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## Middle East University Students Launched Unmasking False Accusations Initiative



A delegation consisting of Middle East University students, representing the majority of its faculties, visited the Police Directorate of South Amman in the light of Unmasking False Accusations Initiative. The initiative highlights the amendments of Article (209) of the Penal Code, in order to review laws and penalties relating to malicious complaints.

Director of the Police Directorate of South Amman, General Dr. Ahmad Al Zoubi, who welcomed the student delegation, confirmed that MEU represents a valuable strategic partner of the Public Security Directorate. General Dr. Al Zoubi asserted that the University is an adequate representative of the local community, praising the initiatives that serve citizens and raise their awareness in carrying out their responsibilities.

General Al Zoubi pointed out that Unmasking False Accusations Initiative corresponds with “Fatabyyano” Initiative launched by the Public Security Directorate recently in many governorates. “Fatabyyano” aims to increase the efforts exerted in protecting the society from the devastating risks of rumors. It also promotes the necessity of confirming the truth behind trending information before sharing it. It is worth mentioning that the meeting was attended by the Attorney General of the Police Directorate of South Amman, Colonel Ali Al Qudah; Assistant Director of Muqabalayn Police Station; Head of Judiciary Department; and Head of Community Police Department.

The meeting included displaying a number of police protocols in police stations and directorate, related to receiving complaints, handling them, and referring them to judicial authorities in accordance with legal protocols granted to Public Security.

In their turn, the University students commended the advanced order through which Public Security provides humanitarian and security services to all citizens. The students applauded the Directorate’s efforts in raising awareness and revealing the reality of the risks of spreading rumors, which devastate societies, and inaugurating several national initiatives.

It is worth noting that Unmasking False Accusations Initiative falls under the activities of “I Participate” Student Programme, organized in partnership with the Deanship of Student Affairs at Middle East University. The initiative aims to bring many causes to life and present them for discussion in universities, then referring them to the House of Representatives.

## Dr. Nasereddin Inaugurated a Comprehensive Course in Journalism Arts at Petra News Agency



Amman- Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Middle East University, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, inaugurated today a comprehensive course in Journalism Arts, which was held at Petra News Agency.

During the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin stated that this course organized by the University in cooperation with Petra News Agency represents an implementation of the vision of His Majesty, King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, stressing the necessity of establishing an active partnership between public and private sectors. Chairman of the Board of Trustees expressed his honor in collaborating with an agency that concerns all Jordanians, and delivers Jordanian interests with credibility and transparency. The mentioned inauguration ceremony was attended by the Agency's Director General, Dr. Mohammed Al Omari, and the Dean of the University's Faculty of Media, Dr. Izzat Hijab.

Dr. Nasereddin specified the participating students with part of his speech, emphasizing their role as future journalists and pioneers in Media, describing it as the profession of delivering the truth. MEU's Chairman of the Board of Trustees urged them to adopt Media as a profession and not a hobby. Dr. Nasereddin stressed that journalists represent a supreme profession. Therefore, they have to seek the truth and avoid spreading all kinds of devastating rumors. He declared that rumors were employed in recent years to destroy countries and nations, while schemers considered them to be one of the most pivotal factors in overthrowing regimes, especially in Arab Spring countries.

Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin affirmed that MEU's Faculty of Media is prominent in the field of Media, through its vision of pioneering in media programmes and serving local community. The Faculty's message consists of preparing and qualifying journalists to compete in the field of Media. The Faculty is equipped with Media Training and Development Center, which is considered to be a specialized center eminent in providing training and professional services in a direct and practical manner in all Media Arts. Students are qualified through the center to delve into the labor market with professional skills.

The course will last for two weeks, targeting MEU's Media students, tackling lectures and specialized workshops in various Media and Journalism arts.

It is worth mentioning that Middle East University has recently launched a joint cooperation programme with Petra News Agency in order to qualify Faculty of Media students in various Media and Journalism arts, in addition to enrolling them in specialized journalism seminars.



## Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Middle East University Addresses the Youth: “You Are the Initiators of Change and Future Makers.”



Amman- Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Middle East University, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, met with a student delegation from the Australian National University, in order to discuss future plans and stages experienced by the students through their academic and professional journeys.

