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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 32nd issue of the President's News Digest. Let me start by wishing all of you and your families Ramadan Kareem.



We received last week a communication from the NAQQAET indicating that the final reports for the programmes with limited confidence are due on 15 October 2016 and the site visit will take place on 4 to 7 December 2016. The Dean and Vice Dean of the College are taking the lead and checking progress, and we all need to work hard over the next few months to turn these programmes into full confidence. Professor Newton will be visiting us early July and he will spend a substantial amount of time on these programmes in order to make sure that everything is in place before the summer break.

As you are all aware, we have spent a substantial amount of money on the HEA training to get our colleagues Fellow and Senior Fellow status. The deadline for submitting the applications to Dr Adrian for Fellowships is end of June 2016 and 1 September 2016 for Senior Fellowships. This is to remind all staff concerned of this deadline to submit their application on time and not waste the University's money. Achieving HEA status is important from an accreditation point of view.

The financial aid (صندوق دعم الطالب) committee met last week to allocate funds/scholarships for needy students. The committee decided to grant scholarships to some organisations like the Royal Charity Organization, Waqf Issa, and the Eker Charity Association amongst some others. This is a major achievement and a big investment done by the University, which demonstrates that the University cares for others. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr Sameer Abdulla Nass and the Board and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Professor Waheeb Ahmed Alkhaja, and the Board for their generosity in providing the University with a substantial amount of money to support this noble activity.

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On Sunday, 5 June 2016, the New Programme Launch Committee that deals with the launch of new programmes with British Universities met to put some solid preparation in place. With the likelihood that the HEC will meet soon, we have agreed that all leaflets, brochures, marketing materials, video, web site, registration form, are ready awaiting to get permission from HEC to advertise for new programmes. Open days are also being organised after Eid.

On the evening of Wednesday, 8 June 2016, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and in the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the President and the Director of Administration and Finance, were received in the Majlis of the Late Abdulla Nass, God Bless his Soul, many important figures including Government ministers, ambassadors and influential dignitaries. The Minister for Education, HE Dr Majed Alnuaimi and Assistant Minister, Dr Abdulla Almuttawa have paid a kind visit to this Majlis on the same evening.

On 8 June 2016, a visit to the Bahrain International Investment Park took place, attended by the President, Dean of Student Affairs and the Head of Marketing and Students Recruitment to discuss opportunities for collaboration and to help our students explore opportunities in this impressive business park.

A VISIT TO BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT PARK

On 8 June 2016, a visit to Bahrain International Investment Park took place and in attendance were the President, Prof Ghassan Aouad, Dean of Student Affairs, Dr Faiza Zitouni, and the Head of Marketing and Students Recruitment, Ms. Edyta Przybyla.

Mr. Terry Kehoe, Corporate Services Manager and Mr. Gerry Sharkey, Project Director led the visit.



The group visited the Mondelez and Bahrain Pharma companies and were impressed with the organizational scheme and professionalism. The President discussed potential future cooperation between ASU and BIIP with Mr. Gerry Sharkey and Dr. Waqar Ahmad, Managing Director of Gulf Biotech in terms of providing internships for our student. Further talks will follow including a visit of BIIP representatives to the University.

ADVICES TO DEAL WITH PASSWORDS

Most security attacks, computer accounts and information systems are hacked because of weak passwords. Here are some advices to deal with passwords in a correct way:

Never store a password in plain text.

Use a password of at least 10 characters, less than this number is not enough to provide security nowadays.

Ensure your password contains letters, numeric and special characters.



Avoid using same password for multiple accounts.

Change passwords regularly (around 90 days).

Make passwords as meaningless as possible.

If you are authenticated (logged on) to an account, always logoff after you finish without storing your password.

REMINDER OF THE WEEK

Under the Patronage of his Excellency, Prof Waheeb Alkhaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr Mohammed Yousif would like to invite you to Iftar on Saturday 18 June 2016 at the University Campus in the Cafeteria.

This invitation comes as a celebration for the successful completion of his PhD degree from Cardiff Met University - UK

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A good job is more than just a paycheck. A good job fosters independence and discipline, and contributes to the health of the community. A good job is a means to provide for the health and welfare of your family, to own a home, and save for retirement”.

James H. Douglas, Jr.



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