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## The winners of Middle East University's literary competition talk about .reading and how it shapes character



Amman: Three winners of the first and second seasons of the Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin Award for Free Reading and Creative Writing spoke to Middle East University students during a dialogue session entitled “Zad Al-Nuha” about the impact of reading on character formation and building and its strong positive impact on empowering the skills of writing and speaking in those who accept and master them.

This came during a meeting organised by the award committee, headed by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Educational Sciences, Prof. Ahmed Musa, moderated by the award committee member and cultural club advisor, Dr. Jumana Al-Salem, and attended by a number of faculty members at the faculty, students of the Arabic Language Department, and members of the cultural club.

The following were the participants in the session:

The winners of the first and second seasons were, respectively, Sarah Atri, a student from Zarqa University, and Loujain Sabah, a student from Princess Sumaya University. Rawaa Abu Bakr, a student from Middle East University, came in third place in the second season. Additionally, Mayar Al-Duwairi and Marh Al-Duwairi, students from Yadouda Secondary School for Girls, have repeatedly won the Arab Reading Challenge competitions and excelled in writing short stories and essays.

During the session, held in cooperation with the Cultural Club at the university's Deanship of Student Affairs, participants reviewed the role of universities in enhancing this skill. They praised the Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin Award, which they received after a series of interviews and impartial professional procedures. The award serves as a starting point for them to continue reading purposefully and responsibly, which opens horizons for them towards sound language skills and sober thought, expression, and performance. This is one of the most important objectives of the award, which achieved remarkable success in its first (2021–2022) and second (2022–2023) seasons.

The competition is currently in the judging phase for entries submitted in its third season, covering free reading, essay writing, and short story writing.

## The Governorate of Giza honours the Middle East University football team for winning the championship cup.



Amman: The Governor of the District of Giza, Mr. Nasser Shawabkeh, honoured the Middle East University football team after winning the Ministry of Youth's Five-a-side Football Championship, held at the Talibiya Club in the District of Giza.

The university team presented an exceptional performance that attracted the attention of the participants and provided an idea of the type of training facilities provided by the university for the team members from the university students, as the university had inaugurated a professional football field, according to FIFA standards and regulations, with a longitudinal area of 90 metres and a cross section of 45 metres.

Regarding the university team's tournament results, they won four matches: defeating Al-Ghahabi team 30-, defeating Umm Al-Rasas team 32-, defeating Talibiya Union team 116- in the semi-finals, and ultimately defeating Al-Faisali team 42- in the final round at the District of Giza level.

# Middle East University innovates a new approach to teaching scientific research methods in universities.

**"الشرق الأوسط" تبتكر طريقة جديدة لتدريس مادة مناهج البحث العلمي في الجامعات**

Amman: A major scientific achievement at Middle East University has pioneered a new approach to teaching scientific research methods, called the “integrative method.” “The Integrative Method,” a method that relies on the importance of a thorough comprehension of the relationships between the parts of the subject, contributes to building a comprehensive picture that achieves a deeper comprehension of the Media Research Methods course.

The scientific achievement is attributed to Dr. Laila Jarrar, a faculty member at the University’s Faculty of Media, who explained in her study published in the Journal of Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences: Humanities and Social Sciences, which is classified in the international database Scopus, that the “integrative method” achieved very positive results in terms of ease, understanding, and enjoyment, which emphasises the importance of this innovation and its impact on the development of the media research curriculum in Jordanian universities.

The new approach to teaching Media Research Methods is based on nine (9) stages, which will assist the students to better and more effectively understand the principles of Media Research and apply them to the real world.

The study titled “The degree of effectiveness of the integrative method in teaching the media research methods course” is a descriptive study that relied on the survey method and performance evaluation of the research plans of 84 male and female students studying the media research methods course at the College of Media at the Middle East University. It was published in the Journal of Studies. The University of Jordan’s Humanities and Social Sciences has been classified within the international databases (SCOPUS Q4) in Volume 51, Issue 1 of 2024.



