



# PRESIDENT'S NEWS DIGEST

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We are delighted to announce that the new cafeteria has started its operations.

You are all welcome to the cafeteria to order and enjoy your meal.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 46th edition of the President's News Digest.



I would like to start this edition by welcoming all staff and students to the new academic year. There are many challenges in the year ahead, but I am confident that through hard work, commitment and innovation we will make some serious achievements, especially in the area of institutional accreditation and launch of new programmes with British Universities.

On 8 September 2016, the BOTs chaired by Professor Waheeb AlKhaja had its first meeting this academic year. The BOT has approved the University's budget, the formation of the College of Engineering and the launch of new programmes with British Universities. In addition, our strategic and operational plans have been approved. The Chairman of the BOT and the Board have expressed their appreciation to all academic and administrative staff for all their hard work over the last 12 months.

Last week, it was Eid Al-Adha. I sincerely hope that you had a relaxing break and came back fully energized. On the 15 September, the Chairman of the BOT and the University's President received more than 150 academic and administrative staff to celebrate this blessed occasion.

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVES A COPY OF A BOOK WRITTEN BY DR NASIM AL SHAWAWRAH, COLLEGE OF LAW

On Thursday, 15 September 2016, the President of the University received a copy of a research book written by Dr Nasim Al Shawawrah from the College of Law. His book is entitled: Trade Marks Protection, from Illegal Competition Practices. Many congratulations to Dr Nasim for this great achievement.





## REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

During the start of the New Academic year 2016-2017, the Deanship of Admission and Registration has been very busy. All staff have been working extremely hard to ensure a smooth run of the admission and registration process according to ASU rules and regulations. About 70 percent of students managed to register online and the others needed some academic advice prior to selecting their courses.



For the English placement test, there was a record level of students (92 percent) that have sat the test (OOPT testing). This was achieved due to the great work done by the Foundation and English Delivery Services Team.

## AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH POSITIVE WINGS

Applied Science University Community Engagement Office presented by Dr. Mohammed Yousif, Vice President for Administration, Finance and Community Engagement and Ms. Hana Dowaisan, Community Engagement Committee member signed an agreement with Positive Wings Team presented by Mr. Abdullah Eid, the President of the team on 5 September 2016.



According to the agreement, the Office will support a set of community engagement activities that will be organised by the team which will provide halls to be used for training courses.

## ASU COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE ORGANIZING "HIYA BIYA"



The ASU Community Engagement Office in collaboration with Positive Wings Team, and Mr. Yousif Bin Ahmed Al Thawadi Member of the Municipal Council; organised a traditional Bahraini celebration called "Hiya Biya".

Dr. Mohammad Alaa Hussain Al-Hamami, Director of the Office, Dr. Ahmed Hassan and Ms. Hana Dowaisan, Members of the office represented the ASU Community Engagement Office.



Mr. Yousif Bin Ahmed Al Thawadi and Positive Wings Team thanked Applied Science University and provided an appreciation gift for supporting the celebration.

Around 350 children participated in the celebration including cancer warriors. The celebration has included a set of activities for children, and it was held in Al-Hidd City near Al-Hidd Secondary School for Boys on 11 September 2016.



## MUHARRAQ SOCIAL WELFARE CENTER

Dr Ahmed Arbab, Head of MHRM is an active academic staff in Community Engagement and recently visited Muharraq Social Welfare Center “Dar AlRiaaya AlIjtimaeya”. His visit was part of his programmed activities to talk to the elderly and spend nice time with them. The visit took place on 17 August where he took flowers to cheer them up accompanied by the volunteer team of Swaeed Al Salam who were also involved in this event.



## HANA DOWAISAN DEDICATED TO SERVING THE SOCIETY

Miss Hana Dowaisan, an active member of CE at ASU, is one of the most dedicated members towards serving the society through voluntary work. She wrote the attached article in "Tatawa'a Magazine, September issue 2016. She stressed that the orphans, elderly people with special needs and youth are at the heart of her interest. At ASU and with the help of voluntary organizations, she is bridging these activities to make the life of these people full of hope.

We at ASU are proud of her.



## LABOUR MARKET'S OBSERVATORY PROJECT

As part of ASU commitment to communicate with bodies that support our students' employability, Prof Saad Darwish attended a meeting sponsored by Tamkeen about the labour market's observatory project on 8 September 2016.

The project will make it easy for the relevant decision makers to strike a balance between the job demand and the labour market's needs.

It also aims to highlight the future requirements of the labour market, which will enable parents and students to make the rights choices regarding their higher education studies.

It will also allow higher education establishments to prepare the educational, academic and practical programmes that meet the requirements of the labour market, which will reduce the unemployment rate in the country



## KOTTER'S 8-STEP PROCESS FOR LEADING CHANGE

Founded on 8-Step Process, the John Kotter change management model equips organizations with the means and methods to transform themselves quickly, continuously and with powerful results. Organizations that do not or cannot evolve will not last.



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.”*

**Winston Churchill**



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