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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 31st issue of the President's News Digest. It is most likely that we will hear soon about our application for new programmes with British Universities and we should be well prepared in terms of publicity materials, web site, and an aggressive marketing plan.



Last week, the accreditation committee met and we discussed progress in wiring the self-evaluation report following the successful accreditation workshop.

On Thursday, 2 June 2016, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the President, Dr Mohammed Yousif, Mr. Abdulla Al-Khaja, and Mr. Ibrahim from Security, met a group from El-Eker Charity Association to discuss opportunities for collaboration and community engagement.



Also on Thursday, the graduation committee met to reflect on this year graduation ceremony and learn lessons for the future.

On Wednesday evening, the president attended the Russian National Day Celebration at the Diplomat Hotel.



This week, the holy month of Ramadan will start. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families Ramadan Kareem.

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What's New?





“YOUTH AGAINST EXTREMISM”

The Deanship of Student Affairs and Evening Studies participated on 29-30 of May 2016 in the “Youth against Extremism” conference that was under the Patronage of his Highness Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalid Al Khalifa in Isa Cultural Centre. The conference aim was to reach out the Bahraini Youth and to discuss the issues and challenges they face in light of the wave of ideological extremism affecting the region, and their role in addressing it.



Our students including Ali Atiyah Al Rumaihi, Maryam Abdulkareem Baslar and Noor Riyadh Al Saie took part in the conference through a research project that was academically supervised by Dr Faiza Zitouni and entitled “Youth Against Extremism”, the research was two folded, the first part was to identify the challenges faced by the Bahraini Youth and the second part was to further evaluate the causes and effects of the most prominent challenges. The results showed that excessive social media has an impact on the Youth and Extremism, and hence a set of recommendations were provided to prevent youth extremism in the Bahraini society.



ASU students presented their project amongst 18 other papers conducted by students from different universities in Bahrain. At the end of the conference, the students demanded to establish a national committee and develop a media strategy to fight extremism and terrorism. ASU and their students were honored for their tremendous and active participation. Mr. Mohammed Al Najjar and Ms. Hadeel Bucheerei worked hard in supervising and getting our students ready to present their work and empowering them to be creative and thinking out of the box during the presentation and discussion sessions.

ASU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PARTICIPATED IN AN EVENT ABOUT HAJ

Prof Saad Darwish and on behalf of the Community Engagement Office attended the event about Haj sponsored by Imam Malik Bin Anas Society, Islamic Society and the Pakistani Community where speakers gave lectures on Haj Culture. ASU students made version 2 of Haj Culture Exhibition plus a film on Haj led by Dr Murad Al Janabi. The Pakistani Ambassador and Dr. Ibraheem Al Muraikhi Head of Shareea'a Court in Bahrain attended and lectured in this event.





US EDUCATIONAL DELEGATION VISITS ASU

A delegation from the US Embassy visited ASU and held a meeting with the president Prof Ghassan Aouad, Dr. Assem Al-Hajj and Prof Saad Darwish. The meeting discussed the possibilities of educational and cultural cooperation. The two parties agreed on future collaboration and exchanged ideas on how to implement these activities. The delegation, Thomas Tanner, Jane Von Schleh and Elizabeth Stormme, were very keen on giving support to ASU and agreed on general term to think about students exchange and Fulbright program.



There will be a plan to establish what is called the "American Shelf" to be installed in the library. Mrs. Elizabeth, Information resource Officer, also mentioned that we can choose some topics from the 16 "Entrepreneurship Program" and this can be conducted according to our needs. She said that they can help regarding educational sessions about USA, English Courses, Conversation Club, Cultural Programs and Alumni Activities. Following the meeting, the delegation visited the library and met Prof Hussein Zedan and Dr Ammar Jalamneh and discussed means to help in enriching the library with resources.



NQF CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP (3-4 JUNE 2016)

Over the weekend, 25 members of ASU academic staff led by Dr Assem Al-Hajj, VP Academic Affairs and Development, and supported by Ms. Diana El Hageova and Mr. Hamzah Ramadan actively participated in the two-day capacity building workshop "Mapping Qualifications to the National Qualifications Framework". The workshop is the second in ASU's preparation for placing its programmes on the national framework following the successful site visit by DHR Institutional Listing Panel on the 26 January 2016. The dedicated staff were committed to ensure that they gained all necessary practical working experience needed on the National Qualification Framework and understanding the requirements for submission of qualifications for placement on the framework.



The workshop was facilitated by Dr Ian Morris, a Senior Consultant with Ta'seel in Bahrain. The workshop was well received by ASU staff and participants received completion certificates having achieved to have achieved its learning outcomes.



ACSE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME



Asian Council of Science Editors has appointed Dr. Mohammad Al-Hamami as an Ambassador for the year 2016.

As an ACSE Ambassador, Dr. Al-Hamami is now part of a global community of enthusiastic individuals working to build and promote the objectives of The ACSE.

Congratulations!



REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Keep your course portfolio up to date

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It is not enough to be busy... The question is: what are we busy about?"

Henry David Thoreau



Enjoy Reading
