

Newsletter



University Infrastructure Upgrade to Keep Pace with Academic Expansion and Digital Transformation



President Speech

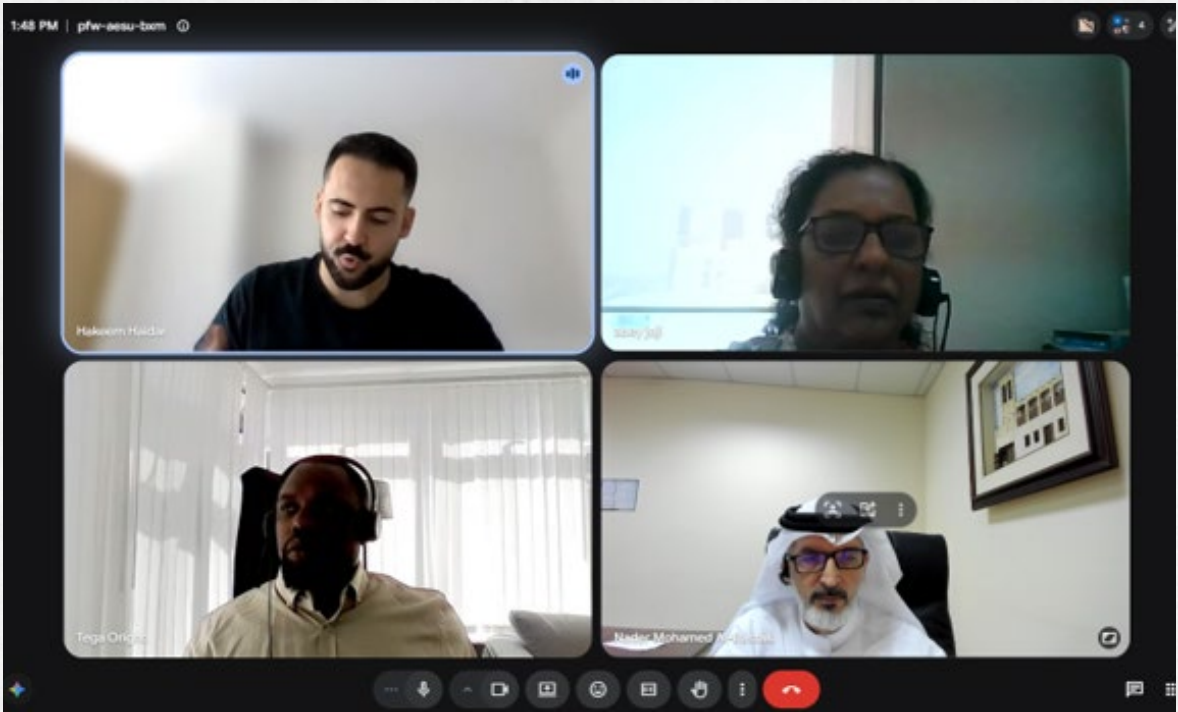
Universities today face the dual challenge of expanding academic offerings while ensuring that their physical and digital infrastructure can support growth. For Kingdom University in Bahrain, upgrading its infrastructure has become a strategic priority to accommodate the increasing number of undergraduate and graduate programs, and to embrace digital transformation across teaching, research, and administration. The expansion in bachelor's and postgraduate programs reflects rising student demand and the university's commitment to meeting labor market needs. New specializations in Business, Information Technology, Law, Architectural Engineering and Design require more than just faculty and curriculum. They demand modern lecture halls, specialized labs, research centers, and collaborative learning spaces. To respond, the university has invested in expanding classroom capacity, upgrading laboratory equipment, and creating flexible learning environments that support both traditional and project-based teaching . In pursuit of greater harmony and enhanced academic quality ,and as part of our commitment to innovation and future-ready education, KU has now embedded Artificial Intelligence within its teaching and learning practices. This initiative reflects the University's broader strategic direction toward integrating AI across all colleges to enrich instructional methods and strengthen student preparedness for emerging professional landscapes.