## A leading architectural magazine publishes unique architectural projects by students from Middle East University.

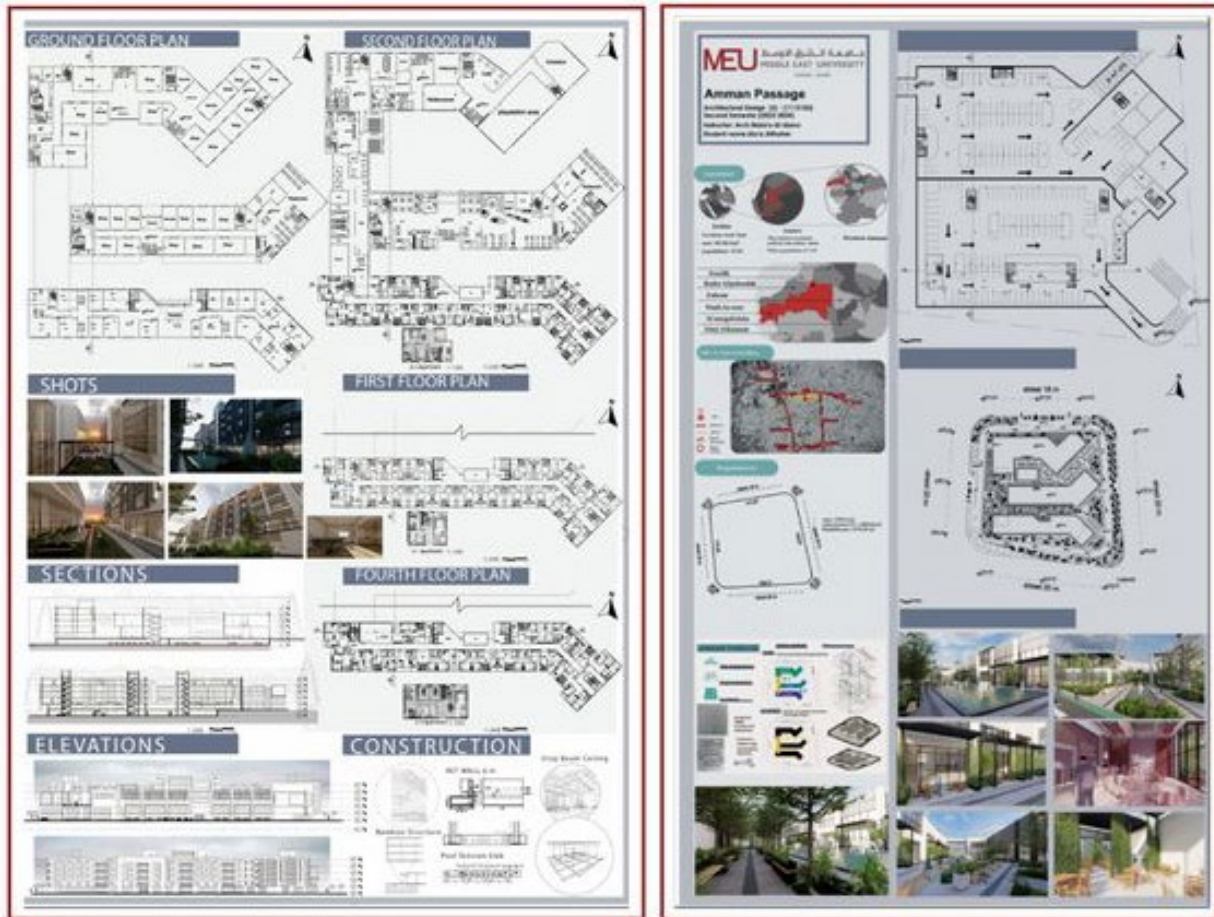


Amman: ACS Architecture in Creative Space Magazine has published projects for a number of students from the Faculty of Architecture and Design at Middle East University, demonstrating the advanced level of the university’s students in understanding and accommodating the challenges of modern society and its architectural requirements. The projects of Mohammed Moussa, Dina Al-Nazer, and Lian Blue have been included in visitor centres for archaeological sites in the Ain Ghazal area, as well as in reconstruction projects and concepts, such as the reconstruction of the displaced village of Al Dawaima in Hebron.

According to Dr. Shaden Abu Safiya, supervisor of the projects and head of the Department of Architecture, the students’ projects have made significant contributions to the field of architecture, as evidenced by their publication in prominent architectural magazines.

The students themselves noted that exposure to diverse design methods and contextual challenges broadened their architectural horizons and encouraged critical thinking on the role of architecture in shaping society.

## Students from Middle East University bring their architectural ideas to life in a 27-dunum project, which is an ambitious initiative.



Amman: An architectural project designed by the students of the Faculty of Architecture and Design at the Middle East University embodied exceptional ideas that reflected the quality of the applied programmes offered by the faculty on the one hand and the architectural intelligence of the students on the other hand.

The Circassian Charitable Society developed the project, which is situated on a 27-dunam land area on Mecca Street in Amman. Its significance lies in generating financial returns that benefit several impoverished families and needy students.

In this respect, the supervisors of the proposed commercial/residential project, faculty member Walaa Al-Qarra and her assistant laboratory supervisor, Engineer Mohammed Khrisat, stated that the project was approached with seriousness throughout the semester. The design principles and standards adhered to building regulations and laws, with integrated engineering, structural, and mechanical systems.

The students in interior architecture design were supervised by faculty member Doaa Al-Sanada. The project involved designing apartments, clinics, and shops to achieve comprehensive integration between the courses of fourth-year architecture students.



