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MEU Celebrates the International Day for Persons with Disabilities



AMMAN - The Deanship of Student Affairs at Middle East University organised the «This Is Me» event to celebrate the International Day for Persons with Disabilities under the patronage of the University President, Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh.

Prof. Mahmoud AI Wadi, the Vice President of MEU, remarked, "MEU organises such events as it is a firm believer in the value of all human beings. MEU is enthusiastic about supporting all groups within our community." In organising such events, the University's administration aims to increase the confidence of all people with disabilities and encourage them to believe in their skills and talents. The ceremony was attended by deans, faculty members, administrative staff, students, and representatives of the local community.

Dr. Heba Nasereddin, a faculty member at the Faculty of Business and the ceremony's coordinator, emphasised, "MEU is dedicated to providing all the services that special needs students require to so that they can complete their daily duties and responsibilities with ease."

The ceremony's events, which included a charity bazaar selling a number of products such as woven goods, gemstones, and traditional foods, an exhibition on educational tools designed for teaching special needs students, and a variety of sports and trivia competitions, were enjoyed by the variety of the country's special needs associations that were in attendance.

During the ceremony, a number of the special needs attendees presented artistic performances and traditional dances that displayed the depth of their creative talents.



MEU's Faculty of Business Meets with Freshmen



AMMAN - The Faculty of Business at Middle East University organised a meeting between the freshmen class of 2019/2020 and a number of MEU's faculty members and administrative staff to familiarise the new students with the University's regulations and guidelines, the Faculty's academic achievements, and how to best utilise the available resources.

Prof. Mahmoud Al Wadi, the Vice President and Dean of Business, said, "The Faculty seeks to offer its students a distinguished and prominent education so that they leave MEU with the ability to conduct scientific research and an awareness of the importance of performing acts of community service. Our ultimate goal is to contribute to the growth of the knowledge and sustainable development in our society." He added, "Here at the Faculty of Business, we prioritise the quality of our students' experience and invest in giving them the means to achieve academic distinction so that they go on and excel and become the top innovators in their chosen field of study." The heads of the Faculty's departments reviewed their department's respective study plans, stressing the importance of their effective design as they must reflect the University's main mission that calls for applying the principles of governance. The Faculty heads also called upon students to actively participate in the activities organised by the Faculty's deanship in partnership with the University's other departments, so that they reap their full benefits and learn the skills that will set them apart upon their future entry into the labour market. The meeting was followed by an open discussion that provided students with a platform to ask the University's representatives their questions and make their requests.



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AMMAN – Middle East University hosted a discussion seminar titled "Public Safety



Between Theory and Practice". The seminar was organised by the Friends of National Security in cooperation with the Criminal Investigation Unit, MEU, and the Jordanian Youth Commission.

Speakers at the seminar included the Director of the Criminal Investigation Unit Brigadier General Marwan Al Hyari, the Chairman of MEU's Board of Trustees Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, and Dr. Niveen Abu Zaid, an expert in educational psychology. The seminar was given by Mr. Ashraf Al Kailani, the General Manager of the Friends of National Security, and was attended by a number of MEU's faculty members and students, in addition to a number of public security officials and representatives of the local community.

Mr. Al Kailani presented an overview of the seminar, and is the first of a series of seminars that the Friends of National Security will organise in cooperation with various entities concerned with public safety. This seminar was also designed to prepare for the launch of national strategies that aim to promote public safety, as previously announced by H.E. Faisal Al Fayez, the President of the Senate.

Brigadier General Marwan Al Hyari, the Director of the Criminal Investigation Unit, discussed the practical aspect of public safety, remarking, "The Unit exerts all efforts to maintain public safety in Jordan, and combats crime by adopting preemptive mechanisms and spreading awareness. The Unit aims to do so by sharing accurate statistics on crimes rates in Jordan."

Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin discussed the theoretical aspect of public safety and its importance in maintaining the social system of any country, as public safety is imperative for positively affecting a nation's security and stability. He also pointed out the significance of teaching public safety techniques as part of standard Jordanian curricula, stating, "This event is one of the many ways in which MEU fulfills its responsibility towards society by helping to establish a general social philosophy capable of protecting our country and national resources."

Dr. Niveen Abu Zaid highlighted the connection between psychological security, public safety, and the importance of positive educational behaviour in raising the coming generations and promoting a spirit of teamwork and cooperation in order to achieve the ultimate goal of public safety.

At the end of the seminar, a discussion took place between the speakers and attendees where questions and inquiries were answered.



MEU's Faculty of Business Organises a Workshop on the Investment Philosophy of Islamic Banks



AMMAN - The Faculty of Business at Middle East University organised a workshop on the investment philosophy of Islamic banks as compared to other commercial banks, conducted by Dr. Mohammad Al Jaghal, the Manager of the Jordan Islamic Bank - Amman branch.

During the workshop, which was administered by the Head of the Department of Accounting and Financial Science Dr. Rashed Salameh, Dr. Al Jaghal discussed the Jordan Islamic Bank's financial philosophy and how it dictates their cooperation with public and private institutions through financing programmes. He also reviewed the concepts of usury and lease agreements with an option to buy, and discussed how they affect the national economy. The workshop was attended by a number of the University's top representatives, including the University President, the Dean of Business Prof. Mahmoud Al Wadi, the Assistant to the President for Community Service and Public Relations Dr. Saleem Sharif, along with a number of faculty members, administrative staff, and students.

