2026

Kingdom University, represented by the Scientific Research Council, organized the 9th Annual Scientific Research Forum on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2026. The forum served as a platform for faculty members to discuss research strategies, review key achievements, and set priorities for the upcoming phase. The event commenced with a welcoming speech by the University President, Professor Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, who praised the accomplishments of faculty members. He expressed his appreciation for their research efforts during 2025, which resulted in 113 Scopus-indexed publications, contributing to the university's advancement in global rankings. He also emphasized the importance of sustaining high-quality scientific publishing. The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research delivered a comprehensive presentation on the development of research at the university, highlighting the importance of publishing in prestigious journals and noting the clear improvement in both the quantity and quality of research output. Professor Saad Darwish also delivered a presentation on research ethics, emphasizing the importance of academic integrity, avoiding plagiarism, and promoting transparency and responsibility in conducting and publishing research. The forum concluded with brief presentations from college deans on their key research achievements, followed by an awards ceremony recognizing outstanding researchers for their significant contributions across various disciplines.



College of Engineering and Design Celebrates Second-Place Achievement in Sustainability Future Lab Competition 2026

Under the patronage of Professor Hassan Bin Rafdan Al Hajhoj, President of Kingdom University, and Professor Nader Al Bastaki, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research, the College of Engineering and Design held a special ceremony to honor the student team that achieved Second Place in the Sustainability Future Lab Competition 2026. The event celebrated the outstanding accomplishment of a team of five students from the College of Engineering and Design whose innovative project, "EcoGrid," was recognized for its contribution to sustainability and environmental innovation. The team was supervised by Dr. Adeb Qaid and received continuous encouragement and support from Dr. Ashraf Soliman, Dean of the College of Engineering and Design, whose commitment to fostering innovation and excellence among students contributed significantly to the team's success. The students honored during the ceremony were: Retaj Adel A. Bumutea, Zenea Alam, Sumaiya Amjad, Maryam Khamis and Maha Esam. University leadership commended the students for their creativity, commitment, and dedication to developing practical solutions to environmental challenges. The achievement reflects the College's ongoing efforts to promote sustainability, innovation, and experiential learning among its students. Congratulating the team, President of KU expressed his pride in the students' achievement and emphasized the importance of encouraging young innovators to develop solutions that address pressing environmental concerns. He also praised the efforts of the college dean and the academic supervisor for their valuable supervision and mentorship throughout the competition. This achievement further reinforces Kingdom University's mission to promote excellence in education, scientific research, innovation, and community engagement while supporting initiatives that contribute to a more sustainable future.



Prof. Omar Fakhri Al-Hadithi was honored for winning Ibn Khaldun Award for Scientific Research

The Stable Foundation honored Prof. Omar Fakhri Al-Hadithi, Dean of the College of Law, for his research entitled: «Criminal Protection of the Family in the Digital Space in Bahraini Legislation».

The honor came during a ceremony organized by the Foundation in the presence of the Shura Council members and the House of Representatives, as well as a group of academics and those interested in scientific affairs. HE Dr. Diana Abdulkarim Al-Jahrami, Secretary General of the Council of Higher Education, handed over the honorary shield to Dr. Omar Al-Hadithi.

This achievement is an affirmation of the importance of scientific research in addressing contemporary societal issues, especially with regard to family protection in the digital environment, and reflects the active role of national academic competencies in producing solid scientific research that contributes to the development of legal knowledge and supports the process of community development.



Meeting of the Top Management with the GCC International Center 23 June 2026

Kingdom University’s top management held a meeting on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, chaired by President Professor Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, with the participation of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Scientific Research Professor Nader Al Bastaki, Ms. Zainab Al Mehri (Executive Director of Financial and Administrative Affairs), Dean of the College of Law Professor Omar Al-Hadithi, and heads of the law departments, along with Mr. Mohammed Jassim Al-Thawadi, Executive Director of the GCC International Center. The meeting discussed preparations for the Sports Law Conference to be held in Egypt on October 2026 ,4–3. It was agreed that KU will participate as an academic partner, and several law faculty members will present research papers in sports law. The attendees also agreed to send a university delegation to the conference, including the President and the Vice President, along with specialists. In addition, they discussed launching training courses and workshops in areas such as law, law and technology, business and governance, and engineering and law, starting in September to promote knowledge and professional awareness. The meeting concluded with agreement on all the points discussed.