## Middle East University and the Royal Jordanian Film Commission (RJFC) are eagerly awaiting the launch of a film academy.



Amman: In the presence of the Vice President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Ahmed Nasereddin, and the Dean of the Faculty of Media, Dr. Hanan Al-Sheikh, Middle East University's President, Prof. Dr. Salam Al-Mahadeen, met with the Director General of the Royal Jordanian Film Commission, Mr. Muhannad Al-Bakri, and the commission's delegation.

The meeting is considered a starting point for joint programmes in the film sector that will create an innovative generation capable of breaking the stereotypes associated with the Jordanian film sector and making the leap that all are waiting for.

Dr. Nasereddin stated that the university is fully aware of the demands of the job market, and the scene confirms that we are on the right track. In our partnerships, we always seek effective paths that yield results. Our mission is clear: to invest in minds and develop skills.

He explained that the Faculty of Media at the university has privileged status due to the importance of journalism in building the scene, setting priorities, and formulating solutions, especially at the national level.

In the presence of the Royal Jordanian Film Commission delegation, Al-Bakri affirmed the university's balanced and reputable academic reputation, noting that this is not out of nowhere, as it is an educational institution that understands the fluctuations of the job market and prepares its students for all upcoming changes, adding: Our attendance at this meeting is in support of the film sector at all levels, including education and professional development. We are pleased to offer our expertise and capabilities to support this initiative.

He stated that a degree is not necessary for a career in cinema, but rather that practical knowledge is key. Cinema is a complex field, and university students may lack focus, especially given the uncertainty surrounding the potential for Jordanian productions to make significant advancements. It is important to avoid falling into the trap of stereotyping or limiting ideas.

Prof. Dr. Al-Mahadeen emphasised the university's interest in being a reference for all emerging trends in new cinema, pointing out that it is time to put things into perspective, especially with the launch of diploma programmes in modern cinema, as we are faced with a job market that does not only seek degree holders but also holders of ideas that are ahead of their time.

She explained that the university's study plans align with its sense of responsibility to provide students with the necessary resources to develop their talents and achieve their goals.

In the same context, Dr. Hanan Al-Sheikh said that the university's strategy is in line with the vision of His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein, who is firmly committed to giving Jordanian cinema the status it deserves, which is reflected in the design and photography labs and film effects rooms in the new building of the faculty.

The Royal Jordanian Film Commission (RFC) is a public institution with administrative and financial independence. Its mission is to promote and contribute to the development of an internationally competitive Jordanian audiovisual industry, organise training workshops and screenings, and provide production support services.

## Middle East University brings students from many different nationalities together.



Amman: The Middle East University's Deanship of Student Affairs organised a Ramadan Iftar, which brought all nationalities together, reflecting the university's unique cultural diversity.

The university-sponsored Iftar took place on its spacious campus and was all compassion, kindness, good feelings of brotherhood, and mutual love, making it truly worthy of the title "Iftar Al-Mahabba."

The Iftar was organized by the cultural and voluntary clubs in the deanship. It included a Maghrib prayer, a religious sermon, choral performances, and various cultural competitions.



## Our students from the Faculty of Media produce media content that pertains to environmental issues.



Amman: A series of practical workshops enabled students at the Middle East University's Faculty of Media to produce high-quality journalistic content related to environmental challenges and waste management.

The Media Training Centre of the faculty collaborated with the Dibbin Environmental Development Association to organise the workshops.

The Director of the Centre, Dr. Saddam Al-Mashaqbeh, stated that the workshops provide guidance for adopting a comprehensive and effective environmental approach that improves the environmental system and enhances its safety. He further stressed the importance of making students aware of a number of national issues in this regard, in recognition of the significance of the environmental system and its infinite riches.

At the end of the workshops, the students created journalistic content highlighting issues such as sorting medical waste, reducing plastic consumption, and reusing furniture.



## The Middle East University family exchanges felicitations on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr.



Amman: The Middle East University staff members exchanged felicitations and blessings on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr in the presence of the Vice President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Ahmed Nasereddin, and a number of members of the Board of Directors, the President of the University, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, the Vice President of the University, Prof. Ahmed Al-Louzi, the assistants to the President of the university, the deans of the colleges, and members of the academic and administrative staff.

Prof. Al-Mahadeen expressed her wishes for the health and happiness of all the university staff and that God the Almighty will return these occasions to the Arab and Islamic nations with goodness and blessings, expressing her happiness for this meeting as it deepens and strengthens social relations and maintains communication between the members and staff of the university.

Dr. Nasereddin stated that the meeting is a positive Sunnah and holds great importance for the university in fostering fraternal relations among its members, wishing the university family more progress, success, and contributions.