During the meeting, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin expressed his delight whenever meeting with youth from different age groups. He added that the youth are the hope, future, and bedrock of any community's advancement and prominence. It is worth noting that the meeting was organized by Student Exchange and Studying Abroad Programmes Division at the Deanship of International Programmes.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees confirmed to the students that one cannot prosper in life without continuous hard-work and learning. Dr. Nasereddin called on the importance of learning, self-confidence, and the ability of making a change. He also stated that life, with all of its struggles, allows us to be more determined and successful.

Dr. Nasereddin stressed that students must possess knowledge, objectives, and a message in order to achieve success and uplift society; for knowledge is power.

Australian students presented a review of Jordan's history and successive civilizations, in addition to different Jordanian traditions. The students expressed their pleasure and state of serenity for being in Jordan, applauding their Jordanian colleagues' hospitality.

It is worth mentioning that Middle East University hosted Australian students over two months, in order to promote cultural and academic exchange. That also leads to the exchange of experiences with MEU's students, networking, and opening up to international cultures. Not to mention that such experiences provide the University's students with international knowledge and skills. The academic exchange consists of interactive workshops and field trips to get to know various cultures.

## The Faculty of Business at Middle East University Hosts the Executive Partner of KPMG Jordan



Amman- An introductory lecture was held by the Faculty of Business at Middle East University, where the executive partner of KPMG Jordan, Mr. Hatim Al Qawasmi, was hosted to discuss professional accounting certificates CPA-CMA.

Al Qawasmi reviewed the importance of professional certificates of accounting, audit, and administrative and financial sciences. He also explored the required qualifications to obtain a certified administrative accountant certificate.

The Executive Partner of KPMG Jordan called on the necessity of setting achievable and executable goals, encouraging students to identify and document their objectives, and follow the steps of successful figures. Al Qawasmi stressed the significance of discipline, enhancing skills, and time management. He also emphasized the importance of innovative thinking, and acquiring professional certificates in order to become an accountant that uplifts his institution and serves his community.

The lecture witnessed an extended discussion where the lecturer answered the attendees' questions. At the end, Dr. Mahmoud Al Wadi presented Mr. Hatim Al Qawasmi with the University's honorary shield.

KPMG Jordan is considered to be one of the prominent companies that provide audit and financial and tax consultancy services in the world.

## Faculty of Pharmacy at Middle East University Inaugurates the First Academic and Educational Season



Amman- Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Middle East University, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, stated that the concepts of innovation, invention, creativity, and entrepreneurship are often confused in meaning and application. He followed his statement with the confirmation that it is indeed a common occurrence that limited the importance of investing in these concepts.

Dr. Nasereddin conducted a lecture titled “Concept Analysis and Coherence between Innovation, Invention, Creativity, and Entrepreneurship”, which was part of the inauguration of the first academic and educational season for the Faculty of Pharmacy at MEU. The lecture was attended by Vice-President, Dr. Mohammed Al Wadi, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Dr. Ammar Al Mayateh, and a number of teaching and administrative staff, in addition to a number of students.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees reviewed the concepts of innovation, invention, creativity, and entrepreneurship, and the concerned academic studies. Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin identified the nature of the organic, reasonable, and integrative relationship between the concepts, presenting an analysis based on theoretical and practical approaches. He also revealed the relationship between these concepts and the means of their investment.

The lecture consisted of an extended discussion between Dr. Nasereddin and the attending students. The discussion was fixated on the exploitation of one’s familiarity with these concepts, and the resulted effects on Pharmacy students’ experience throughout their academic journey and beyond.

Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Dr. Ammar Al Mayateh, spoke during the inauguration of the Faculty’s first academic and educational season, affirming that the event aims to host prominent intellectual figures on a national scale. He pronounced the event’s interest in all vital sectors related to Pharmacy as a profession, in order to develop the students’ personalities and provide them with experience.

In his turn, Head of Community Service and Extracurricular Activities Committee at the Faculty, Dr. Khalil Al Taif, asserted the significance of such activities in boosting and enhancing the students’ skills. He pointed out that the Faculty is planning to organize various activities and events based on continuous learning, interconnected with the academic curricula.

