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#### MEU participates in EAIE International Higher Education Conference in Helsinki



Amman - Middle East University has participated in the 31st EAIE International Higher Education Conference organized by the European Association for International Education in Helsinki, Finland.

The University was represented by the Dean of Pharmacy and Member of the Higher Education Development Team affiliated with Erasmus+, Dr. Ammar Al Maaytah. He confirmed that the University was able to communicate with European universities interested in launching academic exchange programmes with MEU. These universities represent a number of countries such as the Netherlands, France, Ireland, Czechia, Spain, Italy, Romania, Belgium, Cyprus, and Slovenia.

EAIE International Higher Education Conference is the largest in Europe, and is annually held in a different European country. It aims to assist international universities in achieving academic distinction through internationalisation and contribution to international higher education developments from a European perspective.

MEU's participation is based upon its strategy for the internationalisation of its programmes and activation of academic mobility. The University believes in the said objectives' impact on higher education and following the optimal experiences adopted by European universities.



# MEU participates in the second Arab forum on youth and societal responsibility in Nablus



Amman – Middle East University (MEU), represented by its Vice President, Prof. Mahmoud Al Wadi, participated in the events of the second Arab forum on youth and societal responsibility. The forum was organised on the occasion of the international day for societal responsibility at Al Quds Open University in Nablus, Palestine.

Prof. Al Wadi participated with a scientific paper titled The Quality of University Services and Their Role in Establishing Social Competencies, where he discussed universities' educational services, quality assurance, and social competencies. He touched on the importance of the educational sector, and the role it plays in developing social competencies, in addition to elements affecting universities' societal responsibility. Moreover, the forum was held at the university's branch in Nablus under the patronage of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Eng. Adnan Samara, and with the attendance of a number of university presidents.

At the conclusion of the forum, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Eng. Adnan Samara, honoured MEU for its effective participation. In the concluding statement, participants recommended dedicating social responsibility contributions to sustainable development and the sponsorship of universities' initiatives and projects in the same field.



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# MEU celebrates the graduation of Amman Batch for the second and summer semesters



Amman - Under the patronage of the Chairman of Middle East University's (MEU) Board of Trustees, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, the graduation ceremony for the 13th batch of MA students and the 10th of BA students (Amman Batch) for the second and summer semesters was held at Prince Hamzah Hall in Al Hussein Youth City.

The University celebrated the graduation of a new batch of its students with the attendance of the members and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Sanaa' Sheqwarah; members of the Board of Trustees; the University's President, Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh; deans of faculties; faculty members and administrative staff; the University's guests from Arab and international embassies; in addition to the students' families.

Dr. Nasereddin congratulated graduates and their parents on their efforts and successfully completing the requirements of their academic degrees. He added that MEU provides its students with the opportunity to learn with seriousness and ethical commitment, according to local and international quality standards. MEU goes the extra mile with qualification and training, conducting useful scientific research, and expanding its students' knowledge in preparation for labour markets.

Dr. Nasereddin addressed graduates saying, "MEU marches forward with its journey towards the internationalisation of education. It aims to benefit from successful international experiences in order to qualify Jordanian and Arab students for local, Arab, and international labour markets." He added, "A few days ago, we launched a partnership project with yet another reputable university, the University of Strathclyde, in the field of pharmaceutical sciences," in addition to MEU's partnership with the University of Bedfordshire, which stipulates hosting its academic programmes. The University aims to extend its partnership with other international universities in order to uplift higher education outputs in the Kingdom by benefiting from the optimal experiences and educational advancements of those universities in service of all humanity.

In his turn, the University's President, Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, expressed his delight with graduating this batch, as he reviewed the capabilities dedicated by the University to enlighten their minds, meet their needs, and provide local and regional labour markets with devoted young potential. As a result, the University has become a distinct and renowned academic institution on local and international scales. Its repute is saliently evident in its keenness on developing its programmes and varying its majors, as well as establishing academic partnerships and agreements with prestigious international universities.

On the other hand, graduates expressed their gratitude to the University and its administration, as well as its faculty members and administrative staff, for their exerted efforts to guide them towards this moment. Each and every one of them is now capable of achieving their objectives and ambitions, and leading promising futures. These graduates are now qualified for labour markets, as they are armed with determination and the well to excel.

The emotional ceremony witnessed the honouring of outstanding students, along with artistic performances, and joyful scenes partnered with national songs.

