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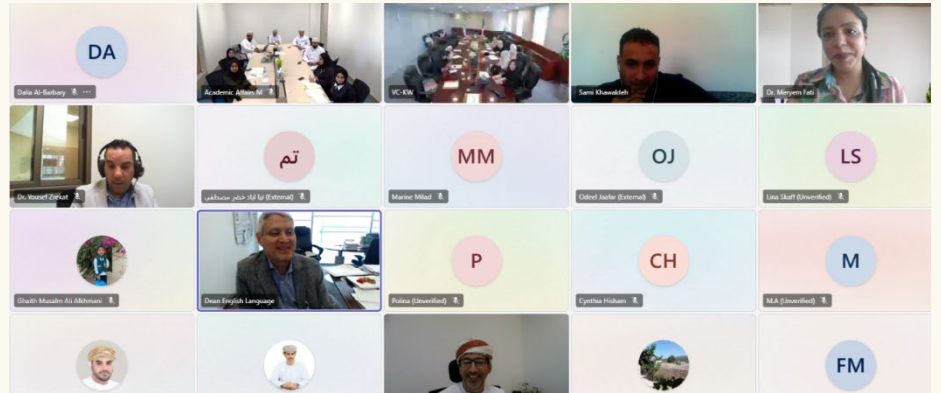
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AOU to host training program for new staff – Kuwait

In an effort to develop and qualify the university's staff, and under the patronage of the President of the Arab Open University in the Arab World, Prof. Muhammad bin Ibrahim Al-Zakari, the university, represented by the University Center for Training, Continuing Education and Community Service, organized a training program for new university staff members. The program aimed to support and motivate them to fulfill their professional mission. The program was presented by Mr. Naif Al-Fadhli from the University's Training Center.



AOU holds debate competitions between its students and their counterparts from Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, and Lebanon – Headquarters

Under the patronage and coordination of the Dean of the Faculty of Language Studies at the Main Headquarters, the AOU witnessed the organization of two distinguished debate events. This comes as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance students' skills in constructive dialogue and expressing different points of view. The first debate brought together teams of students from the University in Kuwait and Oman, where they discussed the topic of "The death penalty and the need to abolish or maintain it." Both teams demonstrated high intellectual skills and presented strong arguments and compelling evidence in support of their positions. The second debate addressed the topic of "Banning violent video games," where teams of students from the University in Bahrain and Lebanon discussed various aspects of this issue. The students demonstrated a high ability to analyze and compare, presenting their points of view in a persuasive and clear manner. Committees of judges, which included experts from the University in the Arab world, supervised the evaluation of the performance of the debating teams in both events. The committees praised the high level of discussions and the strong arguments presented by the students, emphasizing the importance of these events in developing critical thinking and communication skills among students. The debates resulted in the victory of the University of Kuwait team in the first debate and the victory of the University of Bahrain team in the second debate. These debates embody the Arab Open University's keenness to enhance students' dialogue and discussion skills, encourage them to exchange different ideas and opinions on current issues, and emphasize the importance of cooperation between universities in various fields, including debates and intellectual discussions.



AOU women's volleyball team places third in private universities council championship – Kuwait

The AOU Women's Volleyball Team secured third place in the Private Universities Council Championship, which saw the participation of eight private universities in the State of Kuwait. In this regard, the Sports Supervisor in the student Affairs department, Mr. Muhammad Al-Qadiry, stated that the university's women's volleyball team participated with high spirits despite the team's recent formation. He added that the team was a strong contender for the top positions and presented an outstanding and unexpected performance. "we hope to achieve first place in the upcoming championship based on the harmony and consistency we witnessed in the players' performance," he concluded.