At the same time, the shift towards digital transformation is reshaping how education is delivered. The university is moving beyond conventional teaching methods by integrating smart classrooms, Learning Management Systems, and cloud-based platforms. This allows students to access course materials, submit assignments, and engage in virtual discussions from anywhere. Digital infrastructure also supports hybrid and blended learning models, which have become essential for postgraduate students

who often balance work and study. Administrative processes are also being digitized. Student registration, fee payment, academic advising, and accreditation documentation are now managed through integrated e-portals. This reduces paperwork, improves efficiency, and enhances student experience. Data analytics tools are being introduced to track student performance and help faculty make evidence-based decisions to improve teaching quality. Infrastructure upgrades further extend to campus facilities. High-speed internet, secure servers, and upgraded IT support systems ensure reliable access to digital resources. Sustainability is also a focus, with energy-efficient buildings and smart resource management aligned with Bahrain's national vision for education and innovation. The goal is clear: to build a university ecosystem where physical expansion and digital capabilities work together. By modernizing its infrastructure, Kingdom University aims to provide high-quality education, support research output, and maintain international accreditation standards. This investment not only prepares the university to handle a larger and more diverse student body, but also positions it as a competitive institution in Bahrain's higher education sector. Ultimately, infrastructure is no longer just about buildings. It is about creating a smart, connected campus that empowers students, faculty, and staff to thrive in a digital-first academic environment.

KU Strengthens Its Partnership with the Chartered Management Institute (CMI)

As part of its commitment to enhancing educational quality and aligning academic outcomes with labor market needs, KU, represented by the College of Business Administration, held a coordination meeting with representatives of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI) to explore opportunities for collaboration and develop initiatives that support students and faculty members. The meeting discussed ways to leverage CMI's professional and educational programs and resources to strengthen students' leadership and management competencies while supporting the continuous professional development of academic staff. Both parties also explored opportunities to increase engagement with CMI's learning and professional development initiatives. Participants highlighted the importance of utilizing CMI's best practices and specialized resources to develop workplace-relevant skills and promote a culture of lifelong learning. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to advancing joint initiatives that enhance students' career readiness and support the University's mission of preparing highly qualified graduates equipped to succeed in today's competitive job market. Through this partnership, the College of Business Administration continues to integrate academic excellence with professional development opportunities, further enhancing student employability and leadership potential.



KU Receives the Compliance with the General Framework Standards for Higher Education Institutional Reviews” Judgment from the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA)

KU has added a new achievement to its academic journey by receiving the judgment of “Compliant with the General Framework Standards for Higher Education Institutional Reviews” from the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA). The achievement reflects the University’s progress in establishing an integrated quality system, enhancing its academic and administrative performance, and strengthening its institutional practices in line with the aspirations of higher education and the needs of the future. Professor Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, received the judgment certificate from Dr. Mariam Hassan Mustafa, Chief Executive of the Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA), in the presence of Dr. Diana Abdulkarim Al-Jahrami, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council, along with a number of officials and representatives from the Authority and the Secretariat General of the Higher Education Council. The judgment comes at a stage in which KU continues to advance its educational and institutional framework, placing the quality of the university experience at the heart of its priorities. This includes developing academic programmes, strengthening teaching and learning practices, supporting research and innovation, enhancing services provided to students, investing in the educational and technological environment, and building partnerships that strengthen the University’s connection with the community and the labour market. On this occasion, Professor Hassan bin Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, expressed his pride in this achievement, emphasizing that the value of the judgment for the University extends beyond receiving a certificate, as it reflects the level of progress achieved in the University’s quality practices and institutional performance. He said: “At KU, we view this judgment as confirmation that we are moving in the right direction, and that the development and improvement we are pursuing across various aspects of the University are creating a tangible impact. For us, quality is not a separate file or a stage that ends with receiving a judgment; rather, it is the way we work and the approach through which we review our performance, improve our practices, and continuously seek what is best for our students and our university.” He added: “This achievement is the result of a collective effort involving KU’s academic and administrative community, as well as everyone who contributed to building and developing this framework. We take great pride in this team, which has demonstrated that ambition, when combined with institutional work and continuous development, can make a real difference.” He said: “Our ambition does not stop at meeting the standards; rather, it extends beyond that—to ensure that quality is tangible in the student experience, in the calibre of our graduates, and in the University’s impact on the community and the labour market. This is the true benchmark we aspire to achieve in the next phase.” For its part, KU continues to develop its academic and institutional framework in line with the transformations taking place across the higher education sector, with a focus on building a university experience that places the student at the heart of the educational process, combines knowledge, skills and practical application, and supports students’ ability to learn, innovate and compete in an evolving work environment.



