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Middle East University and the Ministry of Digital Economy enter into a collaborative agreement to advance the digital skills of youth



Amman: Middle East University has entered into a collaborative agreement with the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship with the objective of equipping the younger generation with the advanced digital skills required to enable them to access the opportunities available in sectors such as information and communication technology.

The agreement was formalised at the Ministry's headquarters by the Minister of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Ahmed Al-Hanandeh, and the University's President, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin. It was witnessed by her Vice President, Prof. Ahmad Al-Louzi, and a number of experts in the relevant field.

As a matter of fact, the objective of the agreement is to develop training programmes in collaboration with the Digital Skills Association. These programmes are designed to cultivate a skilled and adaptable workforce in the sector of information and communication technology, thereby enhancing their employability in this dynamic and growing field.

In the words of Minister Hanandeh, the agreement will facilitate the acquisition of advanced technical skills and digital knowledge from a range of internationally accredited vocational programmes by young men and women, thereby equipping them with the requisite capabilities to meet future challenges and drive technological progress. Furthermore, it was noted that a training package will be launched that integrates with the curriculum of Jordanian universities.

Subsequently, Prof. Al-Mahadin, in the presence of the Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, Prof. Uday Al-Maaytah, and the Director of the Media and Public Relations Department, Mr. Kamal Fraij, and the Director of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre, Mr. Samer Abdul Dayem, emphasised that the university is committed to providing its students with project-based learning opportunities. They highlighted that hands-on experience equips students with a deeper understanding of the demands of the digital age, which the university addresses through its collaborations with national institutions and diverse sectors. Additionally, the university engages with employers and professionals to underscore the significance of advancing research and studies that address the needs of the digital age.

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A group of students from Middle East University undertake a visit to Rasid and the Royal Automotive Museum.



Amman: The Deanship of Student Affairs at Middle East University has conducted a series of field visits with the objective of integrating students with specialists and decision-makers. The most recent of these visits took place at the Hayat-Rased Centre and the Royal Automobile Museum.

The visit of the students to the Rased Centre serves to exemplify the university's proactive approach to political education and the growing emphasis on engaging the younger generation in the democratic process. Furthermore, it provided the students with an insight into the mechanisms and challenges involved in the process of political modernisation.

With regard to the students' visit to the Royal Automobile Museum, the historical tracks provided an invaluable context for their political and civil responsibilities, complementing the optimal education initiatives. This context was gained through an experience that built solid foundations in knowledge, awareness, and critical thinking about the country's history and contemporary landscape.

In this regard, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Ayman Al-Khazaleh, elucidated that knowledge is a vital prerequisite for young people, whom the university invests in so that they can become influential leaders and policymakers.

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Middle East University has announced the dates for the Silver Jubilee Cohort's graduation ceremony.



Middle East University has announced the dates for the graduation ceremony of the "Silver Jubilee" graduate cohort, which will take place under the patronage of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Senator Dr. Yaqoub Adel Nasereddin.

The name of the cohort has been chosen to coincide with the 25th anniversary of His Majesty King Abdullah II's assumption of his constitutional powers. It is also intended as a tribute to the university for its role in the great Jordanian achievements during the years of his wise reign.

This cohort marks the eighteenth year of the Master's programme, the fourth year of the Higher Diploma programme and the fifteenth year of the Bachelor's programme for the academic year 2023-2024.

The university has announced the venue and date of the graduation ceremony, which will be held at Al-Hussein Youth City (Culture Palace) for the first, second, and summer semesters, for those students who are expected to graduate according to the following schedule:

The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 24, 2024, in two sessions.

The first session:

The graduates from the faculties of business, engineering, arts, and educational sciences are required to attend at 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 24, 2024, provided that their rehearsal dates are on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

The second session:

The graduates from the faculties of Law, Information Technology, Media, Architecture and Design are required to attend at 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 24, 2024, provided that their rehearsal dates are on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 4:00 pm.

On Sunday, August 25, 2024, the ceremony is scheduled to take place as follows:

The graduates of the Master's, Higher Diploma, and Bachelor of Pharmacy are required to attend at 5:00 pm on Sunday, provided that their rehearsal dates are on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

In addition, the university places considerable emphasis on the importance of adhering to the following:

The university robes will be available for collection from the Warehouses Department at the university as of Sunday morning, August 4, 2024.

The invitation cards will be distributed during the rehearsals on Friday, August 23, 2024, at the Palace of Culture in Al-Hussein Youth City.