It is worth mentioning that the graduation ceremony was organised with the sponsorship of Orange, McDonalds – Jordan, Ard wa Ward for agricultural supplies, Laith Press, and Al Karmel Studio.



## MEU's IEC deliberates join cooperation with PUM



Amman – Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (IEC) at Middle East University (MEU), Dr. Abdulrahman Zuraik, met with the Regional Manager of PUM, Mr. Wim van Halteren, and the General Manager of Jordan Europe Business Association (JEBA), Mr. Ayman Qaffaf, to deliberate and develop joint cooperation in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship.

The gathered discussed the Center's affairs and activities, as viewpoints on the European experience in entrepreneurship and investment were exchanged. Moreover; they reviewed joint projects in manufacture, commerce, and services; preparing joint programmes to exchange expertise; and advancing the capabilities of small-medium institutions.

It was also specified to support the Center by providing international experts who will contribute to the application of the European experience in accelerators and business incubators according to the followed optimal practices.

It is worth mentioning that MEU's IEC targets entrepreneurs from inside and outside the University in order to spread the culture of entrepreneurial businesses and innovation. The Center also aims to develop students' creative capabilities, and enable them of finding successful startups.



# MEU marches forward towards the internationalisation of education – Dr. Nasereddin to Amman Batch



Amman – Chairman of Middle East University's (MEU) Board of Trustees, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, confirmed that the University marches forward with its journey towards the internationalisation of education, and benefiting from successful international experiences. Such objectives are set and realised to serve Jordanian and Arab students, and provide them with suitable opportunities in local, Arab and international labour markets.

Dr. Nasereddin confirmed, in his speech at the graduation ceremony of the 13th batch of MA students and 10th of BA students for the second and summer semesters of 2018/2019, that the University plans to expand cooperation relations with other international universities. It aims to enhance the Kingdom's higher education outputs by benefiting from optimal experiences and the educational advancement of those universities in service of all humanity.

The Chairman congratulated graduates and their parents on their efforts and successfully completing the requirements of their academic degrees. He added that MEU provides its students with the opportunity to learn with seriousness and ethical commitment, according to local and international quality standards. MEU goes the extra mile with qualification and training, conducting useful scientific research, and expanding its students' knowledge in preparation for labour markets.

During the ceremony, which was held at Prince Hamzah Hall in Al Hussein Youth City, a video on the University's journey in supporting its students was played, as MEU prepares and qualifies students for labour markets and the following academic stages. The video showed interviews with the University's employees who studied and graduated from MEU, in a gesture that impressed attendees. A video on the University's chief activities and achievements was also played, in addition to the academic programmes and majors it offers.

In his turn, the University's President, Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, reviewed the University's achievements on regional and international scales, and its keenness on developing its programmes and varying its majors, as well as establishing academic partnerships and agreements with prestigious international universities.

The graduation ceremony was streamed live on the University's official website, Facebook page and Youtube channel, in cooperation with Al Karmel Studio and Information Technology Department. Moreover, it was attended by the members and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Sanaa' Sheqwarah; members of the Board of Trustees; the University's President, Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh; deans of faculties; faculty members and administrative staff; the University's guests from Arab and international embassies.

It is worth mentioning that the University has recently launched a partnership project with the University of Strathclyde in the field of pharmaceutical sciences, in addition to its partnership with the University of Bedfordshire. MEU aims to extend its cooperation relations with other international universities in order to enhance the Kingdom's higher education outputs by benefiting from optimal experiences and the educational advancements of those universities in service of all humanity.



## **MEU** offers an AI programme



Amman – Middle East University's (MEU) Board of Trustees decided on launching a BA programme in Artificial Intelligence within the Faculty of Information Technology. The decision was made upon Higher Education Council's approval, to have the University lead the race and find a qualitative addition to its already prominent programmes.

The programme was accredited in fulfillment of the community's needed services, and in correlation with the fourth industrial and technological revolution, which will have major effects on human life.

Al is concerned with the majority of day-to-day activities. It will qualify graduates capable of developing Al applications, hence serving labour market sectors. It will also have our students be the foremost experts in the field on local and international scales. The study will cover data mining, machine learning, advanced mathematics, natural language processing, robotics programming, data analysis and others. The significance of this programme lies in graduating entrepreneurial AI experts who are bound to find local and international specialised startups.

The University prepared a comprehensive plan and equipped specialised laboratories with state-of-the-art tools and programmes to ensure optimal outputs, based on advanced and peer-reviewed scientific researches. The University aims to offer new programmes according to quality standards and its methodology and mission. It seeks such endeavours in promotion of its role in achieving prominence to keep pace with its local, regional and international counterparts, as well as modern scientific advancements.