Experience at its s’Enhances Student KUA Fresh New Look and Expanded Space: Admissions and Registration Department

KU has reopened its Admissions and Registration Department following the completion of extensive expansion and redesign works, unveiling a modern new space designed to enhance the student experience and accommodate the growing needs of students and visitors. The reopening was attended by Mr. Mohammed Ibrahim, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of KU, along with members of the University’s senior management, reflecting the University’s continued commitment to developing its campus environment and enhancing the quality of services provided to students. The expansion and redevelopment project was undertaken as part of KU’s efforts to provide a more spacious, organized, and welcoming environment that meets the increasing needs of students and ensures smoother and more efficient experience when accessing admissions and registration services.

The newly developed department features an expanded space and a contemporary design, allowing it to accommodate a larger number of students and visitors while providing a more comfortable and organized environment. The

improvements are also expected to streamline procedures and enhance the efficiency and quality of services offered. The development of the Admissions and Registration Department forms part of KU’s ongoing vision to continuously enhance its facilities and services. The University believes that the student experience begins from the very first point of contact and extends beyond the academic experience to encompass every stage of the student journey. Meanwhile, KU continues to receive applications from new students for the upcoming academic year until the end of August, providing prospective students with the opportunity to complete their admission procedures and benefit from the enhanced services offered by the newly developed department. The University encourages prospective students seeking to begin their academic journey at KU to take advantage of the available admission opportunity and complete their enrolment procedures, as the University continues to invest in developing its environment and services in line with students’ aspirations and expectations.



KU Strengthens Engagement with Our Students in Saudi Arabia



As part of KU’s commitment to enhancing students’ experience and building a connected university community, student gatherings were organized in Riyadh and the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, bringing together the University’s undergraduate and postgraduate students to strengthen communication and exchange academic and professional experiences.

The University is supporting the development of this initiative to include students from various disciplines, as well as alumni, with the aim of strengthening their sense of belonging and expanding academic and professional networks. The President of KU emphasized the University’s commitment to initiatives that strengthen engagement among students and alumni, noting that developing this initiative will contribute to enriching the student experience, building a sustainable university community, and further enhancing KU’s regional presence and academic reputation.

V60 & Matcha Break!

The HR Department organized a fresh Matcha and V60 coffee experience at the KU campus on the 24th of AUG 2026, inspired by staff suggestions. The initiative met with great enthusiasm and created a warm and engaging atmosphere where colleagues came together to connect and enjoy freshly prepared beverages. The event was a remarkable success, reflecting the value of staff-driven ideas in fostering a positive and collaborative workplace culture.



KU Honors Its High-Achieving Students

KU organized a ceremony honoring its high-achieving students for the academic year –2025 2026. The festive event, filled with pride, brought together the university community, including academic and administrative staff, parents, and outstanding undergraduate and master’s degree students. The ceremony was marked by the warm family spirit for which KU is renowned, as joy and pride prevailed in celebration of the students’ academic accomplishments across various disciplines. In his address on this occasion, Prof. Dr. Hassan Rafdan Al-Hajhoj, President of KU, expressed his pride in the students’ achievements, stating: “Your excellence is a source of pride for us all and embodies the values of distinction and leadership upon which KU is built. We remain dedicated to supporting our students, encouraging their creativity and success, and opening broader horizons for their academic and professional careers.” The University President reaffirmed that KU would continue to foster a stimulating and supportive educational environment that contributes to producing qualified graduates capable of serving the nation. Prof. Al-Hajhoj added: “On behalf of the university, I extend my warmest congratulations to all the honored students and their families. KU will continue to be the primary supporter of their educational and professional journeys.” The university emphasized that this ceremony forms part of its ongoing efforts to nurture exceptional talent and to inspire all students to strive for leadership and excellence in service to society.