It is mandatory for all graduates to attend the graduation rehearsal. Any graduate who fails to attend the rehearsal on the aforementioned dates will be denied the opportunity to attend the graduation ceremony.

Graduates are required to be present at the ceremony site one hour prior to the ceremonial proceedings.

A programme in entrepreneurship held at Middle East University encourages students to consider investing in their ideas.



Amman: A programme of entrepreneurial training, initiated by the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Middle East University, has provided a series of activities designed to simulate an investment environment for new ideas and project-based learning.

The programme's main objective is to foster entrepreneurship, which is regarded as a key driver of economic growth and a means of addressing social and environmental challenges through the development of sustainable business models.

The three-day programme encouraged students to adopt a more lateral approach to problem-solving and to question the status quo. The programme included design thinking workshops and innovation labs, which enabled students to develop creative solutions to address issues in an innovative manner.

The programme included three distinct tracks, each presented by a different institution. The first track, entitled "Business and Business Plans," was presented by Mr. Samer Badie Abdel Dayem. The second track, entitled "Digital Content Creation," was presented by Al Rowad Academy for Training and Consultancy. The third and final track, entitled "Ready for Tomorrow," was presented by the Business and Professional Women Association.

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre is dedicated to fostering a dynamic and forward-thinking learning environment. Its mission is to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset, support startups, and drive economic growth.

Middle East University and Huawei Company enter into a Memorandum of Understanding.



Amman: Middle East University has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Huawei with the objective of initiating a collaborative endeavour that will facilitate the advancement of technical expertise through the establishment of the future Huawei Accredited Information and Networking Academy (HAINA).

Huawei Company entered into collaborative agreements with several Jordanian academic institutions in the presence of the Minister of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship, H.E. Mr. Ahmad Hanandeh, and on behalf of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the Secretary General of the Ministry, Dr. Mamoun Al-Dabai. The agreements were signed by representatives of Middle East University, chaired by Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, and Adam Zhan, General Manager of Huawei.

The signing of the memorandum was attended by notable figures from the university, namely Vice President Prof. Ahmad Al-Louzi, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology Prof. Uday Al-Maaytah, Director of Media and Public Relations Mr. Kamal Fraij, Director of the Information Technology Department Mr. Raed Al-Lahham, and Director of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center Mr. Samer Abdul Dayem. The event, which was attended by a number of Jordanian universities, placed an emphasis on the significance of committing to the utilisation of advanced technology as a means of optimising the educational experience, with the objective of establishing a unified platform through which students can be furnished with the requisite competencies to capitalise on promising opportunities.

Furthermore, the necessity to construct a knowledge-based economy emerged as a key priority, with the objective of creating digital ecosystems within educational institutions and propelling innovation, research, and development on an unprecedented scale.

The memorandum provides professional trainers to collaborate with Huawei experts for a minimum of two weeks in order to develop the curriculum for the Huawei Certification Academy Instructors (HCAI).

Additionally, the memorandum indicates that the parties will engage in a collaborative effort to investigate potential business opportunities, including the organisation of industrial knowledge exchange workshops and the development of a smart campus.

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Middle East University announces the introduction of six new specialisations in response to significant demand in the regional job market.



Amman: Middle East University has introduced six academic disciplines, four of which are integrated into the Bachelor's programme, namely Medical Analysis and Laboratory Sciences, Nutrition and Integrative Health, Sports Management and Training, and Human Resource Management.

Additionally, the university offers a Master's programme in Arabic Language and Literature, as well as an intermediate diploma programme that encompasses the study of cinema and filmmaking.

These disciplines epitomise the university's forward-thinking approach, which is informed by a profound grasp of the prevailing trends and preferences within the contemporary labour market. Furthermore, the university is committed to providing students with a comprehensive and dynamic education that challenges their abilities and expands their knowledge. This approach has been shaped by regular discussions and meetings with specialists and key stakeholders in the field.

The Medical Analysis and Laboratory Science discipline enables students to engage with diagnostic techniques, laboratory technology, and data analysis, thereby equipping them with the skills to play a pivotal role in disease detection, medical research, and public health. The Integrated Health and Nutrition discipline integrates scientific principles with research applications, allowing students to develop bespoke nutrition plans.

The discipline of Sports Management and Coaching encompasses a range of subject areas, including Event Management, Sport Psychology, and Sports Psychology, which provide students with an in-depth understanding of training methodologies that enhance sports performance.

The discipline of Human Resource Management offers insights into the strategies and practices that drive effective workforce management.