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#### **BEDS resumes MA lectures at MEU**



Amman – A number of the University of Bedfordshire's (BEDS) professors conducted lectures for MBA students. The programme is executed in partnership with Middle East University (MEU) in the frame of the current academic cooperation between the two sides.

Dean of International Programmes at MEU, Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh, confirmed that the MBA programme is one of the newly found branches of Business Administrations. It aims to organise institutional affairs and set their methodological plans to ensure longevity, competitiveness, and keep pace with labour market challenges. MBA focuses on the processes and strategies that enable organisations of international competitiveness with great competence and effectiveness.

The lectures discussed various subjects such as global people management, information governance and compliance, dissertations, and research methodology. They were conducted by professors Raymond Brown, Robert Suban, Tricia Smart, and Gurjot Singh.

It is worth mentioning that MEU has begun – in 2017/2018 – executing an agreement signed between the two universities, hereby allowing MEU to host the academic programmes and majors of BEDS, and award Jordanian and Arab students internationally accredited BA, MA, and PhD British degrees in Business, Cyber Security and Digital Crimes, Graphic Design, and Media.



## MEU's Faculty of Educational Sciences meets with Madaba's students



Amman – Faculty of Educational Sciences at Middle East University (MEU) conducted lectures at a number of schools in Madaba in order to introduce the programmes and academic majors the University offers.

Dr. Manal Al Tawalbeh conducted introductory lectures at a number of the governorate's schools. She informed students of the majors offered by MEU and their significance in labour market, especially Educational Technology. She also reviewed the discounts offered on credit hours according to students' GPA in the Jordanian General Secondary Education (GSE).

Such events are organised upon MEU's societal responsibility and service of local community and its members, and to highlight MEU's role and the services it offers for students and their families.



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#### German academic delegation visits MEU



Amman – Middle East University (MEU) received a German academic delegation from Technische Universität Braunschweig (TU Braunschweig) to deliberate means of joint cooperation and promote knowledge and research exchange between the two sides.

Vice President for Scientific Faculties Affairs, Prof. Aladdin Al Halhouli, confirmed – during the meeting – the University's pursuit of expertise and academic experiences exchange with major international universities through the organisation of such visits. Moreover, he asserted the University's keenness on sharing projects and scientific innovations, in execution of its strategic directions that aim to review regional and international academic scientific projects. It is worth noting that the meeting was attended by the Member of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Ahmad Nasereddin; Dean of International Programmes, Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh; deans of scientific faculties; and the Assistant to the President for International Affairs, Dr. Sara Nasereddin.

In its turn, the German delegation commended MEU's experience in hosting and partnering with international universities. The received guests pointed to the academic and administrative competencies steering the University's wheel, positively affecting the quality of higher education in Jordan. Finally, they praised the depth of the bilateral relations maintained by the two countries.

The Assistant to the President for International Affairs, Dr. Sara Nasereddin, conducted a presentation on the University; its faculties, departments, and academic programmes it offers, by which awarding various academic degrees. She also reviewed the University of Bedfordshire's (BEDS) hosted academic programmes and majors, as well as the British Joint BA Pharmacy Programme offered in cooperation with the University of Strathclyde.

The meeting was preceded by a scientific seminar attended by deans of faculties, as well as a number of faculty members and administrative staff. Dr. Al Halhouli conducted – during the seminar – a lecture on the role of scientific research in enhancing individuals' qualify of life, and the employment of advanced technologies in finding effective and low-cost solutions. Additionally, a number of researchers at TU Braunschweig introduced researches dedicated to finding a treatment for Lyme disease, and nonlinear 3D lithography.

At the end of the visit, the received delegation toured the University's campus, including faculties and various facilities.



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#### MEU students chosen to study abroad within Erasmus+



AMMAN – Student and Academic Exchange Department at MEU's Deanship of International Programmes has chosen students Manar Khaled and Ayten Ghishan from the Faculty of Business to study one academic semester at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University within Erasmus+ – funded by the European Union.

Dean of International Programmes, Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh, said these activities – supervised by the Student and Academic Exchange Department – aim to exchange expertise and academic experiences with major international universities. They contribute to the enhancement of students' knowledge in correlation with the University's strategy, which looks to foster regional and international academic programmes.

The two students were chosen upon their fulfillment of student exchange bases and requirements within Erasmus+ during the second semester of 2018/2019.