The university family extends its felicitations and blessings to His Majesty King Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Al-Hussein bin Abdullah; may Allah protect them on this occasion, wishing him to return to the Jordanian family with peace, kindness, and blessings, and that Jordan under his leadership will enjoy security and stability in all Arab and Islamic countries.

## Middle East University and the Royal Documentation Centre sign a collaboration agreement to promote cultural and training activities.



Amman: Middle East University and the Royal Jordanian Hashemite Documentation Centre (RJDC) signed a collaboration agreement at the centre's headquarters inside the Royal Hashemite Court. This agreement establishes a comprehensive training programme comprising diploma programmes and specialised training courses in several fields, including archival sciences, documentation, and conservation.

The meeting was attended by the Acting Director General of the Centre, Ms. Reham Al-Masri; the Director of the Technical and Studies Department, Mr. Sulaiman Al-Shuqairat; and the Director of the Consultancy, Training, and Languages Centre, Prof. Anis Al-Mansour. In addition, the Centre's delegation was also in attendance.

In this context, Ms. Al-Masri defined the role of archiving as one that preserves history and enables future generations to access knowledge. She also noted that the importance of archiving has increased in the current era, where events are unfolding rapidly and information is spreading at a high pace. She emphasised the necessity of developing standards and strategies for digital preservation, addressing issues such as format obsolescence and data integrity. This can be achieved by leveraging advanced tools for metadata creation and retrieval.

In the view of Prof. Al-Mansour, the diploma course will provide students with a multifaceted learning experience. This will include exposure to the technological advances that shape contemporary archival practices and the ethical considerations inherent in archival work. Furthermore, the course will include case studies drawn from RDC's extensive holdings, providing students with real-world examples to analyse and interpret. In addition, fieldwork assignments and collaboration with archivists on projects to digitise and catalogue archival materials will be included.



## Senator Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin sponsors the Free Medical Day at Middle East University.



Amman: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Middle East University, Senator Dr. Yacoub Nasreeddin, in the presence of the university's President, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, sponsored a free medical day organised by the Faculty of Pharmacy.

The Medical Day provided university students with access to high-quality pharmaceutical products and medical advice from skilled specialists, enhancing their awareness about various medical conditions and proactive preventive measures.

In this context, Senator Dr. Nasereddin clarified that this medical day coincides with a significant event, namely the National Day of the Jordanian Flag. This day commemorates the long struggle for a blessed land whose roots are deeply embedded in history. It is known for its honourable, Arab, and authentic identity, and its captivating details are now being lived and planned for a future worthy of its great sacrifices.

Dr. Amjad Abu Armileh, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, explained in a statement that the Medical Day represents opportunities for research collaboration, internships, and employment, as well as reliability that ensures that attendees receive safe and effective products. He further stated that the event contributes to shaping students' understanding of the possibilities of their specialisation and profession and nurturing their passion for healthcare.

The supervisor of the Medical Day, Dr. Suha Abu Dawla, a faculty member, stated that the university's commitment to the community is demonstrated by the organisation of such a medical day, which provides free health checks, consultations, and sessions that contribute to the well-being of the local community, especially those who may have limited access to health care resources.

It is of interest to note that the medical day attracted a number of companies, including Yan Industrial Trading Company, Mounir Sakhtian Group, MedLab Laboratory Consulting Group, Alpha Optics, Nasrallah Trading Agency, Trust Makers, Jerash Pharmaceutical Warehouse, Delas Natural Products, National Nutrition Centre, and the College of Allied Medical Sciences.



**Middle East University hosts the International English Language Conference, which will be attended by 150 male and female researchers.**



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## **New Horizons in Language, Literature and Translation Studies Conference**

Amman: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Middle East University, Senator Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, is sponsoring the activities of the International English Language Conference: New Horizons in Language, Literature, and Translation Studies Conference, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 20–21, 2024.

The conference is attended by 150 male and female researchers representing 16 countries: Jordan, Palestine, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Iraq, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, the USA, the UK, and Spain.

The conference is organised by the Department of English Language at the Faculty of Arts and Educational Sciences in collaboration with the Association of Professors of English Language, Literature, and Translation in Arab Universities.

The conference, which brings together academics, researchers, and professionals from universities and educational institutions inside and outside Jordan, represents an exceptional platform for the production of recommendations that remain current with the latest developments in the diverse fields of the English language, including language, literature, and translation. It also explores new horizons that push the world of English language studies towards greater innovation and understanding.

## Senator Dr. Yaqoub Nasereddin sponsors the English Language Conference with the participation of 150 researchers from 16 countries.