The aforementioned programme in Arabic Language and Literature at the Master's level is dedicated to the preservation of the rich cultural heritage of the Arabic language. By immersing students in this heritage, the programme aims to foster a more profound comprehension of Arab identity and its contributions to global culture. The Intermediate Diploma in Cinema and Filmmaking acknowledges the increasing impact of visual media on the formation of public discourse and culture. It furnishes students with a comprehensive education, equipping them with the skills to create compelling visual narratives that resonate with diverse audiences.

It is worthy of mention that the university comprises ten faculties, with forty-six programmes in total subdivided as follows:

The university offers a total of 32 undergraduate programmes, one higher diploma programme, 12 master's programmes, and one intermediate diploma programme.

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Minister Mubaidin: Jordan boasts an electoral law that is gradually becoming more democratic.



Minister of Government Communication and Government Spokesperson Dr Muhannad Al-Mubaidin stated that Jordan boasts an election law that is proceeding in accordance with a deliberate and structured plan towards the transformation of the political system into a more democratic one, with the objective of establishing a party system.

Furthermore, he stated that the political modernisation project is still in its early stages of development and that the challenges encountered thus far will be addressed through the accumulation of experience in the coming months and years.

Mubaidin's remarks were delivered during a dialogue session held by Middle East University on Monday. The session, entitled 'The political system in Jordan between reality and hope', was attended by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Middle East University, Senator Dr. Yaqoub Nasereddin; the Secretary General of the Ministry of Government Communication, Dr. Zaid Al-Nuwaisa; the President of the University, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin; college deans; a number of academics; specialists; and students of the university.

Minister Al-Mubaidin highlighted the significant structural shifts that have transformed the political landscape in Jordan, emphasising the meticulously devised constitutional and legislative reforms. These reforms, he asserted, were not merely a reactive measure to contemporary challenges but rather a strategic endeavour to enhance democratic governance. He encouraged young people to recognise the significance of the present moment, to engage more actively with the realities of their lives, to understand the importance of public affairs, to educate themselves, and to be politically aware of the events around them. He asserted that this awareness would enable them to engage in constructive thinking, analysis, and choice.

In his remarks at the session, moderated by Dr. Hani Al-Badri, a faculty member at the Faculty of Media, he underscored the critical necessity to realign the relationship between the government and its citizens. He highlighted the significance of a robust framework that prioritizes transparency and refines government communication mechanisms. He stated, "It is not merely about disseminating information but also about formulating a new social contract, as the media plays a pivotal role in bridging gaps, dispelling misleading information, and providing an accurate and comprehensive





picture of the political and legislative changes that occur within the Kingdom."

He elucidated that Jordan has a history exceeding a century, during which it has constituted elective legislative councils, thereby substantiating that its foundation is predicated on democratic principles at the global level, not merely the regional one.

Minister Al-Mubaidin highlighted that political parties in Jordan have a long history, dating back to the democratic transition from 1928 to 1989. This process is still ongoing and originated from tribal leaders and individuals from urban and rural communities. Those who were most engaged with the political process were those who represented the tribal structure.

In response to a question regarding the alignment of the political system with contemporary realities and aspirations, Al-Mubaidin affirmed that the political system is capable of guiding the population towards a constructive path, thereby enabling the state to facilitate progress and overcome obstacles. The most notable aspect of the political system's recent developments is the introduction of elected parliamentary councils based on programme mandates. This is evident in the allocation of 30% of seats in the forthcoming parliament to political parties, rising to 65% of seats in the House of Representatives in subsequent sessions.

In his remarks on the role of universities, AI-Mubaidin underscored the pivotal role of these institutions in fostering and sustaining youth engagement in political processes, particularly in the context of the forthcoming parliamentary elections. He called upon universities to assume a proactive stance in equipping the next generation with the requisite knowledge and skills for active political participation.

Furthermore, he suggested that universities and other educational establishments have a responsibility to facilitate the involvement of young people in the political process.

Al-Mubaidin listened to the interventions and questions raised by the audience, which included members of the faculty and students and which focused on the system of political modernisation and participation in the upcoming parliamentary elections. In response, Senator Dr. Nasereddin shared his insights on Jordan's

In response, Senator Dr. Nasereddin shared his insights on Jordan's evolving political landscape, referencing the King's discussion papers, particularly the fifth one, which outlines a comprehensive framework for strengthening democratic institutions within the Kingdom.

Middle East University conducts a workshop on the concept of public right of way and traffic priorities.



Amman: Middle East University offered its students an interactive workshop on the concept of right of way, priorities, and traffic rules. This provided an engaging opportunity for students to consider the significant impact of traffic rules and behavioural aspects on driving.

