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The Arab Open University hosts the first eSports gathering – Saudi Arabia

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Arab Open University organized the inaugural eSports Gathering, bringing together experts, specialists, and enthusiasts in the field of competitive gaming. Held at the university's headquarters in Riyadh, this event aligns with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, recognizing the crucial role of eSports in entertainment, digital economy growth, and youth development. The gathering served as a platform to showcase eSports scene in Saudi Arabia and highlight its potential to contribute to the nation's economic and social fabric. With the government's unwavering support for this sector through competitions, events, and infrastructure development, eSports is poised to become a driving force behind innovation, competitiveness, and skill development among Saudi youth.



Headquarters hosts "One family" gathering – Headquarters

Under the patronage and attendance of the President of the Arab Open University in the Arab World, Prof. Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Zakari, and in an effort to promote a spirit of teamwork and collaboration, the university's headquarters held an open meeting bringing together the president and staff members. The gathering aimed to discuss future proposals and ideas to achieve the university's strategic goals and objectives.



Arab Open University participates in the "Omani universities ranking forum" – Oman

Under the patronage of Her Excellency Dr. Rahma bint Ibrahim Al Mahrouqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, the "Omani Universities Ranking Forum" was inaugurated. The event was attended by Prof. Mohammed bin Hamadan Al Badi, President of the Arab Open University, and a number of members of the university's academic staff, along with presidents of national universities and colleges, both government and private, as well as representatives from a number of academic institutions from Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Pakistan.



Ceremony to honor distinguished and gifted students and winners of Egyptian and international awards from the university's students – Egypt

Under the patronage of Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, President of the Arab Open University in Egypt, and his keenness to support the university's students and graduates and to develop a sense of belonging among all of its students and graduates, starting with training more than 1,000 students in various fields, an employment fair was held, including more than 20 Egyptian and international institutions that provided many opportunities for training the university's students and graduates and rewarding job opportunities. All distinguished and gifted students and winners of Egyptian and international awards from the university's students were honored.



Arab Open University students visit Baheya hospital for early breast cancer detection – Egypt

Under the patronage of Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, President of the Arab Open University in Egypt, and coordinated and supervised by Ms. Samar Dawoud, Student Activities Officer at the university, the Student Council organized a distinguished aspect of social and preventive service, where students visited Baheya Hospital for early detection of breast cancer, a topic that requires awareness and education for the student community, in order to introduce students to the methods and techniques used in early detection of breast cancer, and the importance of early detection in increasing the chances of treatment and recovery. The hospital's role in serving the community through its volunteer programs was also highlighted, which is an essential part of its social responsibility.

Arab Open University organizes beach cleaning volunteer drive – Kuwait

In line with its social responsibility, the Arab Open University in Kuwait organized a beach cleaning volunteer drive through the Student Environmental Club. The initiative involved student volunteers who aimed to enhance the marine environment and protect it from waste and plastic debris. The drive also sought to raise environmental awareness among students, emphasizing the importance of preserving coastlines and highlighting the challenges and threats facing the marine environment. This contributes to maintaining the environmental balance and biodiversity of the marine ecosystem. During the campaign, plastic lids and bottles were collected, which have a negative impact on birds and the marine environment.



Arab Open University participates in British council seminar on IELTS test updates – Egypt

The Arab Open University participated in a seminar organized by the British Council in Egypt, attended by the Secretary-General of the Supreme Council of Universities, Prof. Mustafa Raafat. The seminar focused on discussing and shedding light on the recent updates to the IELTS test, which is offered globally under the auspices of the British Council. Mr. Mark Howard, Director of the British Council in Egypt, was also present. It is noteworthy that Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, President of the University, believing in the importance of the IELTS test for a large segment of the local community, has signed a cooperation protocol with the British Council to provide the service of holding the test at the university's campus in Shorouk City.



Arab Open University kicks off training for icoolchallenge – Egypt 2024 robotics programming competition – Egypt

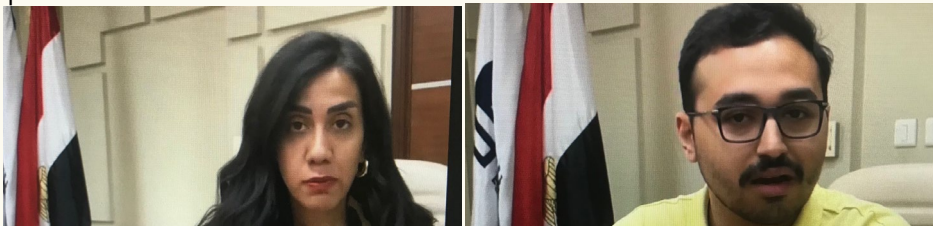
Under the patronage of the University President, Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, and under the supervision of the Training and Community Service Center, in cooperation with Smart Techno Students, and in the presence of the company's General Manager, Engineer Iman Marzouk, the university held the first day of training and qualification for the Icoolchallenge-Egypt 2024 robotics programming competition on its campus.