It is worth noting that the Faculty of Pharmacy at Middle East University operates within a strategy interrelated with the University’s mission and vision. The Faculty’s strategy is based on the enhancement of student skill and knowledge, through extracurricular activities. Such activities aim to cope with the rapid advancement of pharmaceutical learning, in order to graduate adequate students capable of meeting the required qualifications at local, regional, and international labor markets.



## Director of Entrepreneurial Businesses Centre at Middle East University: a Trainer and Expert at GIM Institute



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Amman- Global Innovation Management Institute (GIM) has appointed the Director of Entrepreneurial Businesses Centre at Middle East University, Dr. Abdulrahman Zuraik, a representative for the Middle East as an international expert and trainer in innovation.

Dr. Zuraik, who holds a PhD in Innovation and Leadership from the California University of Management, is considered to be one of the accredited strategic innovators at the historic Harvard University and Global Innovation Institute in Boston. Director of Entrepreneurial Businesses Centre works as an advisor for the Executive Council of Dubai, and is a member of Scientific Research and Innovation Fund. He is an advisor for King Abdullah II Center for Excellence; for he retains vast experiences in establishing innovative capabilities in companies, in addition to providing ideology outlining, innovation in drafting business models, and frameworks of value proposition design. GIM Institute, whose headquarters is situated in Boston, is responsible for innovation's quality-evolution on an international scale. Its members work on providing training and consultancy for companies and governments, in order to set innovation as the bedrock of their growth and development.

It is worth mentioning that Entrepreneurial Businesses Centre at Middle East University aims to achieve a number of objectives, of which the most noteworthy are: spreading the culture of entrepreneurial businesses and innovation, enhancing students' innovative abilities, and enabling them of finding successful start-up companies. In addition to the previously mentioned objectives, the center looks to utilize the employment of human and financial resources at the University, and find business incubators for entrepreneurial projects. The center exerts such efforts in order to promote partnership with the local community, and partake in transforming knowledge into projects that correspond to the labor market.





## The Faculty of Engineering at Middle East University Becomes a Member of the Federation of Arab Engineers



Amman- Middle East University's Faculty of Engineering gained a four year membership in the Federation of Arab Engineers.

This accomplishment is based on the recommendations of Engineering Education Committee at the Federation of Arab Engineers to accredit Bachelor's programmes of Civil and Renewable Energy Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering for four years, starting from the year of 2018 until 2022. The decision was made according to the outcomes of the Comprehensive Evaluation Report of the Faculty's programmes in the fields of teaching, scientific research, infrastructure, and supporting facilities and services.

MEU's President, Dr. Mohammad Al Hileh, congratulated the University on this achievement, adding that it is considered a significant success in academic and social fields. The role of the Faculty and MEU is highlighted through qualifying graduates capable of competing in the field of Engineering, and carrying out their role of leadership in developing the community.

It is worth mentioning that the Federation of Arab Engineers is an Arab organization established in the mid-forties. The First Engineering conference was held in Egypt, followed by a series of conventions attended by a vast number of Arab engineers. The Federation's main objectives are represented in rallying Arab engineers' capabilities and dedicating their efforts in serving the Arab nation's objectives in sustainable development. The Federation also aims to uplift the profession's status, setting manners for its conduct, and advancing its academic and professional standards, in order to meet the requirements of the revival of the Arab World.

## Middle East University Participates in a Toastmasters International Event



Amman- Entrepreneurial Businesses Centre at Middle East University participated in an event (in English) organized by Toastmaster International's club in Amman.

This participation aimed to provide the center's students and administrative staff with experiences and enhance their personal public-speaking and leadership skills.

The meeting consisted of the participation of a number of University students from different majors in giving improvised speeches, and speaking in front of a large audience. The event included guiding students through writing improvised speeches, using body language, different voice tones, eye-contact, and other instructions to master the skill of public-speaking.

It is worth mentioning that Entrepreneurial Businesses Centre will soon adopt and hold Toastmasters International's events at the University, providing students with skills and developing previously-existing ones, such as: listening, public-speaking, body-language, and writing skills.

It is also worth noting that Toastmasters International is a specialized international club and non-profit educational institution. The first club was established in 1922, in the United States of America. The institution's clubs, which are spread around the world, aim to help people in communication and public-speaking, in addition to acquiring them with leadership skills.