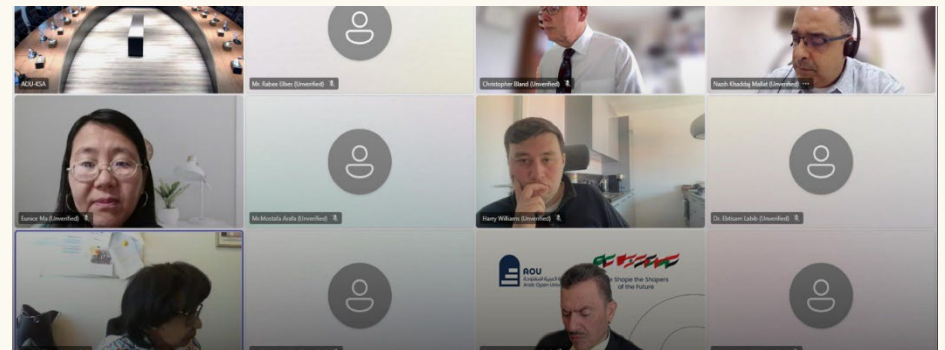
Annual gathering of Arab Open University alumni in the Sultanate of Oman – Oman

In line with the principle of partnership, follow-up, and care for graduates, the university organized the annual alumni gathering under the supervision of the Student Affairs and Alumni Department. The gathering was sponsored by the University President, Prof. Muhammad bin Hamadan Al-Badi, and was attended by a group of deans of colleges, The ceremony began with a welcoming speech by the University President, in which he welcomed the graduates and thanked the Alumni Club for their efforts. This was followed by speeches from the graduates and recreational segments. A distinguishing feature of this meeting was the participation of the Alumni Club of the Arab Open University in the Arab Republic of Egypt. After that, the graduates who participated in the university's activities and events were honored. It is worth noting that the number of participants in this meeting exceeded 150 graduates from various disciplines and colleges.



AOU delegation participates in "Social responsibility and sustainable development" Conference – Kuwait

As part of its initiatives to participate in development events, an Arab Open University delegation participated in the Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Exhibition and Conference held from May 21-22, 2024, at the Jumeirah Hotel in the State of Kuwait. The participating delegation included Mr. Ghazi Al-Enezi and Mr. Muhammad Al-Qadiry from the University in Kuwait, and Mr. Saud Al-Adhbi from the AOU President's Office.



Arab Open University hosts virtual visit from QAA follow-up committee – Saudi Arabia

As part of the Arab Open University's pursuit of accreditation from the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), the Follow-up Committee held a virtual visit with the QAA. This visit comes as part of the procedures for obtaining academic accreditation from the British Quality Agency. This meeting is part of the evaluation procedures through which the university seeks to confirm its commitment to international standards in higher education.



AOU Dammam branch holds closing ceremony for student activities – Saudi Arabia

The University's Dammam branch celebrated the closing ceremony for student activities for the academic year 2023-2024 in a joyous ceremony attended by the Director of the Dammam and Alhsa' branches. Faculty members and students attended the event in the university's theater. This ceremony comes in appreciation of the efforts made by the students and student clubs throughout the academic year. The ceremony included artistic performances presented by the students, in addition to an exhibition of student projects that reflect creativity and innovation in various fields. Students who demonstrated distinguished performance in student and academic activities during the current academic year were also honored.



AOU organizes "Job Day" fair – Jordan

Under the patronage of the Minister of Labor, Ms. Nadia Al-Rawabdeh, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Labor and private sector companies, the university organized a fair under the title "Job Day" to receive a large number of young men and women for employment. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Saket, Assistant Secretary-General of the Ministry of Labor for Administrative and Logistic Support Affairs, stressed the importance of the great partnership between the public government sector and the private sector in supporting the work environment and employment and the continuous efforts to provide job opportunities for graduates. For her part, the University Director praised the great role of the Ministry of Labor and private companies in organizing such events on an ongoing basis to provide multiple jobs in various fields.