Prof. Al Wadi commented, "The Faculty always encourages students to benefit from the experiences of professionals from financial institutions, and we are happy to have introduced them to the products and services offered by the JIB, including the interest-free loans and student finance plans."

The workshop ended with a discussion between the students and Dr. Al Jaghal, who addressed all their questions. The workshop's attendees expressed their joy at having the chance to learn from Dr Al Jaghal's experiences and knowledge about the world of Islamic banking.



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Middle East University and the Jordan Customs Department Establish a Partnership to Support Innovation



AMMAN- Middle East University, represented by the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (IEC), and the Jordan Customs Department cooperatively launched a group of research projects focused on promoting innovation. Attendees of the launch event included Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, the Chairman of Middle East University's Board of Trustees, Dr. Abdelmajid A. Al-Rahamneh, the Director General of the Jordan Customs Department, Dr Awni Tbeishat, the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research and the Director of Higher Education Institutions, Dr Ibrahim Al-Rawabdeh, Executive Director of the King Abdullah II Center for Excellence, and Eng. Ismael Haqqi, the Director of the TechWorks initiative at the Crown Prince Foundation.

Dr. Al-Rahmaneh gave a speech where he said, "This partnership represents the realisation of His Majesty King Abdullah II's vision for the future of our nation. This newly cemented relationship is an embodiment of His Majesty's desire to see an increase in cooperative efforts between the public and private sectors, which His Majesty has spoken about in many of his recent public addresses. His Majesty has also discussed the importance of integrating educational institutions into the cooperation of both the nation's sectors, and we are proud to do so by partnering with the prestigious Middle East University. Our joint efforts will surely contribute to revitalizing the Jordanian economy and encourage the entrepreneurs of tomorrow to create a brighter future for our nation."

Dr Nasereddin also expressed his enthusiasm about the newly established partnership between MEU and the Jordan Customs Department, stating, "The initiatives undertaken as part of this partnership will focus on promoting entrepreneurship in order to find solutions to the problems facing Jordan's future. These initiatives will also answer His Majesty King Abdullah II's call for supporting innovation in the Kingdom and uniting the Jordanian private and public sector in their endeavours, and allow our great nation to overcome all the economic challenges it has been facing over the past few years." Middle East University shares His Majesty's opinion on the importance of supporting Jordanian innovation, and therefore aims to fortify the next generation's minds with priceless knowledge and a passion for entrepreneurship by partnering with prestigious national institutions, such as the Jordan Customs Department, to create educational programmes that will give them the skills to bring Jordan into a new age of success.

The goal of this partnership, which was initially established earlier this year, is to promote the cooperation of the two parties and allow them to create entrepreneurship projects for students to participate in and learn from, preparing them to be productive workers upon their entry into the job market. This partnership also allows both parties to forge stronger relationships with Jordanian organisations that currently work to support Jordanian entrepreneurship, such as the Crown Prince Foundation, the King Abdullah II Center for Innovation, and a number of others, in order to achieve their shared goals of pursuing research that will provide solutions to the modern problems facing the nation, and shaping Jordan into a regional and international hub for innovation.



MEU Participates in a Workshop on First Aid



AMMAN - The Faculty of Law, represented by the Human Rights Centre and the Deanship of Student Affairs, participated in a workshop run by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) at the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Centre, titled "First Aid".

Dr. Bilal Al Rawashdeh, the Director of the Human Rights Centre, said, "This two-week long workshop allowed participants from the Faculty of Law to learn the best course of action for scenarios where refugees are injured and require first aid."

Dr. Ma'moun Al Huneiti, the Dean of Student Affairs, remarked, "Workshops like this one are very important to the University's students. We have previously participated in this workshop with the NRC as MEU is always looking for ways to meaningfully interact with the local community."

MEU establishes partnerships with various local community institutions to benefit from their expertise and translate the positive effects of these relationships into the education they give the MEU student body, effectively preparing them for their future in the labour market.



MEU's Faculty of Engineering Gives a Course on Constructional Projects Management



AMMAN - The Faculty of Engineering and the Career Guidance and Alumni Office/King Abdullah II Fund for Development at Middle East University gave a course on constructional projects management using Primavera software.

Prof. Amjad Zino, the Dean of Engineering, said, "The Faculty gives extracurricular courses such as this one to combine theory with practice so that students can keep up with the developments of the educational process."

The course, which was given by Eng. Asmaa' Abu Herra, a faculty member at the Faculty of Engineering, was targeted towards the Faculty's students. The aim of this course was to develop students' engineering management skills and teach them how to apply their skills to real-life projects.



MEU's IT Department Launches New Website



AMMAN - The Department of Information Technology at Middle East University launched a new University website (meu.edu.jo), in both Arabic and English. With its modern design, MEU's new website is now up to date with the latest technological developments.

Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, the University's President, said, "The website serves MEU's vision and mission, and gives the MEU community easy access to the necessary academic and administrative services. The website is now capable of supporting all procedures and work carried out by both the academic and administrative staff." Eng. Ra'ed Al Lahham, the Director of the Department of Information and Technology, remarked, "The website is designed with an easily understandable user interface that provides our end-users with search tools and an easy browsing experience. All of the University's important information, including details about its faculties, deanships, and services, are organised to facilitate the most comfortable user experience possible."

He added, "The website is an interactive platform that connects the University with prospective students and other local and foreign institutions."

Mr. Jehad Qaza'er, the website supervisor, commented, "The website also offers a platform for MEU to publish articles reporting on all its latest news and achievements. Thanks to our technical team's expert skills, we have designed a secure website that will be safe for all to use. We always welcome any feedback and look forward to hearing about how we can improve our services."