The workshop was organised by the Deanship of Student Affairs in collaboration with the Public Security Directorate and was attended by a number of security personnel, academics, and students.

The workshop highlighted the fact that traffic laws are not arbitrary regulations; rather, they are meticulously designed systems that serve to maintain the delicate balance of order on the roads. These laws, which encompass a range of measures including speed limits and the mandatory use of seat belts, are designed with the objective of reducing chaos, preventing accidents, and protecting the most vulnerable road users, namely pedestrians.

One of the workshop's keynote speakers, Colonel Wasfi Al-Atoum, emphasised the intricate interconnection between traffic regulations and road safety. He elucidated that legislation is not merely a set of rules; it is the very essence of an organised society, where each road user occupies a distinct role. He further emphasised that

compliance with these regulations is of paramount importance and that any deviation can have a devastating impact on road safety.

Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Mazen Al-Jaradat, representing the External Patrol Department, stated that safe driving is a moral responsibility firmly rooted in a holistic mindset that prioritises the well-being of all road users. He further noted that safe driving is an art form that requires constant vigilance.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Ayman Al-Khazaleh, indicated that such workshop sessions are designed to be interactive experiences that can potentially transform how individuals perceive their role on the road. He further elaborated that the true measure of the success of such workshops lies in their ability to facilitate behavioral change, emphasizing that imparting knowledge alone is insufficient; the objective must be to instill a profound sense of personal responsibility in each participant.

One of the pivotal topics addressed in the workshop was the mounting concern about the growing practice of reckless driving and the dangerous trend of displaying one's abilities on the roads. Reckless driving is not merely a violation of the law; it is a matter of significant public concern.

Middle East University is engaged in the process of formulating the third edition of the Future Security Leaders Programme.



Amman: Middle East University has established a novel approach to collaboration with national institutions, including the Public Security Directorate. This was evidenced by the graduation of participants from the third edition of the Future Security Leaders Programme.

The university places a premium on its productive collaborations with national institutions, ensuring that its contributions are aligned with national priorities. This enables it to leverage its close partnership with the Directorate of Security to enhance its role in driving change and development.

The graduation ceremony was honoured by the presence of Brigadier General Anwar Al-Tarawneh, Assistant Director of Public Security for Operations and Training, along with a number of distinguished senior officers and representatives of the university.

The university serves as a vital hub for the latest research and best practices in security studies, thereby ensuring that the programme is designed in accordance with the latest academic and professional standards.

It is noteworthy that the university's collaboration resulted in the development of a curriculum that integrates advanced theoretical frameworks in security studies, scenariobased practical learning, and a rigorous analysis of contemporary security issues. MEL

Senator Dr. Nasereddin presides over the Silver Jubilee Graduation Ceremony at Middle East University.



Amman: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Middle East University, Senator Dr. Yaqoub Nasereddin, will preside over the graduation ceremony of the Silver Jubilee cohort in the presence of the university's president, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, as well as the deans of faculties, academic staff members, and the families of students.

The cohort's name coincides with the Kingdom's 25th anniversary celebrations of His Majesty King Abdullah II's assumption of his constitutional powers. It is also in honour of the university's contribution to the great Jordanian achievement during the years of his wise rule.

This cohort constitutes the eighteenth academic year of study for the master's students, the fourth for those pursuing a higher diploma, and the fifteenth for the bachelor's students, commencing the academic year 2023-2024.

The university has announced the venue and date of the forthcoming graduation ceremony. This will be held at AI-Hussein Youth City (Culture Palace) for students in their first, second, and summer classes (anticipated to graduate). The ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 24, 2024, in two sessions: graduates from the faculties of business, engineering, arts, and educational sciences will begin at 12:00 pm, while graduates from the faculties of law, information technology, media, architecture, and design will begin at 4:00 pm.

The graduation ceremony for the Master's, Higher Diploma, and Bachelor of Pharmacy students is scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

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Middle East University has successfully undergone the annual external audit in accordance with the ISO standards.



Middle East University has successfully undergone the annual external audit process for the following ISO certifications: ISO 9001 Quality Management System, ISO 21001 Educational Organisation Management System, ISO 27001 Information Security Management System, ISO 37301 Compliance Management System, ISO 22301 Business Continuity Management System, and ISO 31000 Risk Management System.