It is worth mentioning that such agreements held with prestigious universities under the umbrella of Erasmus+ aim to develop higher education and teaching at the participating universities through academic cooperation with European countries. They also provide student exchange opportunities between the cooperating universities, in addition to faculty members exchange for teaching, training, and scientific research purposes.



#### **Director of the Education Directorate of Al Khalil visits MEU**



AMMAN – President of Middle East University (MEU), Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, met with the Director of the Education Directorate of Al Khalil, Mr. Atef Jibreen Al Jamal, to deliberate means of supporting the educational process in the Palestinian governorate.

The University's President said the University will maintain its support of the educational process in Palestine, in the hope to promote cooperation with the Educational Directorate of Al Khalil and other Palestinian governorates. The University exerts such efforts upon the Jordanian position in supporting the perseverance of Palestinians at all international events, led by his Majesty King Abdullah II. Moreover, the meeting was attended by the Director of Media and Public Relations, Mr. Adel Al Tetti; Supervisor of the Activities Department at the Education Directorate of Al Khalil, Ms. Nadia Abu Aisha; and the School Counsellor at the Directorate, Ms. Saadeya Al Ajlouni.

On the other hand, Mr. Atef Al Jamal commended the University's advanced academic level and prestigious reputation, confirming the Directorate's keenness on facilitating future field visits to high schools in Al Khalil in coordination with MEU. He also stressed the significance of the Kingdom's role – under the leadership of his Majesty King Abdullah II – in advocating and backing the Palestinian issue.

At the conclusion of the visit, the received delegation toured the University's campus, including faculties and various facilities.

It is worth mentioning that MEU has signed cooperation agreements with a number of Palestinian universities, stipulating the exchange of visits and expertise amongst faculty members; organisation of lectures, training courses, seminars, scientific conferences, and joint workshops; and conducting joint scientific researches in realisation of the University's propensities towards the advancement of education in Palestine.



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### **BEDS' BA students commence their studies**



AMMAN – The University of Bedfordshire's (BEDS) professors commenced lectures for the first semester of the academic year 2019/2020 for BA students on Middle East University's (MEU) campus. The lectures are carried out within the agreement signed between the two universities in the frame of academic cooperation.

Dean of International Programmes at MEU, Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh, said the partnership between the two universities is one of its kind in Jordan, upon which MEU hosts BEDS' BA, MA, and PhD programmes. Accordingly, MEU receives students from Jordan and Arab countries in execution of the royal envisions for the reform, development, and enhancement of education. His Majesty urges the exertion of such efforts in correlation with the requirements of holistic development and labour markets, and to make way for innovation, creativity, and excellence.

On the other hand, freshmen and seniors alike commended the smoothness of admission and registration procedures carried out at the University's Admission and Registration Department. They highlighted MEU's well-planned reception of freshmen, and the provision of well-equipped lecture halls, learning necessities, and means of transportation.

Lectures conducted by BEDS' faculty members during the first and second weeks of the first semester will tackle: marketing principles, global business administration, and research in management and business.

In the same context, MEU's Deanship of International Programmes organised an introductory tour for BEDS' faculty members to acquaint them with the University's facilities, such as the Central Library, Deanship of Student Affairs, gymnasium, and lecture halls.

It is worth mentioning that MEU has begun executing the agreement signed by the two universities in 2017/2018, which stipulates MEU's hosting of BEDS' programmes and academic majors as a first in Jordan. In turn, the University grants Jordanian and Arab students a British internationally-accredited BA, MA, and PhD university degrees in Business, Cyber Security and Digital Crimes, Graphic Design, and Media.



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### **MEU** organises a visit to RIA



AMMAN – Counseling and Psychological Services Center (CPSC) at Middle East University (MEU) organised a visit to Retaal International Academy (RIA) in cooperation with Student Recruitment Center (SRC). The visit aimed to impart students with life skills, and prepare them for the stage of undergraduate studies.

Director of CPSC, Dr. Amani Mahmoud, provided students with advice on moving from school to university life. This greatly contributes to students' future adaptation to the requirements of this advanced stage.

Dr. Amani introduced the chief academic programmes offered by MEU, and the hosted programmes of the University of Bedfordshire (BEDS) and Strathclyde. She also reviewed the services made available to students in order to promote their academic production, as well as the extracurricular activities organised by the Deanship of Student Affairs.

It is worth mentioning that MEU – through such visits – is keen on cementing cultural and educational cooperation relations with all civil society institutions. As a serious, committed, and seeking to learn university; it upholds its role in community service to achieve holistic and sustainable development.