KU Promotes Academic Excellence and Educational Opportunities at The Avenues Mall

KU organized a promotional exhibition at The Avenues – Bahrain as part of its efforts to strengthen direct engagement with students and parents and introduce them to the University’s academic programs and specializations offered at both the bachelor’s and master’s levels. During the exhibition, the University’s team showcased the available academic programs and the advantages of studying at KU. The team also provided guidance on admission and registration procedures, scholarships, and student facilities, while responding to visitors’ inquiries and assisting prospective students in selecting programs that align with their interests and future aspirations. Prof. Hassan bin Rafdan Alhajhoj, President of KU,

emphasized that the University’s participation in community events reflects its commitment to reaching out to students and engaging with them directly. He noted that such initiatives provide an opportunity to introduce students to available academic pathways, adding that the University continues to develop its programs in line with labor market requirements and future trends. KU continues to accept applications for admission and registration for the new academic year, as part of its vision to provide a high-quality educational experience that prepares qualified graduates who can compete, excelling, and succeeding in their future careers.

KU Launches Student Recruitment Campaign at Al Nakheel Mall in Riyadh

The University’s team provided comprehensive information about the academic programs offered across various disciplines, in addition to admission and registration requirements, scholarship opportunities available to students, and guidance on academic pathways and university life. The University’s team also highlighted the advantages and opportunities available to KU students, including a modern educational environment designed to develop knowledge and skills and prepare graduates to meet the evolving demands of the

labor market. The platform also shows the range of services and facilities provided to support students throughout their academic journey. The organization of the platform in Riyadh reflects KU’s commitment to strengthening its regional presence and enhancing direct engagement with students in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It also provided students and their parents with an opportunity to explore the University’s academic options, scholarships, and educational opportunities, helping them make informed decisions about the academic programs and pathways that best align with their future aspirations.



Alumni Speech

Since I started my career in the banking sector in 2008, I have made sure that every stage is an opportunity to learn, develop and gain new experiences. During my career, I have moved between a number of banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and have progressed through different responsibilities and positions, from direct banking and branch management to administrative and leadership responsibilities. Today, I work at NBK Bahrain as Assistant Vice President (AVP), where my responsibilities are focused on business development and sales, as well as leading teams and contributing to the achievement of the bank's strategic objectives.

My specialization in Finance and Banking has been directly linked to my career. It has given me the basic knowledge to understand the nature of banking and finance and helped me build a scientific base that I have been able to develop as I accumulate practical experience. I believe that study and experience complement each other; academic knowledge gives you a foundation, while practical experience refines your decision-making ability and deals with various situations and challenges.

Studying at KU has played an important role in building this academic foundation, but what I have learned throughout my career is that professional success is not built on knowledge alone. The ability to communicate, build trust, and form professional relationships based on respect and credibility has been one of the most important factors that have contributed to my professional development. In the banking sector in particular, dealing with people and understanding their needs remains an important foundation for success and continuity.

My advice to students and graduates is to look at education as the beginning of the learning process, not the end of it. Don't just make your ambition tied to a degree or a position, but make sure to constantly develop yourself, benefit from every experience, build a strong professional network, and above all maintain reputation and credibility. Opportunities may open doors, but trust, competence and good attitude are what make a successful and sustainable career.



I am proud of my relationship with Kingdom University as one of its alumni, which is a good relationship based on continuous communication even after graduation. I appreciate the university's keenness to maintain its connection with its alumni, follow their journey, and provide them with the opportunity to share their experiences with students and new generations. Today, I am happy to share some of my professional experience through the university, which was one of the important milestones at the beginning of my career.

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