The Faculty of Arts and Sciences at MEU Celebrates the UN Arabic Language Day



AMMAN - Middle East University organised a literary seminar with the slogan "we are the Arabic language" to celebrate the UN Arabic Language Day. Attendees included writer and poet Dr. Ayman Otoum, Dr. Tayseer Abu Odeh, Professor at Zaytooneh University, Mr. Ahmed Ghatasheh, faculty member at Middle East University, and a variety of other MEU faculty members, staff, and students.

During the seminar, Dr. Ayman Otoum spoke about the beauty of the Arabic language. He stated, "The Arabic language lends itself to being the perfect medium for expressing aesthetic details accurately and evocatively in both its written and spoken forms. Its beauty comes from the artful calligraphy of Arabic script as it appears in the Holy Qura'an, from the lyricism of its words as they are spoken, and from the endlessly magnificent meanings of the words that exist in the Arabic vocabulary."

Dr. Tayseer Abu Odeh also said, "The Arabic language is one that has borrowed words from some language, but also impactfully contributed to the vocabulary of countless others. The Arabic language's elegance is obvious when examining its literary prose, rhetoric, and poetry, the language's most popular and historically-significant medium of self-expression thanks to the massive cultural impact of the 'Ghazal' form of poetry. "

Mr. Ahmed Ghatasheh then went on to further speak about the impact of Arabic poetry on our culture, touching upon the importance of one of the most prominent poets of the Arabic Renaissance, Ahmed Shawqi, who he quoted by saying, "He who only uses language for the power of its charms... is using its beauty and secrets in vain." At the end of the seminar, the attendees discussed important issues in Arabic language and literature. Dr. Otoum also gifted attendees with printed copies of his work.

This seminar is part of a series of seminars that MEU organises and hosts in order to support MEU's institutional effort to provide students with extracurricular activities that will allow them to meet Jordanian artists who excel in literature and poetry and help broaden their artistic and literary interests.



MEU's Faculty of Business Launches Career Day "Future Success with MEU"



AMMAN - On behalf of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the First Deputy Speaker of the House Dr. Nassar Al Qaisi launched Middle East University's career day titled "Career Success with MEU". This event was organised by MEU's Faculty of Business in cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs. The launch ceremony was attended by Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, the Chairman of MEU's Board of Trustees, and Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, the University President.

Commenting on the event, the Parliamentarian Dr. Al Qaisi said, "This event is a testament to the strong cooperative relationships between universities and the private sector, which aim to lower the unemployment rate of Jordanian youth."

Dr. Al Qaisi also remarked, "MEU has set a solid foundation for the future development of Jordanian education thanks to its alumni's success and the events it organises to support the national economy."

The First Deputy Speaker also added, "His Majesty King Abdullah II is always keen on supporting youth initiatives, a tradition that was especially prominent this year as made evident by the multiple meetings his Majesty held with local youth groups to endorse their innovation efforts and achievements."

Prof. Mahmoud Al Wadi, the Vice President and Dean of the Faculty of Business, commended the entrepreneurial spirit of the many national institutions that participated in the career day, pointing out, "This event supports the University's objectives of establishing a line of communication and cooperation between the academic and local communities."

MEU's annual career day is designed to help promote the employment of the University's alumni by providing them with networking opportunities and allowing them to benefit from the consultancy services of participating companies and institutions. The University looks to set up its fresh graduates for future success.



MEU Concludes a Student Football Tournament



AMMAN - The Faculty of Media's team won the Student Football Tournament after playing against 21 teams representing all the University's faculties.

The tournament was organised by the Department of Sports Activity at the Deanship of Student Affairs, and over the tournament's three week span where any losing team got knocked out of the competition, all participating teams gave good performances fueled by a sense of friendly rivalry. In the end, the Faculty of Media team defeated the Faculty of Business' team one-nil and won the tournament.

Dr. Ma'moun Al Huneiti, the Dean of Student Affairs, awarded the winning team their gold medals and gave them the tournament cup. The tournament was run by the University's sports supervisors, Taha Al Hawatmeh and Ibrahim Al Jabari, and was enthusiastically watched by faculty members, administrative staff, and students who were invested in the outcome of the tournament.



MEU Alumni Honoured at the National Youth Conference



AMMAN - Middle East University, the National Forum for Awareness and Development, and the National Youth Conference honoured a group of high achievers under the patronage of the Minister of Youth Dr. Feras Al Breizat on behalf of H.E. the Prime Minister.

In a speech given during the ceremony, Dr. Al Breizat stated, "The national strategy for supporting the youth mainly focuses on creating programmes that teach them the skills they need to withstand any economic challenges they may face in today's financial climate as they establish entrepreneurial projects." The ceremony was also attended by a number of MEU's alumni, and MEU's Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Amjad Al Kraimeen from the Faculty of Media. At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Al Breizat honoured the high achievers and leaders dedicated community service in attendance, including MEU alumni Bassant Zaidan from the Faculty of Media and Tal'aat Shehaltough from the Faculty of Business.

The conference ended with a number of extended discussions between students, faculty members of public and private universities, and a number of youth associations. These discussions covered topics including a variety of issues and challenges facing today's young people, such as the current threats to the region's security and their effects on Jordan's social and economic state and security.



MEU's IT Faculty Organises a Workshop on Information Security and Protection



AMMAN - The Faculty of Information Technology at Middle East University organised a workshop titled "Information Security and Protection" in cooperation with the Security Management Technology (SMT) Center.