Amman: The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Middle East University, Senator Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, in the presence of the University President, Professor Dr. Salam Al-Mahadin, deans, and faculty members, officially sponsored the conference, entitled “New Horizons in Language, Literature, and Translation Studies,” which was held over two days in collaboration with the Association of Professors of English Language, Literature, and Translation in Arab Universities. It attracted 150 male and female researchers from 16 countries.

In this context, Dr. Nasereddin stated that the conference carries a special symbolism and occurs at a pivotal moment for our Arab countries, particularly in the era of globalisation, the information and communication technology revolution, the challenges of educational outcomes, and the rapid transformation of the labour market.

He further emphasised that this conference, organised by the Department of English Language at the Faculty of Arts and Educational Sciences, represents a pivotal moment for the development of collaborative ties between Arab higher education and scientific research institutions, with the aim of addressing the pressing needs of contemporary human civilisation and defending its legitimate interests and aspirations for security, stability, progress, and prosperity.

In his remarks, the President of the Association of Professors of English Language, Literature, and Translation in Arab Universities, Prof. Jihad Hamdan, highlighted the university’s role as an exemplar institution

in Jordan and the Arab world, investing in the intellectual development of Jordanian and Arab researchers and academics, and advancing the higher education sector. He was joined by his deputies in Saudi Arabia, Prof. Awad Al-Shehri, and Palestine, Dr. Mohammed Al-Tamim. He expressed his appreciation for the university’s endeavours and for providing the opportunity for the second time in less than 3 years for Jordanian, Arab, and foreign academics and researchers to travel to the campus of this academic institution to present their latest research and discuss it in dialogue sessions that bring together skilled specialists to revise it and then publish it. Dr. Nusaiba Walid Awajan, Head of the Department of English Language and Translation, asserted that this conference, which brings together academics, researchers, and professionals from universities and educational institutions inside and outside Jordan, represents an exceptional platform for the production of recommendations that align with the latest developments in the diverse fields of English language, including language, literature, and translation. Furthermore, the conference serves to explore new horizons that facilitate greater innovation and understanding within the field of English language studies.

It is worth mentioning that the countries participating in the conference are as follows: Jordan, Palestine, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Iraq, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, the United Kingdom, and Spain.



## Middle East University honours Kangaroo Maths Competition participants.



Amman: Students from primary and secondary schools in Jordan were given the opportunity to participate in the Maths Kangaroo Competition, which was hosted by the Middle East University.

The university hosted the competition for the significance of the event in exposing students to valuable experiences that foster a culture of scientific curiosity and inspire future generations of mathematicians.

The students were honoured during a gathering at the university, which was attended by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Ms. Sahar Al-Shakhatera, the Vice President of the International Kangaroo Mathematics Competition in Jordan, Engineer Banan Al-Banna, and representatives of the Consultancy, Training, and Languages Centre at the university.

It is also of significance to note that the Kangaroo Mathematics Competition is held in over 100 countries worldwide and has thus far attracted the participation of 7 million students. The competition was initiated in 1980 by mathematics teacher Peter Halron in Australia.



## Middle East University hosts the fourth edition of the Jordanian Science Olympiad Examination.



Amman: Middle East University hosted the third stage of the fourth edition of the Jordanian Science Olympiad Examination, with its multiple fields in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Astronomy, and Space.

The university's decision to host the Olympiad reflects its conviction that a knowledge-generating institution must be at the forefront of scientific discovery and innovation and that it has a responsibility to empower the next generation of leaders in the field of science and technology.

A total of 6,790 students participated in the initial phase of the Olympiad, resulting in 1,370 students advancing to the third phase. The fourth and final phase of the Olympiad was also held at Middle East University, with 75 students from the districts of Amman, Marka, and Naour taking the exam.

It is also worth mentioning that the Jordanian Cultural Scientific Talent Association, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Culture, the Abu-Ghazaleh Global Foundation, and the Jordanian Astronomical Society, as well as the Scientific Olympiad, launched the Olympiad.

## Middle East University honours the university's security personnel: "You are ambassadors of trust and reassurance."



Amman: The Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Middle East University, Dr. Ahmed Nasreddin, and the President of the University, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, honoured the head and personnel of the Security and Safety Department of the Engineering and Services Department in recognition of their achievements in ensuring the safety and well-being of the university community within the university.

The event was attended by the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Ayman Al-Khazailah, and a number of university officials.

In this context, Dr. Ahmed Nasreddin stated that the university's security personnel serve as ambassadors of trust and reassurance.

"We are grateful for your dedication to performing your duties, which is not surprising given your impressive security expertise, especially given your military backgrounds and previous experience in various security agencies," said Dr. Ahmad Nasreddin.

He further pointed out that the Board of Directors was committed to creating an infrastructure reinforced with technological means that increase security levels, especially smart electronic gates,

and covering the entire campus with smart cameras, electronic gates, and security equipment that mimic the development in this field.