#### MEU organises meetings over quality assurance standards



AMMAN – Deanship of Accreditation, Quality and Information at Middle East University (MEU) held a series of meetings with its academic and administrative staff over quality assurance standards, and mechanisms of writing the self-evaluation.

Assistant to the President and Dean of Accreditation, Quality and Information, Dr. Ahmad Allouzi, said the purpose of these meetings is the uplift of the performance of quality assurance management at the University. Moreover, the Deanship aimed to cement the concepts of quality in the mentality and performance of its associates, in order to achieve optimal practices and obtain other national quality assurance certificates.

Alongside Dr. Allouzi, the meetings were moderated by the Head of the Quality Department, Dr. Jumanah Al Salem. She confirmed the Deanship's keenness on dedicating colleagues' perception of quality in correlation with the University's strategies and mission. Noting that the University seeks the adoption of quality as a methodology and permanent state that shapes services offered to students and local community.

It is worth mentioning that MEU has acquired the Quality Assurance Certificate (Golden Level) for educational institutions, as is the case with the Faculty of Law for academic programmes from the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions in Jordan.



#### Increasing MEU's general capacity



AMMAN – Council of Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions decided on increasing Middle East University's (MEU) capacity, in addition to the private capacity for academic programmes for its BA in Pharmacy. The dedicated session no. (39/2019) was headed by the Chairman of the Council, Prof. Bashir Al Zoubi.

The University's President, Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, praised the efforts exerted by the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions, led by Prof. Bashir Al Zoubi. Prof. Al Hileh said the Commission's methodology is based on professionalism, transparency, and cooperation in its pursuit to spread the culture of quality within the academic community. He added that this achievement is the result of the University's faculty members and administrative staff's cooperation and dedication, as they are at the core and center of any achievement or advancement the University arrives at.

In his turn; the Assistant to the President and Dean of Accreditation, Quality and Information; Dr. Ahmad Allouzi; said the University goes out and beyond to fulfill the conditions and requirements set by the Commission. As a serious, committed, and seeking to learn university; MEU is keen on offering the best services to its students. The said objective drives the University – according to its vision – to find an environment that promotes further advancement and dedication.

It is worth mentioning that MEU, upon its methodology for the distinction and uplift of academic and administrative processes, has celebrated major academic and administrative achievements on local and international scales. Such accomplishments can also be credited to the University's vision and decision-taking that extend the concepts of higher education and keep pace with all developments.



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### **MEU's IEC Deliberates Cooperation with WFP**



AMMAN – The Vice President of Middle East University (MEU), Prof. Mahmoud Al Wadi, met with Ms. Marah Al Khayyat, the Government Partnerships Senior Advisor at the World Food Programme (WFP), to discuss the formation of a cooperative partnership between the two parties.

At this meeting, Ms. Al Khayyat presented on the WFP's achievements in Jordan since its founding in 1964, which include successful implementation of various local development projects. She also discussed the WFP's goal of establishing a programme designed to combat hunger in Jordan, and the promising possibility of supporting innovative projects and other entrepreneurial ideas in cooperation with IEC.

Dr. Zuraik agreed with Ms. Al Khayyat and also spoke of supporting the creation of entrepreneurial projects designed to combat hunger, stressing MEU's willingness to share its expertise in innovation and entrepreneurship. He also stated that a cooperative effort between MEU and the WFP will ensure the success of such projects.

The 100 Days: Business Accelerator programme, run by MEU's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, fosters an environment for the creation of entrepreneurial projects and allows students, staff from Jordan Customs, and various professionals to attend presentations on innovative ideas.



# MEU congratulates students on the commencement of 2019/2020 academic year



AMMAN – President of Middle East University (MEU), Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, congratulated the University's faculty members, administrative staff, and students on the commencement of the 2019/2020 academic year.

The University's President confirmed the ongoing aim to globalise university education, in the light of MEU's unprecedented achievements in Jordan's academic sphere. The latest of which was launching a joint British BA pharmacy programme (MPharm) with the University of Strathclyde, preceded by hosting accredited academic programmes from the University of Bedfordshire (BEDS). The University looks to establish further academic partnerships and agreements that reaffirm its prominence on local and international scales.