The workshop was designed to increase attendees' awareness of issues commonly faced in the fields of cyber security and information systems, and also teach students about the available job opportunities in the information security industry as the demand for cyber security specialists in the labor market is always rising. The workshop touched on many topics including the definition of cyber security, electronic crimes, the chief security threats Internet users face, and the DEF CON convention.

At the end of the workshop, engineers Ayman Al Oqaily, Fares Harb, and Ahmad Asfour from SMT gave an introduction of the meetings and workshops organised by DEF CON Jordan on information security, and invited any interested students to consider participating in such initiatives.

MEU's Faculty of Information Technology offers undergraduate programmes in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, and graduate programmes in Cloud Computing Security and Services in partnership with Mutah University. MEU also hosts the undergraduate and graduate programmes in cyber security offered by the University of Bedfordshire.



MEU Congratulates Scholarship Recipient Mohammad Yacoub Nasereddin on Obtaining his PhD



AMMAN - Middle East University congratulated Dr. Mohammad Yacoub Nasereddin on obtaining a PhD in Civil Engineering with a ceremony organised under the patronage of the Chairman of MEU's Board of Trustees, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin. He obtained his degree at Loughborough University in the UK, and was awarded a scholarship to pursue his studies by MEU.

Prof. Mohammad AI Hileh, the University President, said, "MEU looks to continue awarding scholarships to its academically-gifted students in order to support them as they obtain the highest awarded degrees from prestigious international universities." He also added, "The University is committed to its mission of evolving its students' skills and capabilities and providing them with novel academic experiences, which in turn serves the development of Jordanian society."

Dr. Mohammad Yacoub Nasereddin obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from Coventry University in the UK, and was appointed as the Head of Graduate Student Researchers at MEU.

MEU regularly awards scholarships to its outstanding graduate students while they attend British, French, American, Malaysian, and Canadian universities to widen their knowledge and expertise. The University also constantly encourages them to exert more effort into advancing the state of Jordanian higher education.



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MEU Signs an MoU with Umniah's The Tank to Launch Jordan's Entrepreneur 2020



AMMAN - Middle East University, represented by the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre (IEC), will partner with Umniah's business incubator to launch the Jordan's Entrepreneur 2020 project. This project is set to be the first of its kind at any Jordanian university and aims to support Jordanian youth.

According to the memorandum of understanding signed by both MEU and Umniah, Umniah's business incubator "The Tank" will dedicate its resources and expertise in the field of entrepreneurship and innovation to launch this joint project.

The MoU was signed by Eng. Ziad Shatarah, the CEO of Umniah, and Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, the University President. Officials representing the two parties also attended the signing ceremony.

Commenting on this cooperation, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, the Chairman of MEU's Board of Trustees, said, "Through this partnership, the University looks to achieve its vision and mission to prepare the leaders of the future and foster an educational environment that promotes creativity and innovation."

Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, the University President, also remarked, "This agreement is but one of a series of partnerships that MEU is planning to participate in so that it can expand its reach and reputation on both a local and international scale."

Eng. Ziad Shatarah, the CEO of Umniah, stated, "Umniah is committed to supporting both the academic and entrepreneurial sectors, as demonstrated by its undertaking of projects like its business incubator 'The Tank'." He then pointed out that this MoU is part of Umniah's strategic plans, which include the establishment of the "The Tank", as the company aims to support young entrepreneurs by teaching them the skills necessary for their success in their future business endeavours.

Dr. Abdulrahman Zuraik, the Director of IEC, noted, "This MoU will be the bedrock for the shared understanding and future cooperation between MEU and Umniah. Both parties will contribute to each other's success by cooperating to develop the ideal environment for start-ups in Jordan. MEU will participate in the events and competitions of "The Tank", and will launch the Jordan's Entrepreneur 2020 project, which will be open to all Jordanian university students, in order to support the creative youth who will lead Jordan to a brighter future."



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Supreme Judge Patrons the Graduation Ceremony of the 26th Class of the Vocational Training in Domestic Guidance in Cooperation with MEU



AMMAN - The Supreme Judge Department and Middle East University celebrated the graduation of the 26th Class of the Vocational Training in Domestic Guidance and Reform diploma programme.

During the ceremony, his Eminence gave a speech where he stated, "The Supreme Judge Department looks to enable families and foster a state of stability and peace amongst its members in order to promote our country's promising capabilities." He added, "The Department has adopted a number of measures, including the establishment of the Domestic Reform and Attunement Directorate, to achieve our national vision for the protection and stability of families." The ceremony was attended by MEU's Vice President Prof. Mahmoud Al Wadi, and Dr. Saleem Sharif, the Assistant to the President for Community Service Affairs.

In a speech he gave at the ceremony, Dr. Al Wadi emphasised, "Our partnership with the Supreme Judge Department is of utmost importance and has proven to be successful through the results we have witnessed after cooperatively running courses and training activities." MEU values its current partnership with the Supreme Judge Department, as it enables the University to serve the community by advancing participants' skills in the fields of domestic development and guidance. The University's efforts coincide with the Department's objectives that are based on resolving the family conflicts commonly faced by members of our society.

At the end of the ceremony, his Eminence the Supreme Judge handed certificates to the programme's (16) participants, who underwent (100) training hours. Participants in the programme are awarded the Vocational Training in Domestic Guidance and Reform diploma upon their completion of the programme which signifies their knowledge of methods to limit domestic separation and conflict between married couples. Recipients of this diploma also leave the programme able to guide families and reform family ties through methodological strategies and wide knowledge in legal, educational, and religious affairs.