## Development of Tourism and Travel in the Middle East Network Centre – Middle East University in an Introductory Meeting with the Officials of Building Economic Sustainability through Tourism Project Funded by USAID



Amman- Development of Tourism and Travel in the Middle East Network Centre organized an introductory meeting between the center and Building Economic Sustainability through Tourism Project, which is funded by USAID, under the patronage of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin.

Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin expressed his gratitude, during his welcoming speech, to USAID for its efforts in supporting Jordan's economy, stating that he is looking forward to work with the organization, along with the members of the Network's center. The Network was inaugurated by Middle East University, in accordance with its vision and mission that promotes community development by all means. It is worth noting that the meeting was attended by the Project's Director, Mr. Preston Motes, former Secretary-General for World Tourism Organization, Dr. Taleb Al Refai, Managing Director of Jordan Tourism Board, Dr. Abdelrazzaq Arabiyat, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tourism and Travel Development in the Middle East Network, Dr. Sana'a Shiqwarah, and the Director of Development of Tourism and Travel in the Middle East Network Centre, Dr. Suzy Hatough, and the center's supporting team from the University.

Mr. Preston expressed his utter fondness of Middle East University, which inspired him since the moment he stepped foot into its grounds. He stressed the positive energy generated from its every corner, spreading hope and refreshing desire to learn and advance. Mr. Preston welcomed any cooperation between the project's management, which was launched in 2015 and will continue on till the end of 2020, and the Network's center, which is headquartered in Middle East University.

The meeting consisted of an introductory presentation on Development of Tourism and Travel in the Middle East Network Centre's programmes and activities, presented by its director, Dr. Suzy Hatough. The presentation also tackled the efforts exerted by the center to achieve sustainable development in the Middle East through tourism and travel, while Dr. Hatough also reviewed possible cooperation aspects between the two parties.

Dr. Sara Nasereddin, member of the center's Board of Directors and Assistant President of International Affairs, presented on the academic programmes provided by Middle East University and the centers it holds. Dr. Nasereddin also pointed out that the University is the only Arab university that is a member of World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The presentation consisted of a highlight of Tourism Management Department at the Faculty of Business Administration, and future projects that aim to globalize the sector of tourism and travel.

Building Economic Sustainability through Tourism Project (BEST), during its operation period that lasts for five years and with its budget of thirty-six million dollars, aims to support Jordan in order to become an exceptional tourism destination, capable of competing on an international scale. The project operates in cooperation with governmental, non-governmental, and private institutions in order to develop tourism facilities and services.

It is worth mentioning that Middle East University has recently established Development of Tourism and Travel in the Middle East Network Centre for the year of 2018, and its members consist of experts from various countries of the Mediterranean Basin. The center aims to develop tourism through cooperation, and magnify benefits and opportunities of the sector of Tourism, which leads to progress economic and social development in the Middle East.



## Middle East University Shines at Abu Dhabi Jiu-Jitsu Grand Slam and Wins the Fifth Place



Amman- Middle East University shone at Abu Dhabi Jiu-Jitsu Grand Slam, which was recently held in United Arab Emirates.

Jordan and the University's exceptional representative, student Karim Abdullah from the Faculty of Information Technology, managed to win the fifth place in 69kg weight class, amongst thirty-three Arab and foreign international players.

Student Karim had a perseverant display in all of his matches at the tournament, which witnessed the participation of world-class players from different continents, and competitions in junior and senior categories in different weight classes.

Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Saleem Sharif, congratulated student Karim Abdullah for his distinguished achievement, representing the University in a satisfying manner at local and international events he has participated in.

It is worth mentioning that student Karim Abdullah is an expert Jiu-Jitsu athlete, who has many sports achievements on local, regional, and even international scales, as he holds the 105th place in the sport's world-ranking. His latest achievements were winning the silver medal at the Jordanian Universities' Tournament for Jiu-Jitsu in the 94kg weight class, and placing fifth in World Jiu-Jitsu Championship amongst forty participants, in addition to winning the gold medal twice in the Kingdom's tournament.

## Honoring Arab and Foreign Students at Middle East University



Amman- Under the patronage of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the University held an honoring ceremony for its Arab and foreign students, who partook in the success of Arab Communities in Jordan Fair that is organized annually by the Deanship of Student Affairs, with the participation of students of various Arab nationalities.