Prof. Al Hileh added that MEU witnessed a year full of various events and activities, through which it was able to accentuate its bright academic image. With attention gained; the University signed agreements and memorandums of understanding; and organised seminars, conferences, workshops, and student-exchange programmes. It established entrepreneurial projects, networking, partnerships with national and international institutions, and communication with the manufacturing industry. It has also honoured outstanding students and those who have successfully completed the requirements of their degrees, in addition to other activities that serve the community.

The President stressed the enhancement of study plans by experts, as it offers new academic majors in fulfillment of labour market needs. The process is based on advanced and peer-reviewed scientific researches, which translates the University's philosophy that is based on excellence. MEU seeks the preparation of leaders armed with knowledge, capable of keeping pace with the rapid developments of labour markets inside and outside of Jordan.







AMMAN – Deanship of International Programmes at Middle East University (MEU) received the Director of the University of Bedfordshire's (BEDS) Centre of Leadership Innovation (CLI), Dr. Christina Schwabenland, within a series of scientific research courses held for BEDS' PhD students.

Dean of International Programmes, Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh, said the visit will address a series of sessions on developing critical and analytical styles, forming and connecting ideas, as well as sponsorship mechanisms. The aim is to equip PhD students at BEDS' schools of Business and Media with the necessary tools to prepare the first year report, which will be later reviewed at the end of the academic year in the UK.

It is worth mentioning that BEDS' professors have commenced their lectures on MEU's campus for the first semester of the 2019/2020 academic year for BA, MA, and PhD students. BEDS is a British international university hosted on MEU's campus upon the agreement signed between the two universities within their ongoing academic cooperation.



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#### **MEU Signs an MoU with JREDS**



AMMAN – Middle East University (MEU), represented by the Faculty of Media, signed a memorandum of understanding with the Royal Marine Conservation Society of Jordan (JREDS). The two sides aim to promote investigative journalism and environmental media, and cement cooperation relations in the field of environmental awareness.

The agreement was signed by the Dean of Media, Dr. Ezzat Hijab, and the CEO of JREDS, Ms. Dyala Al Alami.

Dr. Hijab said the University – especially the Faculty of Media – is always keen on establishing fruitful cooperation between the two sides. These efforts focus on the fields of research, education, and environment. They pursue the development and support of shared understanding by exchanging expertise and executing joint activities within the Defending Journalism Project, which looks to promote investigative journalism and environmental media.

In her turn, the CEO of JREDS, Ms. Al Alami, commended the distinct role of MEU's Faculty of Media in imparting students with the skills required in labour markets. She stressed JREDS' keenness on adopting a number of environmental issues concerning the environment of Aqaba in specific, and Jordan in general. JREDS sets plans within the Defending Journalism Project supported by the Heinrich Böll Foundation (Palestine and Jordan), through a group of journalists interested in investigative journalism and environmental media. The Society shares the developments of its endeavours on an unprecedented environmental website specialised in environmental media.

The memorandum stipulates the coordination of programmes to introduce JREDS' projects, including the Defending Journalism Project, to students and faculty members at the Faculty of Media. The two sides hope to increase awareness of environmental issues and the state of marine environment. They also intend to find mechanisms for applying an environmental media curriculum as a training programme offered to the University's Media students, which will partly focus on advocating for environmental issues.

It is worth mentioning that JREDS spreads awareness of the significance of conserving marine environment by cooperating with entities concerned with preserving Jordan's marine heritage. It also endorses studies and scientific researches on Jordan's marine environment, and encourages the sustainable development of Jordan's natural resources.



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#### MEU signs an MoC with the Department of Awqaf



AMMAN – Middle East University (MEU), represented by the Faculty of Architecture and Design, signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Department of Awqaf stipulating the exchange of expertise, knowledge, and training.

The memorandum was signed by MEU's Vice President, Prof. Alaa' Al Halhouli, and the Director of the Department of Awqaf, Mr. Mahmoud Bader Al Hadid.

Prof. Al Halhouli said the memorandum represents a practical application of the University's strategy that aims to support national institutions, such as the Department of Awqaf. The Vice President stressed the importance of translating the stipulations of partnerships into a reality that serves sustainable development. He added by confirming the University's dedication of its academic, research, and scientific capabilities to the achievement of the Department's expectations. MEU is always keen on exerting such efforts in cooperation with various national institutions.

In his turn, Mr. Al Hadid commended MEU's role in contributing to the development of local community, and providing it with available capabilities. He affirmed the memorandum's response to the Department's expectations that seek the realisation of its vision. The Department partners with private sector institutions in fields pertaining to investment, training, and employment. It looks to develop engineering skills and legislations, and organise competitions revolving around architecture. Moreover, the Department looks to hold training courses and workshops, and find investment projects.