This programme has allowed the Supreme Judge Department and MEU to exchange expertise and cooperate in running this training course, which is jointly taught by religious judges and faculty members at MEU.



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MEU Celebrates the Holidays



AMMAN - Middle East University lit a Christmas tree in celebration of the holidays, in the attendance of Father Nabil Haddad, the Director of the Jordanian Interfaith Coexistence Research Centre (JICRC), his Eminence Dr. Ibrahim Dabour, the Bishop of the Catholic Church, his Eminence Dr. Hamdi Murad, an academic and researcher in interfaith dialogue, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, the Chairman of MEU's Board of Trustees, and a number of MEU's deans, faculty members, and administrative staff.

Dr. Nasereddin extended his warmest wishes to Christians in Jordan, Palestine, and all around the world, remarking, "On this occasion, we send a message of love and pride to our leader his Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein, the guardian of holy sites in Jerusalem and our greatest advocate for harmony, peace, and coexistence. His Majesty established the Amman Message, A Common Word, and the World Interfaith Harmony Week based on the methodologies and ideas of coexistence that are respected and adopted by the global community. His efforts have been celebrated with awards such as the Templeton Prize and the Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis, and a number of other prestigious awards that assert his dedication to spreading harmony, peace, and love amongst all citizens of our planet."

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees added, "MEU adopts these values of tolerance and understanding as part of its philosophy and strategy, and is dedicated to combating terrorism and bigotry. Here at MEU, we believe that education is not limited to curricula and scientific research, but extends to teaching our students the true meaning of humanity."

His Eminence Dr. Ibrahim Dabour said, "All Christians are proud of his Majesty's position and actions that help further strengthen the brotherly bonds between the Muslims and Christians both in Jordan and all around the world. His Majesty is the true and rightful guardian of holy sites in Jerusalem."

Father Nabil Haddad praised MEU for its role in broadening the minds of its students, commenting, "MEU promotes harmony, love, and peace between Muslims and Christians, and practices the principles of positive dialogue in the education it gives its students. MEU respects all religious creeds and encourages the coexistence of all religious and social groups."

Dr. Hamdi Murad said, "Jordan, as lead by his Majesty, upholds the values and principles of harmony, tolerance, coexistence, and peace."

Dr. Mohammad Al Arman, a faculty member at MEU's Faculty of Arts and Sciences and a representative of the University, also gave a speech where he stated, "Promoting the coexistence between religions, cultures, and civilisations is of the utmost importance to MEU." He then went on to refer to verses from the Quran and the hadiths of prophet Mohammad (PBUH) to urge his audience to be kind and treat others ethically and respectfully.



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Kuwaiti Cultural Advisor Visits MEU



AMMAN - The Chairman of Middle East University's Board of Trustees, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, met with Mr. Bader Al Muteiri, the Director of the Kuwaiti Cultural Office, to deliberate the establishment of partnerships between MEU and Kuwaiti universities. The meeting also focused on recruiting Kuwaiti students to MEU, specifically to encourage their enrolment in the international programmes hosted at the University.

During the meeting, also attended by MEU President Prof. Mohammad Al Hileh, Dr. Nasereddin stated, "With the onset of the fourth industrial revolution and the accompanying developments being made in the fields of communications, information technology, and applied sciences, Arab universities have found themselves responsible for widening their knowledge of the latest developments in all realms of technology and science in order to maintain their relevance as academic institutions."

Mr. Al Muteiri remarked, "Jordan and Kuwait share a strong relationship when it comes to the field of higher education and scientific research." He also praised MEU's reputation for seeking knowledge in all fields of education and academia, and for its demonstrated enthusiasm in establishing partnerships with prestigious international universities.

After the meeting, the Kuwaiti Cultural Advisor and his accompanying delegation took a tour of the University's facilities, computer labs, lecture halls, and also visited its central library.



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MEU Welcomes a Student Delegation from ANU



AMMAN - Middle East University (MEU), as represented by the Department of Student and Academic Exchange at the Deanship of International Programmes, welcomed a student delegation from the Australian National University (ANU) as part of an exchange programme designed to help hosted students practice the Arabic language. MEU's participation in this programme supports its efforts to foster cultural international exchange in an academic capacity.

Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh, the Dean of International Programmes, stated, "Visits like this one are a part of the comprehensive programme system which is facilitated and supervised by the Department of Student and Academic Exchange at the Deanship. These efforts help MEU to realise its vision of expanding the horizons of cooperation in the field of academic exchange, and allows us to benefit from these unique experiences of partnering with such prestigious international universities." MEU believes that establishing such cooperative relationships will help the University and its students keep up with the latest advancements in academia and applied research.

The 23 ANU students will be in Jordan for one month, and during their visit, they will participate in training workshops and partake in detailed presentations where they will present on the diversity of Australian society. The ANU students will also attend lectures given by MEU faculty members on the basics of the Arabic language. ANU is currently the top university in Australia, and is ranked number 22 on the QS World University Ranking.

The Department of Student and Academic Exchange employs the University's strategy of establishing a line of communication with other institutions and universities from all over the world to give MEU students the opportunity to benefit from the experiences of their international counterparts, and provide them with a platform for cultural exchange. In pursuing such endeavours, the Department helps uplift the quality of education available in the Kingdom, and in turn helps in realising the royal vision and addresses this point of focus as emphasised by both Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions.