Innovative graduation project from Arab Open University takes flight to Thailand – Egypt

In an inspiring step that highlights Arab creativity and ambition, a student from the Arab Open University is heading to Thailand with an innovative graduation project called "Site Minds". Supported by the University President, Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, this project relies on an artificial intelligence and machine learning model to provide innovative marketing services to companies. Student Youssef Tariq discussed his graduation project with Dr. Sarah Nabil, who supervised the entire project. With her full support, Youssef created a website that allows companies to analyze website traffic, receive performance improvement suggestions, and view competing websites in the same field and other countries. This project was distinguished by obtaining an intellectual property registration from the Information Technology Industry and Development Agency (ITIDA).



Arab Open University participates in meeting with Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation and Muscat governor – Oman

In line with efforts to strengthen cooperation between institutions of Higher Education, Research, Innovation, and Civil Society, Prof. Mohammed bin Hamadan Al-Badi, President of the Arab Open University, participated in a meeting with Her Excellency Dr. Rahma bint Ibrahim Al-Mahrouqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, and His Excellency Sayyid Saud bin Hilal Al Busaidi, Muscat Governor. The meeting aimed to discuss ways to enhance the partnership between the Arab Open University, the Ministry, and other institutions in the fields of higher education, research, and innovation. The meeting also explored opportunities for collaboration in community service and student skill development to align with labor market needs. The meeting was attended by a number of officials and representatives of major companies in Muscat Governorate, who all emphasized the crucial role of universities in community development and advancement.



Arab Open University participates in "Graduate and Job Fair 28" – Saudi Arabia

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Arab Open University participated in the 28th Graduate and Job Fair, organized by the Institute of Public Administration from Monday, May 20, 2024, to Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Sheraton Hotel in Al-Khobar. The university's participation in the fair aims to introduce the university and its activities, present opportunities for institute graduates to complete their university studies, and attract recent graduates, which contributes to achieving the Kingdom's Vision 2030.



Arab Open University and university of Buraimi sign MoU – Oman

The Arab Open University and the University of Buraimi have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen their collaboration in various areas, including academics, scientific research, community service, and other fields. The agreement was signed by Prof. Mohammed bin Hamadan Al-Badi, President of the Arab Open University, and Dr. Saeed Eid Younis, President of the University of Buraimi.



Arab Open University in Kuwait offers certified Train-the-Trainer course for employees – Kuwait

In line with its commitment to developing and qualifying its staff, the Arab Open University in Kuwait, in collaboration with the International Association of Trainers and Developers, has successfully conducted a Train-the-Trainer (TOT) program for a group of the university's academics and department heads. The program was delivered by Mr. Elie Shaya, CEO of the association's Kuwait office. "We are proud to have graduated numerous batches of certified trainers through the various training courses offered by the university's training center, including the TOT program," said Mr. Mohammed Al-Ajmi, Director of the Arab Open University Training Center. "This latest training initiative aims to empower our academics and administrators with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the training industry."



Arab Open University receives Microsoft Learn Student Ambassador Program shield – Egypt

The Arab Open University in Egypt has been honored with the Microsoft Learn Student Ambassador Program shield in recognition of its outstanding student-led Microsoft activities. The university's Microsoft Student Ambassadors have played a pivotal role in providing students with valuable courses, training sessions, and large-scale events throughout the academic year. Under the supervision and support of the Arab Open University in Egypt administration, the Microsoft Student Ambassadors initiative marks the first successful establishment of a Microsoft student community within Egypt. This achievement reflects the university's unwavering commitment to fostering a vibrant learning environment that empowers students to engage with cutting-edge technologies and prepare for successful careers in the digital age.



Arab Open University conducts an "Examinations and supervision" workshop for faculty members – Kuwait

In line with its commitment to ensuring the smooth conduct of final examinations and supervision for the second semester of the academic year 2023/2024, the Arab Open University in Kuwait organized a workshop titled "Examinations and Supervision." The workshop was attended by the University Director, faculty members from both full-time and part-time programs, and relevant administrative staff.