Arab Open University Hosts Seminar on "Palestine: From Colonial History to Decolonization" – Jordan

The Arab Open University organized a seminar titled "Palestine: From Colonial History to Decolonization," presented by Prof. Tahrir Hamdi, Director of the University. The seminar discussed the reasons why Palestine has not been included in previous discussions on postcolonial theory, as it has only recently been included in the discussions. It also discussed the colonial history of Israel and the similarities between Zionism in the past and present, and also touched on the topic of resistance literature in general and Palestinian resistance literature in particular.



Arab Open University graduates council in Egypt participates in annual graduates gathering in Oman – Egypt

The Arab Open University Graduates Council in Egypt participated in the annual graduates gathering in Oman, organized by the Graduates Council in the Sultanate. On behalf of the Council Chairman Khalid Al-Jahani and the Council as a whole, Vice Chairman of the Graduates Council Mohamed Ali Al-Najjar delivered a speech about the role of the Graduates Council in Egypt. He touched on some of the achievements made in the cultural, recreational, and employment fields, and on the efforts to strengthen relations and communication between the university and its graduates, and between the graduates themselves.



Naseeba bint Kaab school honors students at the university – Oman

In a ceremony held under the patronage of Dr. Hajar Al-Saidi from the Ministry of Education, Naseeba Bint Kaab School for Post-Basic Education (grades 10, 11, 12) honored its outstanding students of the year within the halls of the Arab Open University. The event, attended by Dr. Hamad Al-Yammahi, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Community Service, exemplified the positive interaction between the university and various segments of society.



Arab Open University signs cooperation protocol with special olympics Jordan – Jordan

In a move to enhance its efforts in serving the local community, develop areas of cooperation with official and active community institutions, and create leading youth communities, the Arab Open University's Director, Prof. Tahrir Hamdi, welcomed Dr. Ali Al-Shawahin, Director of the Special Olympics Jordan. The meeting aimed to explore ways to strengthen social inclusion, increase sports opportunities, and provide leadership programs for all students, regardless of their abilities, thus creating inclusive and comprehensive communities. The discussions also highlighted the importance of involving university students in seminars and committees that work to raise awareness and promote the concepts of inclusive education and the full participation of people with disabilities in all community activities.



Arab Open University basketball team bags third place in Burgan bank league – Kuwait

The Arab Open University basketball team won the third place in the third sports tournament of the Kuwaiti School and Higher Education Sports Federation, which was held under the name "Burgan Bank League" with the participation of various private and public universities, colleges, and some schools in the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.



Arab Open University holds seminar on "Enhancing education and learning in the information age" – Oman

Under the patronage of Prof. Muhammad bin Hamadan Al-Badi, President of the Arab Open University, a seminar was held under the title "Enhancing Education and Learning in the Information Age" organized by the Foundation Studies Unit on the importance of developing teaching methods and learning skills in the era of the information revolution. The seminar was attended by a group of specialists in related fields, a large number of specialists, and university students.



Arab Open University holds security seminar on "Combating drugs" - Saudi Arabia

Under the patronage of the Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the Prince of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, the university hosted the Drug Enforcement Administration at its campus in Jeddah to hold a security seminar on drugs. This initiative comes as part of the "Prevention Ambassadors in University Environments" initiative, which included three axes: the security, psychological, and social axes. The seminar was attended by university staff and students. This campaign is one of the government campaigns in cooperation with the Emirate of Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region, the General Directorate of Narcotics Control, the Irada Medical Complex, and the Jeddah Chamber.



Arab Open University organizes trip to the grand Egyptian museum - Egypt

Under the patronage of University President Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasser, the College of Language Studies organized an educational trip to the Grand Egyptian Museum for students enrolled in Creative Writing in English and Creative Writing in Arabic courses. The students were tasked with writing a newspaper article, either in English or Arabic, about the visit, taking into consideration the elements of a newspaper article and the accuracy of details in the description. The students took notes during the visit to formulate them into a complete newspaper article.



Arab Open University participates in machine learning and deep learning workshop - Oman

Dr. Yousef Al-Husaini from the College of Computer Studies participated in presenting a workshop on machine learning and deep learning at the Fifth Student Research Symposium on Artificial Intelligence, which was held at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences. The workshop aimed to provide students with a deep and practical understanding of the fundamental concepts and techniques in machine learning and deep learning, enabling them to apply them in their research and scientific projects. This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts to enhance the understanding and practical applications of artificial intelligence in the academic environment.



Arab Open University participates in "Gulf education and training exhibition" - Saudi Arabia

The Arab Open University participated in the 14th edition of the Gulf Education and Training Exhibition, held at Jeddah University. This exhibition provides an opportunity to strengthen communication between students and universities and serves as a gathering place for universities. The university participated with a booth at the exhibition alongside universities from the Kingdom and beyond. The participation was a remarkable success due to the large turnout of visitors to the university's booth. All inquiries related to the university were answered by its representatives.



Arab Open University participates in the 1445 H career guidance forum - Saudi Arabia

The Arab Open University participated in the Career Guidance Forum in Dammam, alongside fellow educational institutions from both government and private universities. The forum was inaugurated by Dr. Sami Al-Oteibe, Director of Education in the Eastern Province, who expressed his gratitude to the universities for their participation in the exhibition and for the important community service they provide to high school students. Following the opening ceremony, government and private schools flocked to the universities' booths.