MEU Promotes Academic Cooperation with the Iraqi Cultural Department



AMMAN - A delegation from Middle East University, led by the Assistant to the President for Community Service Affairs Dr. Saleem Sharif, visited the Cultural Department at the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq, and met with the Iraqi Cultural Attaché Prof. Haidar Kamel Zaidan. During the meeting, which was attended by Mr. Adel Al Tetti, the Director of the Department of Media and Public Relations, and Mr. Mohammad Al Shayeb, the Director of Student Recruitment Center, the two parties discussed establishing a means for academic and cultural cooperation, and the shared responsibility of all individuals who work in the sector of higher education and scientific research to enrich the knowledge of their societies.

Prof. Zaidan stated, "Iraq and Jordan share a strong relationship in the field of higher education and scientific research." He continued to praise MEU for its achievements in the various academic fields and for the partnerships it has established with prestigious international universities.

Many Iraqi students are currently enrolled at MEU and attend a variety of undergraduate and graduate programmes.



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MEU Signs an Agreement with SmartED



AMMAN - Middle East University, represented by the Consultancy and Training Centre, signed an agreement with SmartED, an organisation that offers consultancy services and develops educational systems. The agreement guarantees the cooperation of the two parties in the fields of education and training.

The agreement was signed by Prof. Aladdin Al Halhouli, the Vice President for Scientific Faculties, and Ms. Ameera Yaaqbeh, the founder of SmartED.

During the signing ceremony, Prof. Al Halhouli said, "MEU is dedicated to establishing close relationships with local community institutions that aim to help the members of our community further develop their skills and capabilities, especially in the field of education." The ceremony was attended by the Assistant to the President for Community Service and Public Relations, Dr. Saleem Sharif, the parliamentarian Ghazi Al Fayez, Prof. Naser Al Zayyat, a member of the SmartED's Board of Directors, and Mr. Ziad Al Masri.

Ms. Yaaqbeh praised MEU's role in supporting its local community and institutions, and complimented the high quality of education that the University is known to provide. She said, "MEU has made vital contributions to the globalisation of Jordan's higher education system, and has been an ardent supporter of its talented and innovative students, encouraging them to achieve the international distinction they are destined for in their fields of interest." The agreement specified the cooperation and coordination of the two sides in offering a variety of training courses and educational programmes to MEU students and targeted groups from the local community. These courses and programmes will be offered in accordance with official regulations set by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.



MEU Students Participate in a Discussion Session with the Prime Minister



AMMAN - A number of Middle East University students participated in a discussion session with H.E. the Prime Minister, Dr. Omar Al Razzaz, titled "The General Budget and the Government's Priorities". MEU was invited to participate in the session by the Center for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan, and other attendees included the ministerial staff from the Royal Cultural Center.

During the session, H.E. Dr. Al Razzaz remarked, "It is vital to outline a clear plan that will lead us towards achieving our economic and financial independence." He then stressed the need to review the salaries and wages of public sector labourers, and spoke about the government's duty towards its citizens and the necessity of addressing their complaints. The session was attended by MEU students Emad Ladadweh from the Faculty of Law, Malek Al Khatib from the Faculty of Business, and Suhaib Al Aswad and Suhaib Al Sahouri from the Faculty of Engineering.

H.E. Dr. AI Razzaz also discussed the importance of advancing the health sector, the education sector, and the public transportation sector, stating, "With the allocation of the general budget for 2020, the government aims to decrease taxation levels, promote a general increase in wage rates, and enhance the provision of public services." MEU's participation in such events ensures the achievement of his Majesty King Abdullah II bin AI Hussein's vision for involving the Jordanian youth in our nation's political and governmental affairs.



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MEU Discusses Academic Cooperation with Vatel



AMMAN - Dr. Hesham Abusaimeh, the Dean of International Programmes at Middle East University, discussed the establishment of a cooperative relationship with Mr. Ali Dwane, the Regional Director of Vatel Hotel and Tourism Business School.

During the meeting, which was attended by the Vice President Prof. Aladdin Al Halhouli and the Assistant to the President Dr. Sara Nasereddin, Dr. Abusaimeh remarked, "Benefiting from the expertise of Vatel Business School and applying them to Jordanian institutions is vital to our future success." MEU actively follows all royal directions, as in his meeting with Jean-Claude Juncker, the former President of the European Commission, in Paris last month, his Majesty King Abdullah II stressed the importance of promoting cooperative relationships between Jordan and all members of the European Union in terms of politics, economics, and academics.

Mr. Dwane praised MEU's attempts to benefit from the experiences of international academic institutions, remarking, "Vatel Business School and MEU's possible cooperation will result in the establishment of tourism and hotel management programmes and will produce highly-skilled professionals."

During the meeting, attendees were given a brief presentation on MEU's history which also listed the chief agreements MEU has made with European institutions throughout 2019, including MEU's partnership with the University of Bedfordshire and the University of Strathclyde.

MEU seeks to support international cooperation in the fields of academia and applied science, and fosters the proper environment to allow for the successful hosting of academic programmes and international joint programmes.



MEU Celebrates Alumni with the first "Celebrating Alumni" Carnival



AMMAN - Middle East University organised a carnival titled "Celebrating Alumni", which honoured former students ranging from the alumni of MEU's first graduating class in 2005 to alumni of MEU's most recently graduated class. This carnival is part of MEU's efforts to maintain a caring and communicative relationship with all of its students and alumni.