The memorandum stipulates the cooperation of the two parties in developing the capabilities of each by organising training courses that establish continuous learning in the field of engineering. Additionally, it specifies cooperation in qualifying the Faculty of Architecture and Design's alumni for labour markets, and offering them various training and employment programmes sponsored by the Department.



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### **MEU Signs an MoU with Gaziantep University**



AMMAN – Middle East University (MEU), represented by the Deanship of International Programmes, signed a memorandum of understanding with Gaziantep University stipulating the exchange of expertise in academic and research fields.

The memorandum was signed by MEU's Vice President, Prof. Alaa' Al Halhouli, and the Rector of Gaziantep University, Prof. Ali Gür.

Prof. Al Halhouli said the agreement will establish cooperation relations and promote partnership in academic and research fields between the two sides. The University pursues such endeavours in correlation with its vision that is based on the development and globalisation of university education, and the establishment of regional and international academic partnerships. Accordingly, the quality of academic education in Jordan will be elevated, in response to the royal directions towards the advancement of education and its outputs. Moreover, the signing ceremonies were attended by the Dean of International Programmes, Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh, and the Dean of Pharmacy, Dr. Ammar Al Maaytah.

In his turn, the Rector of Gaziantep University, Prof. Ali Gür, praised MEU's academic reputation that lead to the promotion of cooperation relations between the two sides. The two universities will benefit from the exchange of expertise and scientific projects, as well as the previously found joint international programmes. He presented an overview of Gaziantep University and the programmes it offers; which are taught in Arabic, English, and Turkish.

The memorandum stipulates determining the primary requirements that enable students of pursuing undergraduate and graduate studies, the regulations of which will be later announced. It specifies the exchange of visits by the professors and researchers of the two universities, whether to conduct lectures or participate in research activities within a jointly preset framework. It also sets forth the application of research projects in fields of interest to both universities.

It is worth mentioning that MEU has signed various memorandums of understanding with regional and international universities, upon its keenness on elevating the quality of Jordan's higher education. Such efforts are exerted in execution of the royal vision for the reform and development of education and its outputs. The Kingdom's higher education institutions look to correspond to the requirements of holistic development and the needs of labour markets; and increase opportunities of innovation, creativity, and excellence.



# MEU'S faculty of engineering deliberate joint cooperation with NABCEP



AMMAN – Middle East University (MEU) received a delegation from the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) to deliberate means of academic and research cooperation in solar energy fields.

The delegation – which was joined by the Project Manager for the Middle East and North Africa, Eng. Alaa' Al Qarawi – met with the Head of Renewable Energy Department at MEU, Dr. Samer Asa'ad. The Head of Department confirmed the University's keenness on expanding scopes of cooperation with NABCEP to promote alumni's knowledge and expertise in renewable energy. The University also reviews means of cooperation in applying the American standard to the local Jordanian scene.

In his turn, Eng. Al Qarawi introduced a brief overview of NABCEP, highlighting its intention to apply its USA certification system to the rest of the world. The Board aims to promote optimal practices, and enhance performance in the sector of renewable energy.

During a field visit, the delegation toured MEU's campus and facilities – especially the Faculty of Engineering's laboratories – to view available equipment, showing a greater interest in those pertaining to renewable energy.

It is worth mentioning that NABCEP is a non-profitable American institution specialising in engineering and technical certification. It carries out its objective through a set of specialised and professional tests to ensure the sufficient knowledge of renewable energy practitioners. The fields of practice vary between design, execution, and inspection; and extend to the fields of solar energy, wind power, and others.



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برعاية وزارة الشباب تنفذ جمعية الجيل الأخضر بالشراكة مع جامعة الشرق الأوسط مسيرة المناخ 4 تحت عنوان "الإجراء الأخضر المستدام"







AMMAN – Middle East University (MEU) will participate in the 2019 Climate March, held under the patronage of the Minister of Culture and Youth, Dr. Mohammad Aburman. The march is organised by Green Generation Foundation (GGF) under the title "Sustainable Green Action," and in strategic partnership with the University.

The march will set out next Wednesday from the University's campus; with the participation of sixty university students, walking enthusiasts, and youth. The participants will tread the Madaba – Al Mujib, Al Karak, and Ma'an Route through the Kings Highway to eventually arrive at Aqaba. The march will be concluded at the Aqaba Fortress next Monday, in correlation with the 2019 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Conference of the Parties (COP), which will take place in Chile.