Prof. Al-Mahadin stated that this recognition not only demonstrates our gratitude but also serves to confirm our collective commitment to creating a safe environment in which university affiliates and visitors feel comfortable and reassured.

In his view, Dr. Al-Khazailah believes that the importance of university security cannot be overstated in shaping the reputation of the university in academic circles and the community system. He added that it is the foundation on which our academic mission is based and that it requires a collective effort from every member of our community.

In a related context, the Head of the Security and Safety Department, Alaa Al-Din Al-Miqdad, highlighted the importance of adhering to the university's policies, laws, and regulations. He emphasised the need for a proactive approach that ensures the institution's members and visitors feel safe and secure and that there is continuous cooperation with the security services.



## Middle East University wins first place at the Arab Olympiad for Artificial Intelligence.



Amman: Students from Middle East University achieved a notable triumph at the Arab Olympiad for Artificial Intelligence, which involved the participation of 350 students representing 20 prestigious universities and educational institutions. The students presented innovative concepts that exemplified the scientific advances of the 21st century.

The first-place winners in the fields of computer vision and embedded systems are Rehab Al-Saedi, Rana Al-Ragad, and Anas Al-Sayed, all of whom are students at the Faculty of Information Technology.

Dr. Odai Al Maaytah, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, asserted that the winning students' projects exemplified their dedication to directing their technical expertise towards the advancement of AI technology and their profound comprehension of the potential of AI to address real-world challenges. This demonstrated their commitment to expanding the frontiers of knowledge and driving positive change through technology.

The participating teams, which were supervised by three faculty members, namely Prof. Dr. Heba Nasser Eldin, Dr. Mohammed Al-Hawarat, and Engineer Laith Shihab, included the following students: Yousef Al Hamad, Rana Al Ragad, Rahab Abdulrahman, Ma'adh Obaid, Abdulrahman Al Kayyali, Bassam Al Boushi, Anas Al Sayed, Fares Al Otaibi, Anas Hassan, Tala Al Saudi, Zaidan Abu Sara, Yazeed Mowafi, Rahma Al Nahar, and Mohammed Al Wazzan.

## Middle East University and TerraWatt Energy Consultants sign a collaboration agreement.



Amman: Middle East University has entered into a collaboration with TerraWatt Jordan, an energy consultancy company, under which engineering students will be trained after completing at least 115 hours of study.

This agreement supplements the university's objective of equipping students with the requisite skills to become proficient practitioners who can effectively contribute to the advancement of sustainable energy solutions, thereby facilitating collaboration between academia and industry. This, in turn, will empower the next generation of engineering leaders.

The agreement was signed by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Ayman Al-Nsour, in the presence of the Head of the Department of Renewable Energy Engineering, Dr. Samer Asaad, and faculty member Dr. Bashar Abdul Rahman, and the General Manager of the company, Engineer Saleh Al-Attiyat, in the presence of the company's delegation.

The agreement provides students with access to industry experts who will offer insights, guidance, and mentorship, as well as share best practices and current trends in the field. This enriches students' learning experiences and broadens their perspectives.



## Middle East students have the opportunity to interact with people with special needs.



Amman: The Deanship of Student Affairs at Middle East University facilitated visits by students to the Al-Hudban Centre for People with Special Needs. Such visits reflect a commitment to inclusivity and community participation, which are essential values for any serious educational institution committed to respecting the rights of individuals without distinction.

The visit, overseen by psychological counsellor Aseel Zureiqat, represented an invaluable learning opportunity for the students, enabling them to gain a deeper understanding of societal issues and the potential for equitable access to educational and social resources. This, in turn, facilitates the realisation of the concept of a just society.

The visit served as a powerful affirmation of the transformative impact of fair and humane treatment on breaking down barriers and building bridges of understanding and acceptance. This, in turn, enables the fostering of a society where everyone is valued, respected, and empowered to fulfil their full potential.

## Oman's Ministry of Higher Education and Middle East University explore prospects for collaboration.



Amman: A delegation from the Omani Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation visited the Middle East University with the objective of exchanging views on the next phase of development and gaining insight into the nature of the academic experience on offer.

The delegation was officially welcomed by the University's President, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, the Vice President, Prof. Ahmad Allouzi, the deans of faculties, and a number of university officials.

The Director of the Department of Recognition and Equivalence of Qualifications, Mr. Al-Nasser Al-Quraishi, was in attendance alongside the Head of the Department of Recognition of Higher Education Institutions, Mr. Abdullah Bin Salem Al-Badi, and the Cultural Attaché of the Sultanate of Oman. Mr. Salem Bin Sulaiman Al-Wahaibi, Dr. Abdullah Obeidat from the Omani Embassy, and other specialists expressed their admiration for the academic and research reputation of the university, noting that it would not have reached this position without its hard work and innovative approach to driving the learning process. They further noted that this is clearly exemplified in the university's investment in human minds and capabilities.