Prof. Aladdin Al Halhouli, the Vice President for Scientific Faculties, gave a speech to the carnival attendees, who included former students, deans, and other staff and faculty members, where he stated, "The main goal of events like these is to bring MEU's alumni together in one fun place so that we can all catch up on their latest successes. It is important to touch base with our former students as they represent MEU upon their entrance into the professional world both locally and internationally."

Prof. Halhouli also went on to say, "MEU prioritizes listening to all of its distinguished alumni's comments, concerns, and opinions in order to better learn how to improve the educational services we provide. Occasions like this also give us the chance to familiarize our alumni with MEU's accomplishments since their departure from our esteemed institution, and highlight the steps MEU has made towards achieving international acclaim, including MEU's hosting of a number of University of Bedfordshire's programmes and the establishment of a joint MPhramm degree in collaboration with the University of Strathclyde."

Dr. Ma'moun Al Huneiti, the Dean of Student Affairs, also spoke at the event, where he addressed MEU's role in the life of its graduates. He commented, "Activities like this are meant to help MEU follow up with its students' professional successes since their time at MEU. We are always eager to have our alumni participate in the many similar events that are regularly organized by the Department of Alumni Tracking and Follow-Up Services. The Department also periodically runs a number of courses and workshops that aim to help MEU alumni further develop their professional skills and broaden their career prospects."

Many of the alumni in attendance also gave speeches during the carnival where they spoke about how glad they are to have attended MEU, and how grateful they are that their MEU education gave them the knowledge that has led to their professional success and to many amazing opportunities. They also commented on how proud they are of MEU's recent achievements in elevating the University's academic status on an international scale.

The carnival's events included a number of entertaining performances and games, where attendees had the chance to win a number of prizes. Attendees left the event with a gift bag in hand, satisfied with the day's pleasant events.



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MEU Meets with Zain



AMMAN - The Faculty of Media at Middle East University hosted Mr. Tareq Bitar, the Corporate Communications Manager at Zain, to discuss Zain's performance over the years. Mr. Bitar and the MEU students in attendance discussed Zain's progress and the importance of public relations when it comes to promoting company services. The meeting was also attended by the Dean of Media Dr. Ezzat Hijab, and a number of faculty members and students of the MA programme. Mr. Bitar also highlighted the significance of media and communications tools, and addressed the

role they play in establishing any given company's positive reputation. He also reviewed the various activities led by both the Zain parent company and Zain Jordan in particular.

The meeting was held as part of a series of extracurricular activities carried out by the Faculty of Media in an effort to execute MEU's latest institutional strategy



MEU Places First in the First Sharjah University Film Festival



AMMAN - Middle East University won first place at the First Sharjah University Film Festival in the short drama category with a film produced and directed by Media students Yara Zakarneh and Dalia Oreiqat titled, "Seven Faces". The production was supervised by Dr. Sara Nasereddin, the Assistant to the President for International Affairs. 23 universities from the UAE and abroad participated in this festival.

Dr. Nasereddin praised the students' achievement, remarking, "This achievement was the result of the commitment and dedication of our bright students. MEU supports all of its students from the moment they begin their academic journey at the University and is dedicated to consistently providing students with the necessary moral, technical, and logistical support." She also added, "The Faculty of Media is proud to be educating so many talented students who graduate and become competent and competitive participants in the local, Arab, and international labour markets."

Mr. Omar Jawad, MEU alumnus and member of the festival/s Higher Committee, accepted the award on behalf of MEU. Dr. Khaled Omar Midfa, the Chairman of Sharjah Media City "Shams", gave the top three finalists in the short drama and documentary categories their prizes, and those who placed first in each category were awarded a professional videography camera.

The First Sharjah University Film Festival received approximately 60 film submissions in a variety of genres including short dramas and documentaries.



MEU Inaugurates the Faculty of Pharmacy's Second Scientific and Educational Activities Season



AMMAN - Under the patronage of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, the Faculty of Pharmacy, as represented by Dr. Ammar Al Maaytah, the Dean of Pharmacy, inaugurated the Second Scientific and Educational Activities Season in the attendance of a number of faculty members, administrative staff, and students.

The season kicked off with a lecture by Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, where he discussed the new strategic and procedural plan that the University has adopted to support its institutional policies. He remarked, "The University, which is known for teaching its students methods in strategic thinking, aims to apply a model to continue teaching our students these vital techniques throughout all stages of the University experience." He went on to stress the importance of SWOT Analysis techniques, stating, "Conducting SWOT Analyses helps businesses determine their strengths and weaknesses, and allows them to preemptively react to looming threats and available opportunities. It also helps businesses outline and design their strategies and core values."

Dr. Al Maaytah commended the Faculty of Pharmacy and its achievements, which were the result of the University leadership's wise guidance, commenting, "It is vital to surpass traditional teaching methods and provide students with an education that allows them to experience modern university life. We aim to do so by providing them with extracurricular activities, establishing lines of communication that allow then to comfortably contact their educators, and share the success stories of the pharmaceutical sector with students to inspire them to attain future success."

Prof. Khalil Al Taif, the Head of Extracurricular Activities, said, "The Faculty of Pharmacy has witnessed a major advancement in the quality of its performance and is adopting a new system that will benefit students and encourage them to employ logical and critical thinking methods."

During the event, students, Dr. Nasereddin, and Dr. Al Maaytah reflected on the students' awareness and interest in their development and success.