A Visit to the University of Bharain -Confucius Center

Ms. Marwa Haij, Our specialist in continuing education and community engagement, visited the Confucius Center. Her arrival marked a significant opportunity to explore potential collaborations aimed at enhancing educational initiatives within the community. Ms. Haij received a warm welcome from the staff, who were eager to share insights into their various programs. Engaging in thoughtful discussions, Ms. Haij carefully listened to their presentations, recognizing the alignment between the center’s offerings and the needs of the community she serves. A particular highlight of her visit was the exploration of the extensive language courses provided by the Confucius Center. She noted the potential of these programs to bridge cultural divides and foster understanding among diverse groups. The center’s commitment to lifelong learning resonated with her own beliefs regarding education’s essential role in personal and communal development. As discussions progressed, the conversation shifted towards the prospect of collaboration. Ideas emerged regarding joint workshops that would integrate the cultural expertise of the Confucius Center with Ms. Haji’s focus on community engagement. They envisioned seminars designed to empower community members with essential knowledge and skills, preparing them to adapt to an ever-evolving world. As her visit concluded, Ms. Haji departed the Confucius Center with optimism. The conversations she engaged in had ignited a collaborative spirit, illuminating a pathway forward for both the center and the community. Through these emerging partnerships, they could cultivate a culture of learning and cultural awareness, essential components for a vibrant and engaged society.

KU and Green Innova Bahrain Signed a Cooperation Agreement on 10th June 2026

KU and Green Innova Bahrain signed a cooperation agreement on 10th June during an official ceremony, marking the beginning of a strategic partnership focused on sustainability, innovation, and community development. The agreement reflects the shared commitment of both organizations to promote environmental awareness, support green initiatives, and foster innovation through education and collaboration. The signing ceremony was attended by representatives from KU and Green Innova Bahrain, who highlighted the importance of strengthening partnerships that contribute to sustainable development and environmental responsibility. The agreement provides a framework for joint activities, including research projects, training programs, workshops, awareness campaigns, and community engagement initiatives aimed at addressing environmental challenges and encouraging sustainable practices. Through this collaboration, students, faculty members, and professionals will have opportunities to participate in projects that enhance their knowledge and skills in sustainability and green innovation. The partnership underscores the commitment of both institutions to supporting Bahrain’s sustainability goals and building a greener, more innovative future for generations to come. All leadership attended the ceremony.



KU and Internet Society Bahrain Signed a Cooperation Agreement on 21st June 2026

KU and the Internet Society Bahrain Chapter signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 21st June during an official ceremony aimed at strengthening cooperation in the areas of digital innovation, internet development, and community engagement. The agreement reflects the shared vision of both institutions to promote knowledge exchange, advance digital literacy, and support the development of future digital leaders in Bahrain. The signing ceremony brought together representatives from KU and the Internet Society Bahrain, who emphasized the importance of strategic partnerships in fostering innovation and enhancing awareness of internet governance, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies. Through this collaboration, both parties will work on a range of joint initiatives, including workshops, seminars, training programs, research projects, and community outreach activities. This partnership is expected to create valuable opportunities for students, academics, and professionals to develop skills aligned with the demands of the digital economy. The agreement represents a significant step toward supporting Bahrain’s digital transformation agenda and building a more connected, innovative, and inclusive society. KU leadership attended the ceremony



Eid Al-Adha Gathering and Signing of Loyalty and Allegiance Document

The Human Resources Department organized an Eid Al-Adha Gathering for staff members, providing a wonderful opportunity for colleagues to connect, socialize, and celebrate the occasion together in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The event also included the signing of the Loyalty and Allegiance Document to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, reflecting appreciation for His Majesty's leadership and continued support of the Kingdom's progress and prosperity. The gathering reinforced the University's commitment to fostering a strong sense of community, unity, and shared values among its employees.



Signing Document of Loyalty for his Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa

In a ceremonial event reflecting profound respect , commitment and loyalty , President Prof. Hassan Alhajhoh and Vice President Prof. Nader Al Bastaki and Ms Zainab Al Mahri Executive Director signed a Loyalty Document dedicated to His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa. This important act took place in their office with their staff , symbolizing unwavering loyalty to the Kingdom’s values and leadership. The signing highlights the institution’s dedication to serving the nation under the esteemed guidance of His Majesty in difficult time of Iranian aggression . Prof. Al hajhoh emphasized the significance of this commitment, noting that it reinforces the institution’s mission to foster national pride and community unity.