This achievement is indicative of Middle East University's strategic vision, culture of quality, and commitment to advancing the frontiers of education. Each certification serves to exemplify a pivotal element of quality standards in education and management, the safeguarding of confidential data, and adherence to global compliance regulations. Moreover, it serves to reinforce the institution against potential disruptions and to facilitate the management of risks with precision and foresight.

In this regard, the President of the University, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, asserted that the acquisition of certificates is a strategic necessity for any university that aspires to establish itself as a leading institution of knowledge within the global educational framework. She further emphasised that these certificates serve to substantiate the university's dedication to excellence, facilitate ongoing enhancement, enhance operational efficacy, and facilitate new avenues for growth and collaboration.

In a statement, the Director of the Accreditation, Quality, and Information Centre, Prof. Ahmad Al-Louzi, asserted that the conferral of such certificates serves to substantiate the university's capacity for innovation, adaptation, and excellence in a context of accelerated global change. He further elaborated that these outcomes are the consequence of collective endeavour and a commitment to rigorous discipline demonstrated by the university's personnel.

Prof. Al-Louzi further highlighted that this accomplishment secures the university's position at the forefront of educational innovation, operational efficiency, and institutional resilience while strengthening its regional and global reputation.

Middle East University and the Giza District Governorate maintain a fruitful and influential partnership.



A delegation from Middle East University, headed by the Vice President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Ahmad Nasereddin, convened with the Governor of the Giza District, His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Al-Barizat, with the objective of advancing bilateral partnership paths in social, economic, and educational aspects.

The proceedings were attended by the university's legal advisor, Prof. Anis Al-Mansour; the Director of Media and Public Relations, Mr. Kamal Fraij; the Head of Safety and Security Division, Mr. Alaa Mekdad; and representatives of the university.

The partnership enables the university to develop academic programmes and research initiatives that address specific needs and challenges faced by the Giza District. This is achieved by aligning knowledge tracks and curricula with local trends and community needs.

Dr. Nasereddin stated that the university is interested in pursuing joint research projects pertaining to urban planning, environmental sustainability, and infrastructure development. He further highlighted the university's social responsibilities to contribute to the wellbeing of the surrounding communities, which makes it a focal point of attention. The institution is committed to implementing His Majesty the King's visions related to public-private partnership programmes, with a particular focus on human resource development and innovation.

In response, Mr. Al-Barizat asserted that Middle East University is an institution with the potential to facilitate constructive change in the region. He further suggested that the university's partnerships, when productive and influential, can inspire a commitment to nation-building, which aligns with the objectives of the Giza District.



Middle East University Presents a Paper on Traffic Awareness Development



Middle East University (MEU) presented a paper titled "The Role of Universities in Developing Traffic Awareness" during a discussion program launched by the Public Security Directorate, with the participation of various institutions, syndicates, and experts.

The university was represented by Dr. Salim Sharif, the Assistant to the President of MEU. The paper focused on the crucial role that universities play in shaping community awareness towards traffic systems, as well as equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary to address the evolving challenges of urban mobility.

Additionally, universities can offer continuous education and professional development opportunities for those already working in this field, helping them stay updated with the latest advancements and best practices.

The significance of the paper lies in its emphasis on the responsibility of universities to raise public awareness about traffic issues and encourage community involvement in traffic management solutions through educational programs and awareness campaigns about the importance of safe driving practices and the environmental impact of traffic congestion.

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Amman: A dialogue session organised by the Partisan Activities Division at the Deanship of Student Affairs at Middle East University provided students with the opportunity to engage directly with the ongoing transformations in the Jordanian political landscape. The session, which was attended by the Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, Senator Dr. Yaqoub Nasereddin, and presented by former Minister of Media Affairs, Dr. Mohammad Al-Momani, sought to enhance the students' awareness of political parties and electoral processes while also encouraging their active participation in the democratic process with informed perspectives and a deeper sense of civil responsibility.

The session, moderated by Zaid Abu Zahra, a student from the Faculty of Law, reflects a broader commitment to fostering a generation of voters who are not only aware of their electoral rights but are also equipped with the intellectual tools to critically assess and influence the future of political discourse in Jordan.

Later, there was an extensive dialogue between the students and the lecturer, in which the expected increase in voter turnout was discussed. It is estimated that 1.8 million citizens will cast their votes, which represents a significant increase in voter participation. This growing awareness of the importance of democratic action is a testament to the success of recent initiatives to encourage voter engagement.

Additionally, the session, which was attended by more



than 200 students, addressed the aspirations of the late 1980s, a period when political modernisation was not yet fully developed. It highlighted that the achievements of the Royal Committee to Modernise the Political System, which were realised in just three months, have been sought by political forces for more than three decades.