The march aims to highlight Jordanian youth's role in establishing an environmentally-safe future, and join the efforts of global youth by organising similar marches all over the world. These marches look to shed light on the issue of climate change and its negative effects on planet Earth.

MEU participates in this march upon its strategy for engaging students with environmental issues and supporting the activities and programmes of local community institutions.



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### MEU signs a cooperation agreement with Euro-Med



AMMAN – Middle East University (MEU) has signed a cooperation agreement with the Euro-Mediterranean Human Right Monitor (Euro-Med) to increase legal awareness of human rights, and the related international mechanisms.

The agreement was signed by the Assistant to the President and Dean of Law, Dr. Ahmad Al Louzi, and Mr. Omar Al Kroush on behalf of Euro-Med.

The agreement aims to qualify Law students and local community, facilitating the increase of legal awareness amongst youth in order to discuss issues related to the rights of their societies.

The Assistant to the President, Dr. Ahmad Al Louzi, said the University prioritises the promotion of cooperation relations with local and international legal institutions; in execution of its vision, policy, and strategic plan. MEU stresses the necessity of informing legal practitioners, and qualifying a generation of legal alumni capable of tackling legal issues related to the rights of their societies.

In his turn, Mr. Omar Al Kroush expressed his delight with this agreement; through which courses, workshops, and lectures will be conducted. He also highlighted MEU's status and repute, which encouraged Euro-Med to expand areas of cooperation between the two sides.

The Euro-Mediterranean Human Right Monitor (Euro-Med) – founded in November 2011 and registered in Switzerland – is one of the chief non-profit, independent, youth organisations that defend human rights in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. It supports victims of occupation, war, and armed conflict; in addition to emigrants and refugees escaping the atrocities of conflict.

It is worth mentioning that MEU has obtained the Quality Assurance Certificate (Golden Standard) awarded by the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions.



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#### **MEU signs MoU with DJUG**



AMMAN – Middle East University (MEU), represented by the Deanship of International Programmes, signed a memorandum of understanding with "Dunarea de Jos" University of Galati (DJUG), which stipulates the exchange of expertise in academic and research fields.

The memorandum was signed by MEU's Vice President, Prof. Alaa' Al Halhouli, and the Rector of DJUG, Prof. Iulian Bîrsan.

Prof. Al Halhouli states that the agreement will establish cooperation and promote partnership in academic and research fields between the two sides. MEU values initiatives that promote its vision of development and globalisation of university education. The University further aims to enact regional and international academic partnerships that advance the quality of Jordanian higher education. Moreover, the signing ceremonies commenced with the Dean of International Programmes, Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh, and the Dean of Pharmacy, Dr. Ammar Al Maaytah in attendance.

In his turn, the Rector of DJUG, Prof. Iulian Bîrsan, commended MEU's reputation, which encouraged the formation of the cooperative relations between the two institutions. These relations entail the exchange of expertise, research initiatives, and scientific projects, which will foster the establishment of joint international programmes. He also presented an overview of DJUG and the programmes it offers.

The memorandum defines the primary requirements that qualify students to enrol in BA, MA, and PhD programmes, also specifying the terms of faculty and researcher exchange, as well as academic visits. Additionally, it outlines a jointly-set schedule for conducting lectures and participating in research activities.

It is worth mentioning that MEU has signed various memorandums of understanding with regional and international universities as it aspires to establish further partnerships in the near future.



### **MEU Hosts Apprentice lawyer's examination**



AMMAN – Middle East University (MEU) hosted the Winter 2019 Written Examination of Apprentice Lawyers. Taken by 744 apprentice lawyers, the examination was administered and supervised by an assessment committee composed of the Jordan Bar Association's (JBA) board members. A single session was held at the University's lecture halls, and successfully met examination requirements as outlined by the JBA board.

The Head of the JBA, Mr. Mazen Rusheidat, praised MEU for following the standards of administering this examination. He highlighted the University's role in offering all technical and logistical services, as this exam is a proven contributor to the development of the profession of law.

Dr. Ahmad Al Louzi, the Assistant to the President and Dean of Law at MEU, stated that JBA's renewed trust in the University to administer this examination is but proof of its local and international prestigious academic reputation, especially in light of the Faculty of Law's acquirement of the Quality Assurance Certificate (Golden Standard).

It is worth mentioning that MEU – a serious, committed, and seeking to learn university – looks to cement its relations with the society and labour market as it upholds its tried and true philosophy of maintaining internal and external communication.