The ceremony's patron, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, affirmed that Middle East University fosters students from different races and nationalities, and is keen on making them feel at home on campus; for their presence augments the University's depth of nationalism. He asserted that Middle East University realizes the common challenges facing the Arab World when it comes to uplifting the nation, pointing out that Jordanian and Arab and foreign students are but brothers.

President Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh stated that the University provides suitable academic conditions for its student expats who chose Jordan, Middle East University in specific, to resume their studies, for their belief in the University's exceptional academic standards and reputation. Such standards represent the students' starting point as they are considered to be Jordan's ambassadors in their home countries after their graduation.

In her turn, Arab and Foreign Students Recruitment Centre's Coordinator, Ms. Gharam Al Zoubi, confirmed that the University, represented by its administration, is determined to integrate its student expats with its community, and encourage them to participate in its activities and events. Such efforts show the evident correlation between the Ministry of Higher Education's expectations regarding student expats and the visions of the University's Board of Trustees and management in extending a hand of cooperation to cultural attachés. The Ministry's greater objective is to make a swift process of Arab students' studies in the universities of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which will have a positive effect on the development of our country's higher education, expand the horizons of intellectual and cultural exchange, and support our universities' educational and academic march.

Student Ahmad Al Masri praised, during his speech on behalf of Arab and foreign students, the University's management and Deanship of Student Affairs' role in attentively nurturing student expats and supporting their variant activities that aim to deepen cultural and social dialogues between students, which are joined together in friendship and brotherhood regardless of their nationalities.

The event consisted of poetic and musical segments performed by the University's choir, in addition to a theatrical performance titled "A Good Family" by members of Student Expats Club at the Deanship of Student Affairs, which replicates the reality of Arab countries and the challenges that lie ahead, asserting the importance of Arab unity.

At the end of the ceremony, its patron, the University's president, Dr. Mohammad Al Hileh, and the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Saleem Al Sharif, handed out certificates of appreciation to student honorees.



## Deliberations of Cooperation between Middle East University and Iraqi Academic Institutions



Amman- Member of Middle East University's Board of Trustees, Dr. Ahmad Nasereddin, met with the owner of five of Iraq's prominent universities, Dr. Jaafar Al Jomeli, in order to deliberate ways of cooperation with Iraqi academic institutions.

During the meeting, Dr. Ahmad Nasereddin discussed mechanisms of networking with Iraqi academic institutions and recruiting more Iraqi students to complete their graduate studies in the University. Dr. Nasereddin presented the University's vision, its various academic majors that are required in local and Arab labor markets, and the qualified teaching and administrative staff available. Furthermore, he reviewed the programmes and academic majors hosted by Middle East University, according to which Jordanian and Arab students obtain a British university degree (BA, MA, PhD) from the University of Bedfordshire. It is worth noting that the meeting was attended by the Dean of Accreditation, Quality, and Information, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Dr. Ahmad Allozi, and the Coordinator of Arab and Foreign Students Centre at the University, Dr. Gharam Al Zoubi.

Dr. Ahmad Nasereddin pointed out that these efforts are but an adaptation of his Majesty's visions in uplifting higher education; a commitment to the expectations of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Jordan in regards to student expats and its management's aim to establish means of cooperation with cultural attachés. All of which facilitates Arab students' admission in the universities of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, leaving a positive effect on the development of higher education and supporting its academic march. In his turn, Dr. Jomeli praised Middle East University for fostering Iraqi students; providing them with knowledge and academic experiences in accordance with international standards.