Arab Open University organizes a beach cleaning campaign – Saudi Arabia

In collaboration with the Eastern Province Municipality as part of the 2024 Environmental Programs, the Arab Open University's volunteer club in the Dammam branch participated in a campaign titled "Together for Sustainable Beaches." The aim of the participation is to raise students' sense of community service and enhance their spirit of cooperation in preserving the biodiversity of marine life and public property.



Arab Open University showcases graduation projects: Ideas serving the community and local market – Kuwait

The Information Technology and Computing Program at the College of Computer Studies at the Arab Open University in Kuwait held a graduation project exhibition attended by Prof. Mohamed Sayed Mohamed, University Director, Prof. Omar Al-Jarrah, Vice President of Planning and Development and Local Dean of the Information Technology and Computing Program, Dr. Radwan Abu Jassar, faculty members, and students. The exhibition aimed to provide career guidance for students, identify their interests and future aspirations, motivate students, and enhance their self-confidence and responsibility while improving their efficiency and preparing them for the local labor market and community service through the application of their scientific knowledge.



Arab Open University in Egypt organizes a visit to the Egyptian Red Crescent Society – Egypt

Under the patronage of Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, President of the University, and the coordination and supervision of Ms. Samar Dawoud, Student Activities Officer, the Student Council organized a distinguished visit to the Egyptian Red Crescent Society. The aim of the visit was to enhance community awareness and education among students in the field of social and preventive services.



Arab Open University honors the students for their programming and game development achievements – Kuwait

The Arab Open University celebrated the achievements of its students who participated in the 10th Competitive Programming Contest and the Electronic Game Development Workshop. The ceremony was held under the patronage of the University Director, Prof. Mohamed Sayed Mohamed, and attended by the Dean of Information Technology and Computing, Dr. Radwan Abu Jassar, faculty members, and administrative staff.



Arab Open University hosts a workshop on refining academic writing skills – Kuwait

As part of the English Language Department's activities, a workshop titled "Refining Academic Writing Skills: Tips for Better Academic Writing" was organized and presented by instructors Hanin Shalbah and Ghadir Al-Sindi. The workshop aimed to train students in the College of Language Studies on the characteristics and styles used in academic writing, to develop their level of using academic language rules, and to identify the common mistakes they make.



Arab Open University Kicks Off Final Exams for the Second Semester 2023-2024 – Egypt

Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, President of the Arab Open University, visited the examination halls to ensure the smooth conduct of the final exams for the second semester of the 2023-2024 academic year. He emphasized the importance of maintaining discipline and integrity during the exams.



Arab Open University in Kuwait organizes a field trip to Kuwait Flour Mills and bakeries company – Kuwait

In collaboration with the Kuwait Environmental Protection Society, the Arab Open University organized a field trip for students from various academic disciplines to the biscuit factory at the Kuwait Flour Mills and Bakeries Company. The aim of the trip was to introduce students to the company's health and environmental safety programs, the operation of the factory and its machinery, and the production process and safety procedures.



Arab Open University organizes a "Heart Saver" course – Oman

The Arab Open University Academy for Training, in collaboration with the Civil Defense and Ambulance Authority, organized a two-day training course titled "Heart Saver." The aim of the course was to train academic and administrative staff to deal with emergencies in the workplace and personal environment. Participants who successfully completed the course and passed the exam received an international CPR certification valid for two years.



Arab Open University in Hail participates in the Hail Employment Fair – Saudi Arabia

The Arab Open University in Hail branch participated in the 2024 Employment Fair, alongside a number of government and private entities, and a group of specialists and those interested in human resources development. The fair was held at the headquarters of the Girls' Technical College in cooperation with the Technical College for Tourism and Hospitality in Hail.



Arab Open University organizes field visit to middle east news agency – Egypt

Under the patronage of Prof. Mahmoud Abu Al-Nasr, President of the Arab Open University, the College of Language Studies organized a field visit to the Middle East News Agency (MENA). The aim of the visit was to introduce students to the translation and English language and literature courses offered at the agency, as well as its various activities, and to explore potential areas of collaboration between the university and the agency.