In response, Prof. Al-Mahadin stated that the university is open to all options that would facilitate the learning process in a direction aligned with the desired change. She further noted that the university has made significant progress towards international accreditation, which the university views as more than just certificates on the walls. Rather, it is viewed as proof that the university is on the right path.

Prof. Allouzi, in his presentation, provided an overview of the university's academic programs, faculties, accreditations, and partnerships with various local and international academic institutions. He highlighted the university's partnership with the Universities of Bedfordshire and Strathclyde in the UK, which he described as a valuable collaboration.



## Middle East University and the International Bridging Academic Services sign a Memorandum of Understanding.



Amman: Middle East University has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with International Bridging Academic Services, through which it will facilitate academic exchange programmes and knowledge training pathways with international universities.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the university by its President, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, in the presence of its Vice President, Prof. Ahmed Allouzi, and its Assistant for Promotion and Communication Affairs, Ms. Mai Abu Hamdia. The company's general manager, Prof. Nidal Al-Qatamin, signed on behalf of the company in the presence of the company's delegation.

The memorandum outlines a range of educational and career opportunities for students in various academic institutions and programmes in a number of countries.

## The Middle East and the Silver Jubilee: A narrative of Jordan's modernisation and the nation's aspirations for a brighter future.



Amman: At the Dr. Yacoub Nasreddin Auditorium at Middle East University, a glorious gathering organised by the Directorate of Education in the District of Giza delivered a national message that views Jordan as a homeland where patriotism is a matter of conscience.

The ceremony, which was under the auspices of the Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Ms. Sahar Shakhatera, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty the King's assumption of his constitutional powers, Dignity Day, and Flag Day, came at a time when national victories were witnessed in the face of complex regional challenges that Jordan could not have overcome without the careful and wise leadership of King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein.

In honour of the ceremony, the University President, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin; the Vice President, Prof. Ahmad Allouzi; the Director of Education, Prof. Ahmad Al Masaifeh; a number of university officials; local community representatives; security services; and a crowd of students attended this glorious occasion.

This occasion, which carries a special symbolism that combines the values of the past, sees in the Battle of Dignity a firm commitment to freedom and self-determination and the breaking of the myth of the invincible army. It also reflects the vision of the present towards the status of the teacher and his importance in raising a mature generation with enlightened minds.

In this regard, Prof. Al-Shakhatra stated that this occasion represents a significant milestone in Jordan's history and that the Hashemites have played a pivotal role in the country's development, establishing a constitutional framework and embracing democratic principles and the rule of law. These measures have contributed to the protection of fundamental rights for Jordanians. Furthermore, commemorating the Battle of Karama serves

as a reminder of the enduring spirit of resilience and courage embedded in the nation's collective consciousness.

In response, the Director of Education of the District of Giza, Mr. Al-Masafeh, asserted that patriotism was never a matter of mere adoption but rather a matter of genuine loyalty, which he defined as a combination of love and will. In a speech delivered by Dr. Mahmoud Al-Duwairi, it was emphasised that the Silver Jubilee is a significant testament to the nation's historical journey. It is not only a historical milestone but also a reflection of the evolving aspirations of the people and a moment to reflect on the collective endeavours that have contributed to Jordan's advancement and strengthened its resilience. In addition, it is a moment to reflect on the collective endeavours that have enabled Jordan to progress and to strengthen the steadfastness of its people in the face of numerous, volatile, overlapping, and radical challenges that have been implemented with the intention of pleasing God, being comfortable for the conscience, and uplifting Jordanians and Jordanian women. This is in accordance with the commandment of King Hussein that the endeavour must be pleasing to God, comfortable for the conscience, and uplifting for Jordanians and Jordanian women, so that Jordan remains first, always, and forever.

The ceremony included a collective singing of Haider Mahmoud's poem on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of King Hussein Bin Talal's assumption of constitutional powers and a chorus of voices chanting: "Witness, O olive tree. We loved him and pledged allegiance to him. We planted the flag in his right hand. We swore by the soil of Jordan."

This was followed by a theatrical performance centred on the Battle of Dignity as well as another that provided a glimpse of traditional folk costumes, followed by several school sketches.



## A conference hosted by Middle East University aims to adopt future visions in the human sciences.



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### المؤتمر الدولي الأول العلوم الإنسانية: “التحديات والفرص”

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Amman: Middle East University is hosting the First International Conference on Human Sciences: Challenges and Opportunities, under the auspices of the Chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees, Senator Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, and in the presence of the University’s President, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin.

The conference, organised by the Faculty of Arts and Educational Sciences, is scheduled to commence on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and will be held until Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin Auditorium.