MEU Organises a Seminar on Sustainable Development in Cooperation with GIZ



AMMAN - Middle East University organised a seminar titled "The Strategy of Sustainable Development in Germany and Expectations for Jordan" in cooperation with the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ). The seminar was attended by representatives of the private, public, academic, and industrial sectors. The seminar covered the tried and proven German strategies that allowed them to achieve sustainable development. Attendees also discussed the best methods for applying these strategies in Jordan within the upcoming years, and the ways in which Jordan can benefit from similar international partnerships to succeed in achieving sustainable development.

Prof. Aladdin Al Halhouli, the Vice President for Scientific Faculties, said, "This seminar was organised to help us establish strong relationships with the countries that are looking to help us implement a strategy of sustainable development in the next ten years." He then added, "We are working on multiplying our efforts in organising future projects that serve the community and benefit the University. Promoting partnerships between the public, industrial, and academic sectors is vital to our advancement so that we can further empower our community." Dr. Jaime Sperberg, from the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government of Germany, gave a review of the German strategy and confirmed the depth and strength of the relationship between Jordan and Germany. He also remarked, "GIZ has been operating in Jordan for more than 40 years. It has supported Jordan since the instigation of the Arab spring and helped the Jordanian people as they faced the challenges that came with the influx of refugees into its borders." The Jordanian services sector has borne the brunt of our troublesome times, and this Jordanian-German relationship has proved to be our saving grace during the water security crisis Jordan has been dealing with since 2001. The relationship between Jordan and Germany has also provided Jordanian citizens and Syrian refugees with countless job opportunities, vocational training services, and given hundreds the chance to receive a distinguished education.

Prof. Ahmad Al Salaymeh, a professor of Renewable Energy at the University of Jordan and the Director of International Projects Office, stated, "This seminar directly satiates the emerging needs of our country in terms of helping us work towards sustainably developing the water and energy production sectors. Learning about how to effectively apply Europe's best practices and expertise in Jordan will help ensure our success in this endeavour."



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MEU's Faculty of Engineering Organises a Workshop in STAAD.Pro



AMMAN - The Faculty of Engineering at Middle East University organised a workshop in cooperation with DijiFyo company to teach attendees about how to use STAAD.Pro, a popular computer programme commonly used in the field of civil engineering for engineering analysis.

The workshop was run by Eng. Saad Al Halteh, and included practical application examples that illustrated how simple it is to use the programme. A number of faculty members, administrative staff, and students attended the workshop.

At the end of the workshop, Eng. Al Halteh addressed all the questions that the attendees had regarding the use of the STAAD.Pro programme and how to best apply its many capabilities.

The DijiFyo company specialises in offering information technology and consultancy services for medium sized companies. It is also known for its strategic planning and development of solutions.



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MEU Participates in an International Workshop to Attain ABET Accreditation



AMMAN - The Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Information Technology participated in a workshop organised by the Association of Arab Universities on how to gain accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).

Prof. Aladdin Al Halhouli, the Vice President for Scientific Faculties, stated, "The University's faculty and staff work tirelessly to meet the requirements for attaining the ABET accreditation. It is one of the University's main objectives, and it will further boost the international reputation of the programmes, faculty members, and students of MEU's scientific faculties." He went on to emphasise, "We are also sure that the ABET accreditation will advance our scientific faculties' ranking in many international evaluation indicators, as both of our participating faculties are dedicated to keeping up with the developments in modern teaching methods and curricula."

The workshop outlined the standards that must be met by academic programmes to attain the ABET accreditation, and touched on the significance of this accreditation in preparing the engineering alumni from faculties who have attained this certification to find success in this modern globalised industry. The University was represented by a number of its distinguished faculty members including Prof. Aladdin Al Halhouli, Prof. Salam Al Mahadin, the Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Ahmad Al Hmouz, the Head of the Department of Information Technology, Dr. Samer As'aad, the Head of the Department of Renewable Energy Engineering, and Dr. Mohammad Al Husban from the Department of Civil Engineering.

ABET is a non-profit organisation that awards accreditation certificates in he fields of applied sciences, computing, engineering, and technology to faculties and universities from around the world. It is one of the most prominent accreditation organisations in the U.S., and has been awarding accreditations that confirm leadership and quality performances in academic institutions for over 75 years.



U.S. Embassy Runs a Training Workshop on Professional Qualification at MEU



AMMAN - The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center at Middle East University organised a training workshop in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Amman. The workshop, instructed in part by Ms. Heather Dioguardi, the Education and Outreach Officer at the Embassy, was designed to teach students how to successfully join the local and international labour market.

The workshop was designed to teach students how to write a curriculum vitae that meets the job requirements of the announced vacancy they are applying for, and to prepare them for job interviews and salary negotiations. MEU's IEC aims to help manage and develop students' entrepreneurial talents and innovative natures. It prioritises matching potential investors with the entrepreneurs our University produces and the ideas they conceive to foster the creation of active projects.



MEU's Faculty of Law Runs a Course on Debating Skills and Winning Legal Environmental Support



AMMAN - The Human Rights Center at Middle East University's Faculty of Law ran a training course titled "Debating Skills and Winning Legal Environmental Support" in cooperation with the National Center for Environmental Justice.

Dr. Bilal Al Rawashdeh, the Center's Director, said, "This training course teaches participants how to gain support and express opinions, and was designed to promote a culture of discussion and debate, illustrate the significance of transparency and accountability, and introduce attendees to the legal and executive framework of the national integrity system."

MEU, as represented by the Faculty of Law, recently signed an agreement with NCEJ, stipulating the development of a cooperative relationship between the two parties in order to offer training courses related to the study of environmental law and human rights and raise awareness about these issues in the MEU community.