## Middle East University Honors an Elite of its Distinct Students

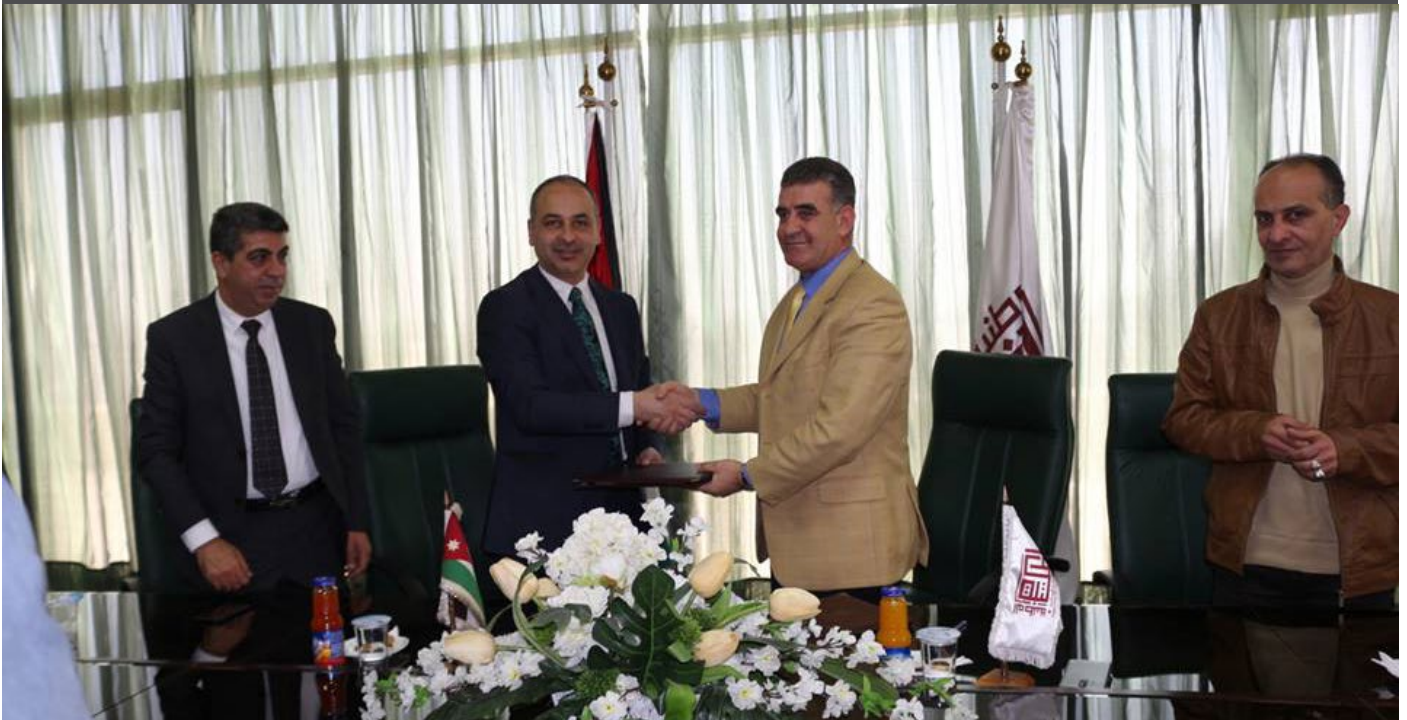


Amman- Deanship of Student Affairs at Middle East University honored a group of the University's distinct students who partook in the success of the Arab and foreign students' ceremony that was recently held with the attendance of a number of cultural attachés.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Saleem Sharif, expressed his pride in the students who partook in the success of the Arab and foreign students' ceremony, which reflected the University's core values that are based on prominence, innovation, learning, and spreading knowledge. Dr. Sharif's statement follows the students' theatrical performance titled "A Good Family", which simulated the reality of Arab countries and the challenges they face. The mentioned performance won the appreciation and fondness of attending Arab cultural attachés and community representatives in Jordan. It is worth noting that the honoring ceremony was attended by the Member of the Board of Trustees at Middle East University, Dr. Ahmad Nasereddin.

Dr. Ahmad Nasereddin asserted that the University's leadership, represented by its president and Board of Trustees, supports all innovators and exerts efforts to enhance and display their talents in local and international events. The University also seeks to be based on cultural infusion with diverse identities, nationalities, and races. Dr. Nasereddin praised the role of the University's president and Deanship of Student Affairs in imparting students with expertise and experiences that lead to the polishing of their personalities and displaying their innovation in different curricular and extracurricular activities.

## Middle East University Signs a Cooperation Agreement with the Department of the National Library



Amman- Middle East University and the Department of the National Library signed a joint-cooperation agreement regarding documenting procedures and scientific research.

Dean of Accreditation, Quality, and Information and the Faculty of Law, Dr. Ahmad Allozi, signed the agreement on behalf of the University as the president's commissioner. As for the Department of the National Library, it was represented by its General Manager, Professor Nedal Al Ayasra.