Among the most significant amendments was the lowering of the age of candidacy to 25 years. This decision initially prompted extensive debate about the seriousness of the proposed change. However, the proposition was supported on the grounds that if young men and women are prepared to defend their country at the border, they should also be trusted to assume responsibility for shaping the country's legislative future.

Subsequently, the session elucidated the recently introduced electoral regulations, which mandate that the fifth position on each electoral list is to be allocated to a candidate who is under the age of 35. Furthermore, the session placed emphasis on the demographic reality that 69% of Jordan's population is under the age of 35. This demographic distribution requires political representation that is reflective of and responsive to the aspirations of this majority.

In conclution, the session highlighted the fact that the quality of the parliament is contingent upon the choices made by the electorate and that it serves as a reflection of the values, aspirations, and decisions of the electorate itself.

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The Silver Jubilee Graduation Ceremony at Middle East University exemplifies the royal vision for human development and empowerment.



Amman: In his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Middle East University, Senator Dr. Yaqoub Nasereddin observed during the Silver Jubilee graduation ceremony that the present era represents a pivotal moment in the history of this nation. Over the course of centuries, it has made a unique and invaluable contribution to the advancement of human civilisation, particularly in the realms of science, literature, values, principles, and ideals. It continues to strive for a renaissance and a renewed sense of pride, for the benefit of future generations and for the advancement of truth, justice, and human dignity on a global scale.

This occurred during the graduation of the Silver Jubilee Cohort, which was attended by the President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Sanaa Shaqwara, and members of the Board, the President of the University, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, members of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Deans, a number of cultural coordinators, local community leaders, academic and administrative staff, and the families of the graduates.

The graduation ceremony happens to coincide with the Kingdom's celebrations of the 25th anniversary of His Majesty King Abdullah II's assumption of his constitutional powers. It is a source of great pride for the university to be able to play a part in the significant Jordanian achievements that have occurred during the course of his tenure.

He elucidated that the graduation coincides with the festivities commemorating the silver jubilee of His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers. Over the past 25 years, Jordan has achieved significant advancements across various sectors and at multiple levels. This is largely attributed to the strategic focus on the Jordanian human capital, which has been a core priority for the country's leaders. Education, in particular, has been identified as a crucial driver for national development, with the understanding that human resources are the true wealth of any nation. Jordan has demonstrated resilience in overcoming crises and challenges through a combination of strong determination, effective planning, and forward-thinking initiatives.

He emphasised that His Majesty the King has directed various committees and bodies towards. the issue of empowerment, particularly with regard to youth and women. This was recently discussed in greater detail, with His Majesty outlining the elements of Jordan's strength and its ability to face challenges and deal with all possibilities in light of the challenging circumstances currently faced by the region. He explained that these capabilities are mainly linked to a willingness for change and modernisation, as well as an expansion of the base of popular participation in decision-making.

In a statement, the President of the University, Prof. Al-Mahadin, highlighted that the institution is on course to celebrate its twentieth anniversary in the near future. She emphasised that the university has made significant progress in a relatively short period of time and that its achievements have been characterised by a commitment to excellence, a dedication to learning and development, and a focus on qualitative improvement. Prof. Al-Mahadin noted that the university has recently undergone a comprehensive transformation towards a more qualitative and applied approach to learning through the implementation of an integrated strategy for teaching and learning. She highlighted that the first phase of this transformation is set to conclude in 2025, with the university aiming to accelerate the process of obtaining international accreditations and improving its international rankings.

She highlighted that Middle East University is distinguished by its comprehensive awareness of the pivotal role played by technological transformations in our societies. The university has set a strategic goal of providing all its academic programmes with digital courses and gradually shifting from traditional disciplines to digital-centric disciplines in all fields of natural, humanitarian, health, and business disciplines. Additionally, the university maintains that modern learning methods qualify students for continuous learning and creative and innovative thinking and provide them with skills that help them develop entrepreneurial projects that have replaced the traditional role of the university as a classroom.

Furthermore, Prof. Al-Mahadin highlighted the significant advancements made by the university in a number of scientific and research projects aligned with national priorities. These developments have been pivotal in enabling the univer-

sity to assume distinguished positions in various rankings. Additionally, Prof. Al-Mahadin underscored the university's commitment to intensifying its efforts in serving the local community. This includes the development of volunteer work and student participation in activities that have a substantial positive impact on the immediate and distant surroundings of the university.