The Minister of Education Honors Kingdom University for its Participation in the Exhibition Days for Universities



His Excellency the Minister of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council, Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Jumaa, honored Kingdom University in recognition of its participation in the Universities Exhibition Days, which was held with the participation of a number of leading higher education institutions in the Kingdom.

This honor came to reflect the Ministry's appreciation for the efforts of Kingdom University in supporting the higher education process, and its continuous keenness to provide advanced academic programs that meet the needs of students and the labor market.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Al-Hajoj, President of Kingdom University, expressed his happiness with this honor, saying: «We are proud of our participation in the Days for Universities Exhibition, where we are always keen to communicate directly with students and parents, and introduce them to our distinguished academic programs and the educational and development opportunities we provide. This recognition is an incentive for us to continue working to develop an advanced learning environment that keeps pace with the aspirations of Bahrain's youth and contributes to preparing qualified cadres capable of facing the challenges of the future.»

Dr. Al-Hajhoj stressed the university's commitment to active participation in educational events and exhibitions, pointing out the importance of these platforms in enhancing awareness of the available academic options and supporting students in charting their future paths with confidence and success.



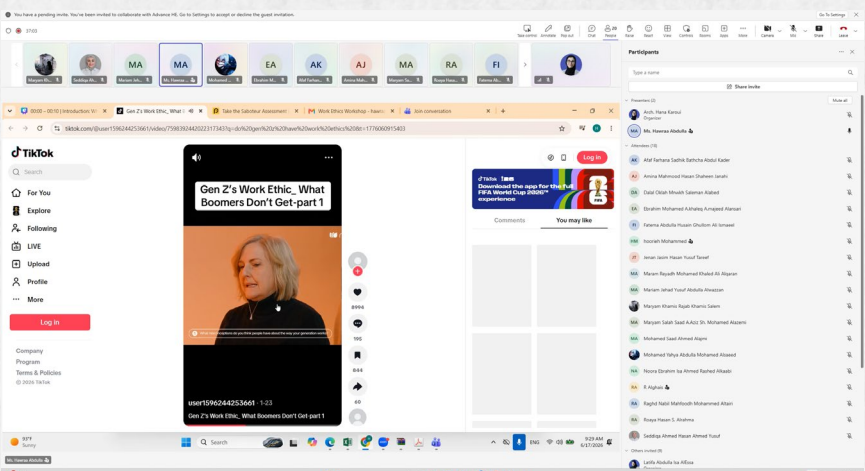
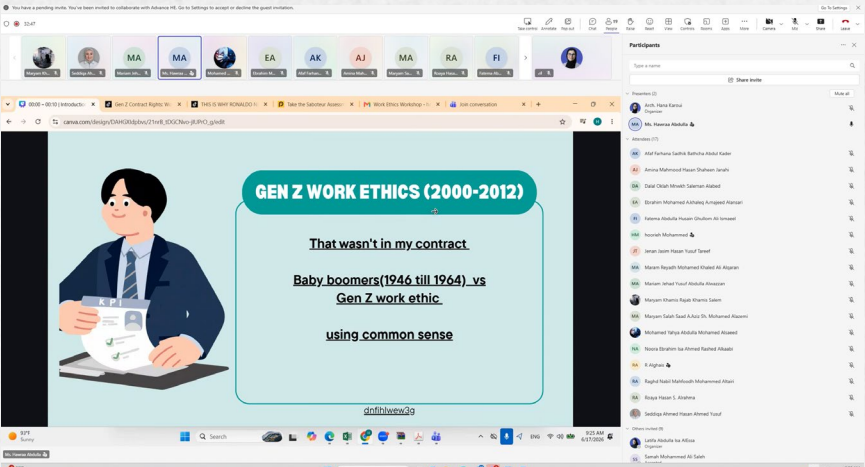
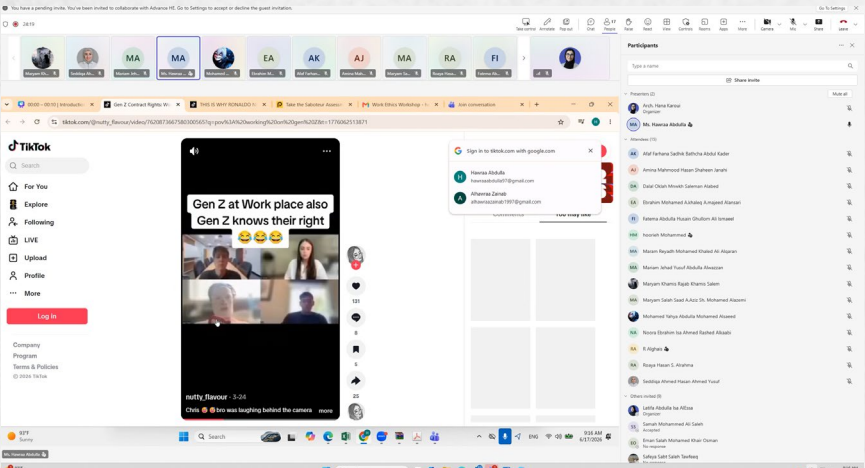
Girls' Football Team Participation in the Sporsista Women's Football Tournament