Dr. Allozi confirmed that the signing of this agreement is part of the University's aim to augment its relations with the institutions of local community, especially in aspects of supporting academic and research marches. It also correlates with Middle East University's vision in developing the capabilities of these institutions, and providing them with academic expertise and resources available at its disposal.

In his turn, Dr. Al Ayasra praised Middle East University's significant role in developing local community institutions and its efforts in enriching scientific and academic progress in Jordan. Dr. Al Ayasra asserted the commitment of the Department of the National Library to benefit from the academic capabilities of MEU. The terms of the agreement included the implementation of free training courses, seminars, and workshops in the field of libraries, information, and archiving sciences. It will also lead to the conducting of international conferences in the field of libraries and intellectual property, as well as exchanging publications, books, manuscripts, and any other documents and photographs that would support the development of documentary and cultural knowledge.

Moreover, both sides agreed on establishing a public library to serve local community members, and exchanging necessary expertise to develop strategic and operational plans.

It is worth mentioning that Middle East University signed various cooperation agreements with local, Arab, and international scientific and cultural organizations. Such agreements represent the University's commitment to uplift higher education in Jordan in order to implement the supreme royal visions to reform and develop the education sector and improve its outcomes to meet the requirements of holistic development.

## The Implementation of the Second Phase of Family Counseling Course between Middle East University and Chief Justice Department



Amman- In cooperation with Judicial Institute of Jordan at Chief Justice Department, Consulting and Training Center at Middle East University launched the second phase of the specialized courses in family counseling and reforming titled “Consent before Litigation”.

The head of Consulting and Training Center at MEU, Mr. Ahmad Nimer, confirmed that these courses aim to achieve social security, provide families with academic expertise, and promote their cultural role. He stated that the center’s courses witness an increasing participation, adding that the courses will extend to include other provinces such as Al Karak, Al Tafilah, Ma’an and Aqaba to serve Jordan and its citizens.

The courses consist of legal and educational tracks, in addition to the practical aspect. A number of judges, educators, and academics from Chief Justice Department and Middle East University will participate in lecturing these courses. The participants will visit reforming offices in courts to be introduced to their work closely.

It is worth mentioning that Middle East University and Judicial Institute of Jordan agreed on exchanging academic expertise through the cooperation to conduct and establish joint specialized training courses in terms of family counseling and reforming and legislative drafting. These joint training courses will be executed by qadis from the institute and teaching staff from the University.



## Dr. Amani Mahmoud Promoted to Associate Professor at Middle East University

Amman- Council of Deans at Middle East University has decided to promote Dr. Amani Mohammed Walid Ahmad Mahmoud to Associate Professor in Special Education and Educational Technology Department at the Faculty of Educational Sciences.



## A Partnership between Middle East University and the Municipality of Madaba



Amman- For the second consecutive year, a joint cooperation-agreement was signed between Middle East University and the Municipality of Madaba, which aims to support Madaba's local community members in various aspects.

The agreement was signed by Middle East University's president, Mohammad Al Hileh, and the Municipality of Madaba's Head, Eng. Ahmad Al Azaydah, while the formalities were attended by the Vice-President of the Board of Trustees for Community Services at Middle East University, Dr. Sana'a Shiqwarah.

Dr. Al Hileh asserted that signing this agreement reflects MEU's commitment to carry out its vision and message, which calls on offering all kinds of support to local community members through providing academic capabilities, or taking part in boosting development with researches and extracurricular activities in Madaba, which is well-known for its historical value.

In his turn, Eng. Al Azaydah expressed his gratitude to Middle East University for its significant efforts that fulfill the city's needs in academic and research fields. He also hoped that the agreement between the University and the municipality would serve both Jordan and its citizens.

The terms of the agreement include exchanging field visits between both sides in order to review expertise, in addition to conducting specialized training courses and workshops regarding mutual issues and matters that serve the community.

Middle East University and the Municipality of Madaba agreed on organizing panel discussions, seminars, and joint academic-conferences, in addition to exchanging academic publications and periodicals. Moreover, the two parties decided to offer initiatives and consulting services to all community institutions.

It is worth mentioning that Middle East University recently fostered the inauguration ceremony of the Local Economic Development Strategic Plan 2019/2021 for the Greater Municipality of Madaba, which is considered to be the first of its kind on a national-scale. All such exerted efforts aim to serve the members of local community, and boost the progress of holistic development.