In addition to that, a number of students delivered speeches in both Arabic and English, expressing gratitude towards their homeland and commitment to continuing its development. They highlighted the vital role of the university in shaping their future as leaders, influencers, and contributors to societal progress. They also emphasised the importance of the academic environment in supporting their achievements.

It is worth noting that this cohort is considered the eighteenth for the master's students, the fourth for the higher diploma students, and the fifteenth for the bachelor's students for the academic year 2023-2024.



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Middle East University Hosts Play on the Importance of Electoral Engagement



Middle East University (MEU) hosted the play "Raise Your Voice" presented by artist Hassan AI-Sbayleh and Dr. Rania Ismail, which centers on raising awareness about the significance of active participation in elections.

Organized by the Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs, the play highlighted the importance of engaging in the democratic process and contributing to the consolidation of political transformation in Jordan's second centennial. The play serves as a reminder that the ability to shape the nation's bright future begins with a ballot.

This theatrical work delves into the essence of democratic participation and offers a poignant exploration of the individual's role in shaping collective destiny.

As Jordan continues its journey towards political and social transformation, the play reinforces the message that the power to build a brighter future rests firmly in the hands of its people, with each vote laying the foundation for a democratic and prosperous society.

Middle East University is dedicated to providing assistance to national teams in order to ensure the success of international competitions.



Amman: Middle East University provided sponsorship for the World Roman and Freestyle Wrestling Championship, supporting athletes under the age of 17 years within the gold category.

The tournament, which was attended by the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the University, Dr. Ahmed Nasereddin; the President of the Jordan Wrestling Federation, Engineer Mohammed Al-Amaleh; and his Vice President, Engineer Abdullah Qutayshat, was organised by the Federation and witnessed the participation of approximately 1,000 competitors representing 58 countries.

A total of 18 players participated in the tournament on behalf of the national teams, comprising five competitors in women's wrestling, five in freestyle wrestling, and eight in Romanian wrestling.

The involvement of Middle East University extended beyond the provision of transport, enabling a cohort of students from the university to engage in logistical interactions with the tournament. This exemplifies the university's philosophy that education is not confined to the classroom but is inextricably linked with experiential learning and community service.

By participating in this initiative, these students were able to gain invaluable insights into the dynamics of international sporting events, thereby reinforcing the university's role as an institution that produces well-rounded and socially responsible individuals. The universitv's involvement in the event is informed by a broader institutional ethos that places a premium on community integration as a fundamental aspect of its mission. The university regards the concept of an institution as a catalyst for national development and actively engages in collaborative initiatives with public sector entities to facilitate change.

This vision was eloquently articulated by the Vice President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Ahmed Nasereddin, who observed that

the university is unwavering in its conviction that the true measure of success can be found in the capacity to direct all available energies and resources towards the collective good. The university's participation in this international competition serves as a tangible demonstration of its dedication to this principle, reinforcing institution's the position as a pivotal contributor at the national and international levels.

It is noteworthy that the university has recently introduced specialisation in sports а management and training, which encompasses a range of disciplines. The programme also encompasses Event Management, Sports Psychology, and Sports Coaching, thereby affording students an in-depth understanding of coaching methodologies enhance that

athletic performance.

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The political student magazine of Middle East University is a forum for the expression of opinions and ideas by its student body.



Amman: Middle East University has recently published the newly-launched 'Political Student' magazine, marking an important and proactive step forward in the academic and political landscape.

The magazine was overseen by the Deanship of Student Affairs at the university through a dedicated committee whose objective was to facilitate the students' engagement with partisan politics in a constructive and intellectually rigorous setting.

In this regard, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Ayman Al-Khazaleh, stated that the publication of the magazine is consistent with the objectives set out in the strategic plan of the Partisan Activities Division within the deanship. This will contribute to the establishment of a lasting legacy of political participation. With successive generations of students contributing to and learning from the magazine, it can become an institutional tradition that continuously nurtures the concept of a politically promising human being.

Furthermore, he elucidated that this legacy has the dual benefit of advancing the university community and contributing to the broader societal objective of fostering an engaged and informed citizenry.

Middle East University and Al-Hussein Technical University enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on Experiential Technical Education.



Amman: Middle East University has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Al-Hussein Technical University to advance the educational landscape through the deep integration of experiential technical education pathways.

The memorandum was signed by Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, president of the university, and Dr. Ismail Al-Hanti, president of Al-Hussein Technical University.