The conference will be attended by numerous researchers and academics from a number of countries, including Jordan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Egypt.

The conference aims to address a number of key issues facing the humanities, including the integration of knowledge across different fields of the humanities, the monitoring of developments in the humanities, and the development of future visions for the transformation of humanities curricula into digital curricula.

## Middle East University joins the panel of arbitrators for the Arab Reading Challenge.



Amman: The Faculty of Media at Middle East University has been invited to participate in the panel of arbitrators for the Arab Reading Challenge, which is being held in the State of Qatar.

The project, which was initiated by the Vice President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, was represented by faculty member Dr. Mahmoud Al-Rajabi, in a clear illustration of the university encouraging academic and administrative staff members to engage with various projects, activities, and programmes at the local and regional levels.

Regarding his role in evaluating the initiative, Al-Rajabi asserted that the significance of such an endeavour in a pioneering Arab project lies in the act of reading and its capacity to foster hope for the nation, prevent the recurrence of dark periods in history, and encourage the intellectual development of children.



**The Faculty of Media at Middle East University launches “Dialogue Journalism,” an initiative that translates responsible journalism endeavours into practice.**



Amman: The Faculty of Media at Middle East University has launched an initiative in line with the objectives of the Regional Journalism Fellowship, which is themed “Dialogue Journalism.” This initiative aspires to bring about the desired change in the structure of journalism.

The fellowship, in which Dr. Ruba Zeidan, a faculty member, participated, featured 34 journalists from various Arab countries and was organised by the King Abdullah Center for Interfaith Dialogue (KAICIID).

The initiative is based on the concept of illuminating the narratives, challenges, and achievements of dialogue journalism. This form of journalism serves as a beacon of hope, facilitating the bridging of perspectives, the countering of hate speech, and the promotion of critical thinking. She further indicated that the Faculty of Media has succeeded in exposing its students to the multiple roles of dialogue journalism, which humanises the stories of diverse communities in the Arab region, especially marginalised minorities, in a challenge to break stereotypes, foster a sense of solidarity, and support social justice issues.

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Dr. Zeidan will employ the insights of her fellowship by working on awareness workshops followed by various trainings targeting media students and enabling them to produce visual, audio, and written journalistic content that showcases the role of dialogue journalism and targets stakeholders to strengthen partnerships, ensure that these important societal issues are addressed, and help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

## A scientific conference at Middle East University addresses the value of the cognitive human and the priorities of contemporary science.



Amman: The First International Conference on Humanities: Challenges and Opportunities, held at the Middle East University, was officially launched under the auspices of the Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, Senator Dr. Yacoub Nasereddin, in the presence of the University's President, Prof. Salam Al-Mahadin, Vice President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Ahmad Nasereddin, college deans, faculty members, and a gathering of students.

It is worth noting that the conference is organised by the Faculty of Arts and Educational Sciences and will be held until Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at the university campus. It will involve the participation of dozens of researchers and academics from several countries, namely Jordan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Egypt.

In this respect, Dr. Nasereddin emphasised that this conference is a response to the vision of His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein towards education, which for His Majesty is a national priority that requires a comprehensive review of curricula, methods, tools, and educational facilities. In particular, the university's strategy now aligns with His Majesty's seventh discussion paper, which asserts that nations cannot rise without education. This can be observed in the manner in which education serves to facilitate the development of countries towards a knowledge economy, as well as in its role in the investment of human energies.

He clarified that the time has come to reform the educational paths in dealing with the challenges imposed on us by contemporary human civilisation about the true value of the human being in the world of technology, artificial intelligence, the fourth industrial revolution, and the complex changes in human relations within the family and society, pointing out that the values of education are an integral part of the principles of the state, which is base in determining its position on the current regional developments on the importance of realising the rights of its people, especially the rights of the Palestinian people, especially their right to self-determination and establishing their independent state on their land with Jerusalem as its capital, Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

According to the Head of the Scientific Committee of the conference, Vice Dean of the College of Arts and Educational Sciences, Prof. Dr. Mohammed Hamza, in the presence of the Dean of the College, Prof. Ahmed Moussa, the conference aims to investigate the challenges facing the humanities, promote knowledge integration between the different fields of the humanities, cope with the developments in the humanities, and adopt future visions that develop the humanities curricula and transform them into digital curricula.

In his address to the conference, delivered by the Head of the Department of Educational Technology, Dr. Ahmed Tabiya, he highlighted that the preparations for this conference commenced a year ago, with the themes and objectives being formulated by a scientific committee comprising 36 scientists and experts in various branches of the humanities from local and international universities.

Additionally, 34 papers were submitted by 61 male and female researchers, whose research will be published in journals classified within the Scopus rules.