## Middle East University Installs a Flagpole of Homage to Country and Leadership



Amman- Middle East University raised today the Jordanian flag on the highest flagpole on a Jordanian university campus under the patronage of its Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, in celebration of his Majesty's, King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, fifty-seventh birthday.

It was a celebration of true nationalism and the deepening of its roots in the hearts and minds of countrymen from all community groups. It is worth noting that the celebration was attended by national figures, representatives of Arab and foreign embassies, intellectuals, journalists, and the University's family.

Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, who unveiled the occasion's mural, pointed out that this celebration, during which Jordan's flag was raised, holds numerous meanings and connotations. Installing the highest flagpole on Middle East University's campus opposite to Airport Road, which is aligned with universities, as if it was extruded from Raghadan's flagpole, which is the world's highest. A flagpole holding Jordan's flag, one that represents Arabism that Al Sharif Hussein bin Ali, the initiator of the Great Arab Revolt, fought ferociously for, and the Kingdom's Founder, King Abdullah I ibn Al Hussein, situated on Jordan's blessed soil, and our leader, King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, raised high.

Dr. Nasereddin stated that this occasion bears countless fundamental meanings, one of which lies in the expression of loyalty and nationalism towards Jordan, the land of virtue, devotion, and resilience. The second of which lies in pride and dignity, and this land's prosperous history, which God has made one of Arabism and Islam's forts, and a beacon of love, tolerance, and harmony amongst peoples. The third of which embodies the University's role in deepening the relationship between science, learning, and knowledge, and the true value of the University's current and graduated students; especially when their homelands are their most precious gifts, and the biggest fuel for their academic journeys in order to uplift themselves and their homelands alike.

Middle East University's President, Professor Mohammad Al Hileh, expressed his pride in this achievement of installing the highest flagpole of our country's flag on a university campus, in celebration of his Majesty's birthday and this treasured occasion. The kind, humanitarian king, whose heart is filled with love for his people; accomplishing the greatest of achievements that serve their best interest.

The celebration, which was coordinated by Presenter Hani Al Badri, consisted of national musical-segments for Amman Municipality and Public Security's bands, the University's choir, and poetic segments by students dedicated to our country and its leader.



## Master's Thesis



A Master's thesis was defended in Media major at the Faculty of Media at Middle East University. The thesis was titled Jordan Tourism Board's Publicity Role in Promoting Jordanian Tourism from the Point of View of Tourism Agencies' Owners by the researcher Ahmad Abdullah Al Raggad.



The researcher Ayman Muhammad Mefrij, majoring in Political Science at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, defended his Master's thesis titled "A Palestinian State in the Scope of Palestinian and Israeli Political Agendas and the Possibility of its Establishment"



A Master's thesis was defended in Administration and Curriculums/Faculty of Educational Sciences at Middle East University. The thesis was titled Amman's Elementary Public Schools' Administrators' Adoption of Organizational Learning and the Challenges of its Implementation from the Point of View of Teachers by the researcher Razan Yacoub Al Bustanji.



A Master's thesis was defended in Media at the Faculty of Media titled Investigative Journalism's Role in Unveiling Corruption from the Point of View of Jordanian Journalists by the researcher Rawan Imad Hamam.

## Master's Thesis



A Master's thesis titled The Criminal Liability of Banks in Case of Banking Secrecy Violation was defended in Public Law/ Faculty of Law at Middle East University by the researcher Mohammad Ahmad Al Ta'mari.



A Master's thesis was defended in Political Sciences at the Faculty of Art and Sciences titled Economy's Role in Forming States' Foreign Policies: A Case Study of Libya (1969-2011) by the researcher Muhammad Lutfi Darz.



The researcher, Muhammad Abdullah Issa, majoring in Accounting at the Faculty of Business, defended his master's thesis titled "The Impact of Revealing Governance and Social Responsibility on the Market Value of Amman Stock Exchange's Industrial Companies."



A Master's thesis was defended at Middle East University in the major of Curriculums and Teaching Methods at the Faculty of Educational Sciences. The thesis was titled The Effect of Using Flipped Classroom Strategy on Grades and Knowledge Retention in Teaching Mathematics to Second Grade Students by the researcher Manal Mohammad Qattash.