The memorandum, attended by Prof. Ahmad Al-Louzi, Vice President; Prof. Ayman Al-Nsour, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering; Dr. Ayman Awad, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Design; and Mr. Kamal Fraij, Director of Media and Public Relations, permits students to utilise sophisticated technical instruments, which are indispensable for their academic and professional advancement. This enables them to align with global trends towards innovative technology-driven learning experiences.

In this regard, Dr. Al Hanti, in the presence of a number of deans and directors of the concerned centres, expressed his admiration for the approaches adopted by Middle East University, which has provided an innovative and influential model in the field of higher education. As a result of these endeavours, novel approaches to dynamic education have emerged, which have been devised in accordance with the requirements of the labour market and the expectations of employers. This collaboration represents an endorsement of the construction of educational experiences that are commensurate with the aspirations of students and the needs of the labour market.

In her remarks, Prof. Al-Mahadin stated that the university is committed to redefining the higher education landscape. Its Teaching and Learning Strategy views the educational experience as an opportunity to develop the technical skills, educational knowledge, and guiding values necessary for students to find their place in technical and professional environments.

She highlighted that mere possession of knowledge is no longer sufficient, which is why the university's curricula and study programmes are designed to be dynamic and adaptable. This is coupled with continuous engagement with employers and professionals.

Middle East University brings students face-to-face with the Audiovisual Media Authority.



The Middle East University furnished students from the Faculty of Law with the chance to engage in direct discourse with the Audiovisual Media Authority, affording them a priceless opportunity to gain profound insights into the strategic role of the authority in shaping the national media landscape.

The objective of these visits, which are organised by the university for its students, is to foster talent, disseminate knowledge, and embrace shared visions with different national institutions.

Nancy Al-Khasawneh, Director of Legal Affairs at the authority, stated that the authority's actions are based on the tenets of key legislative frameworks, including the Press and Publication Law No. 8 of 1998 and the Audiovisual Media Law No. 26 of 2015. She further explained that these laws serve as indispensable instruments in maintaining equilibrium between the rights of freedom of expression and the necessity to regulate in order to safeguard the public interest.

Prof. Ahmad Al-Louzi, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Middle East University, discussed the broader implications of the visit. He highlighted the importance of such engagement for the university's mission to produce graduates who possess not only theoretical knowledge but also practical expertise. Prof. Al-Louzi highlighted that by providing students with insights into the operational realities of key regulatory bodies such as the Jordan Media Authority, the university is fostering the development of a generation of legal professionals who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate the complexities of modern legal practice.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Al-Louzi, outlined the rationale behind these visits, which form part of a broader strategy to foster a symbiotic relationship between academic institutions and public regulatory bodies. He underscored the value of this approach in creating a dynamic learning environment where students can engage with the regulatory frameworks they study in a critical and transformative manner, thereby transforming abstract legal principles into concrete skills and insights.

Furthermore, Dr. Ahmad Bilal, a faculty member, elucidated that the visit enabled students to comprehend the pivotal role of the Media Authority in regulating the media sector and to develop a profound understanding of the intricate legal complexities inherent to media regulation. He emphasized that such experiential learning opportunities are indispensable to the development of a comprehensive legal education system, one that not only transmits knowledge but also refines the practical skills essential for success in the job market.

The visit concluded with an exhaustive tour of the authority's numerous directorates and departments.

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Middle East University participates in the Kazan Global Youth Summit.



Middle East University played an invaluable role in the Kazan Global Youth Summit, a distinguished assembly of the foremost experts in the domain of youth policy and innovation, hosted by the Russian Federation and sponsored by Rustam Minnikhanov, President of the Republic of Tatarstan.

The summit, which was attended by representatives from 43 countries, including member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and BRICS, provided a forum for discussing some of the most critical issues confronting young people in the present era.

The summit addressed a number of key issues, including the transformative impact of digitalisation, the role of cutting-edge tools in shaping youth policy, and the ethical implications of artificial intelligence.

In a presentation delivered by Dr. Saddam Al Mashaqbeh, Director of the Media Training Centre at Middle East University, the university's proactive stance in empowering the next generation was emphasised. Additionally, the presentation addressed the university's strategic initiatives, which are designed to equip youth with essential skills in the technological and social fields. This initiative is at the core of the university's establishment of specialised leadership and training centres.

He elucidated the pivotal role that young people play at the university in influencing institutional policies and governance frameworks. He emphasised that this participatory approach is not merely a symbolic gesture but is, in fact, a fundamental tenet of the university's philosophy. By incorporating young people into the decision-making process, the university acknowledges the distinct perspectives and inherent understanding of the challenges they confront.