As part of our commitment to promoting sports and encouraging student participation in athletic activities, our girls' football team participated in the Women's Football Tournament held on 19 June, with matches taking place from 4:00 PM until the evening. The team competed in three matches, demonstrating dedication, teamwork, discipline, and exemplary sportsmanship throughout the tournament. This participation provided the students with a valuable opportunity to enhance their athletic experience, strengthen team spirit, build confidence, and develop their competitive skills in a positive sporting environment. We extend our appreciation to all the players for their commitment and outstanding representation, and we wish them continued success in future competitions.



Work Ethic Workshop

Internship, Alumni Affairs and Career Guidance Unit in cooperation with Training Plus Institute organized a workshop entitled “Work Ethics”, This Workshop was presented by Ms. Hawra Abdulla Kadhem (Trainer). This workshop introduces the concept of work ethics as the moral principles that guide behavior in a professional environment, focusing not only on completing tasks but on how work is performed. It explores key principles such as professionalism, accountability, respect, and continuous improvement, while also examining different attitudes toward work, including generational perspectives and responses to feedback and criticism. Through practical examples and real-life scenarios, participants develop a clearer understanding of ethical and unethical workplace behaviors and reflect on their own practices. The workshop highlights the importance of work ethics in achieving professional success, building a positive work environment, and strengthening personal reputation, while encouraging the development of habits that support long-term growth and effectiveness. It aims to define work ethics and explain their importance in a professional environment, identify and describe key principles of work ethics, including professionalism, accountability, respect, and continuous improvement, differentiate between ethical and unethical workplace behaviors using real-life scenarios, recognize the impact of attitudes, feedback, and criticism on workplace performance, analyze different perspectives on work ethics, including generational viewpoints, explain how strong work ethics contribute to career success and a positive work environment, apply practical strategies to develop and improve their own work ethics, and reflect on their current behaviors and identify areas for personal and professional growth.





Alumni Speech

Tell us about the nature of your work?

I contribute to organizing and following up the audit processes on sports clubs to ensure their compliance with the approved laws and regulations. I also organize and review the transactions of the clubs and ensure their accuracy and integrity of their procedures. In addition, I participate in the follow-up and application of governance principles in sports clubs, in a way that enhances transparency and efficiency and raises the level of institutional performance.

How relevant is your major to your work?

My specialization in business administration is related to the nature of my work, as it provides me with the necessary knowledge and skills in the areas of organization, management, control, and process analysis. The corporate management concepts I have studied also help me understand the working mechanisms within sports clubs, contribute to improving the efficiency of operations and ensure compliance with regulations.

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

I developed analytical and decision-making skills, and the ability to deal with administrative procedures and regulations accurately. In addition, my studies strengthened my understanding of the concepts of governance and transparency, and this reflected positively on my performance in following up on the work of sports clubs and raising the quality of institutional work.

What do you advise the students who are about to study and graduate?

I advise students who are about to study to choose the major that suits their tendencies and abilities, and to strive to build a strong scientific foundation, while being keen to develop their personal skills such as communication, time management, and teamwork.

As for graduates, I advise them not to just take a degree, but also to seek practical experience and develop their skills continuously, especially in areas such as analysis, professional commitment, and understanding of the work environment. It is also important to be patient and flexible, and to take advantage of opportunities to build a successful career.

Does the university have a relationship with you as a graduate?

My relationship with Kingdom University as an alumni is effective. I appreciate the knowledge and skills I have acquired during it and benefit from them in my daily work. I am also looking forward to completing my master's degree at the same university, as I have seen a good learning environment and support that contributed to my development at academic and professional levels.

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