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“ GJU and Qatar University Seek Cooperation ”



On Wednesday, the 26th of March 2014, Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, President of the German Jordanian University, and Dr. Hamid Al Madfa'a, the Vice President for Administrative Affairs at Qatar University, discussed aspects of cooperation and coordination in the areas of applied medical sciences and exchange programs for academic and administrative staff, as well as students.

During the meeting, Prof. Abu Obeid highlighted the university's focus and attention on the specialties of medical sciences engineering, in addition to the tech-applied level that GJU is achieving with regard to the industry needs of the region.

He further gave an elaborate introduction about GJU; its Schools, and programs pointing out the importance of the exchange year in Germany.

On his side, Dr. Al Madfa'a emphasized that it's very necessary to strengthen bilateral relations between the two universities, in order to exchange experiences and develop the educational and academic approaches nationally.

He also, praised the scientific level of GJU, inviting Prof. Abu Obeid to visit Qatar University to continue discussing possible cooperation between the two sides.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Manar Fayyad, the Vice President of GJU and Dr. Akeel-Taki Al-Kazwini from the School of Applied Medical Sciences.

“ A Delegation from Magdeburg University Visited GJU ”

A delegation from Magdeburg University for Applied Sciences visited the German Jordanian University on Thursday 13th March, 2014.

The purpose of the visit was to explore new cooperation possibilities in the educational system and in the cultural exchange program for students, academic and administrative staff at GJU in particular and in Jordan in general.

During the visit, the delegation met the GJU President Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, the Vice President of GJU, Prof. Manar Fayyad, the Vice President for International Affairs, Prof. Anton Mangstl, as well as some Directors, Deans, Professors and graduate students of GJU.

Prof. Abu Obeid emphasized that GJU represents a remarkable model of German-Jordanian partnership and assured that this visit is a precious opportunity to strengthen the concept of intercultural exchange that is considered one of GJU's core principles.

He also added that the university is aiming to broaden the range of its network with the world, in particular with Germany, in order to promote a global and intercultural experience.

Prof. Anton Mangstl said that GJU already has a very successful and strong relationship with German Industrial companies and organizations and there are hopes to open new opportunities for students in these fields.

For her part, Dr. Dorothea, Director of the International Office, gave a presentation about GJU detailing the University's establishment,



vision and mission, in addition to facts and statistics about GJU students, incomers, outgoing students and student life at GJU.

From their side, the delegation praised the GJU scientific and academic levels that makes it unique and distinguished all over the world. They also thanked GJU for hosting them, wishing it further and continued success.

The delegation had a tour through the Labs of Energy, Water, Industrial and Pharmaceutical Engineering, in addition to a special tour through Darat Othman Bdeir, downtown of Amman, as well as a visit to Petra.

“ Queen Rania Honors GJU ”

Her Majesty Queen Rania on Monday honored GJU for being one of the supporters of the Madrasati initiative.

Queen Rania thanked all contributors and supporters for their efforts and for believing in the success and importance of Madrasati. Her Majesty referred to the initiative's achievements as the greatest indicators of how accomplishments can be solidified through working together.

“You have built more than just fences and ceilings. You have built bridges of trust, loyalty and love,” Queen Rania told the supporters. During the event, which was also attended by a number of ministers, Madrasati Director, Tala Sweis, showcased the accomplishments of the initiative, which has benefited 135,000 students, 9,000 teachers and 500 schools, the statement said.

A film of testimonials from schools that benefited from Madrasati was screened at the event, highlighting the significant impact the initiative has on improving education, school infrastructures and student behavior.

In addition, it has a positive impact by boosting the morale of students,

teachers and principals, according to the statement.

It is worth mentioning that this honor assured the important role the GJU IEEE/ “Lab on Wheels” has played in society as part of the Madrasati initiative, which aims at providing schools in different provinces in Jordan with a portable lab equipped with all lab needs to implement new exciting experiments for students so as to help them apply theoretical studies practically.



“ Innovation and Entrepreneurship Eco-System Workshop at GJU ”

The Office for Industrial Links at the German Jordanian University in collaboration with Migrate and with the support of the Migration for Development Program (CIM) organized a workshop on the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Eco-System.

The President of GJU, Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, started the workshop by welcoming all guests and expressed his support for innovation and entrepreneurship and shared some personal stories of innovations that have affected his life.

He further hoped that all participants would build relationships through this important workshop, and take concrete steps together towards growing a thriving startup community, emphasizing that these steps might be hard and need the right kind of approach and responsibility over a long period of time, but at the end, they will achieve their goals.

“We should make our dreams reasonable” Prof. Abu Obeid stated. For her part, Mrs. Britta Kähler, Director of the Office for Industrial Links, gave a brief introduction about GJU, and explained the role that OIL plays in supporting such initiatives of linking the university with industry and in building up strong relationships with the Jordanian and German private sectors.

On behalf of the Migration for Development Program (CIM) that supported the workshop development, the program coordinator in Jordan, Mrs. Esmat Khattab, gave a brief about the mission of CIM in networking opportunities and increasing knowledge transfer through the returning Jordanian diaspora and their role in bridging Germany and Jordan which is of great value to the planned innovation center of GJU.

Besides that, Migrate, as a partner in organizing this event, presented their vision of linking Job Creation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Business Growth through the CEO of Migrate Jordan, Mr. Nader Nemeh.



In addition Zeinah Al.Khalidi , a student of GJU, shared Zeinah's Delights Project. Both projects (the students and the graduates) appreciated the efforts of GJU at establishing an entrepreneurship center that would support them in their entrepreneurial journey to success.

At the end of the opening, Eng. Jamil Alkhatib, the director of the innovation and entrepreneurship center project of GJU, shared the vision of the university in supporting job creation through responsible innovation at this center and its continued support not only of the students and academics but also the local community in their innovations and startups. The approach is based on collaboration and openness while building the right culture and environment for innovation and entrepreneurship at GJU.

It is worth mentioning that the GJU Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center is seeking to play a remarkable role in the development of the innovation and entrepreneurship eco-system in Jordan through collaboration with different stakeholders.

“ The Chinese Cultural Counselor Visits GJU ”

The Cultural Counselor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jordan, Mr. Nie Guo'an, visited the German Jordanian University (GJU).

The visit aimed at viewing GJU achievements, Schools, programs and experiences with a view to establishing an Arabian Chinese University in Jordan along the lines of GJU. The visit also focused on discussing cooperation prospects between GJU and Chinese universities

During the meeting, Prof. Abu Obeid welcomed the guest and expressed his interest in future cooperation between both parties. He also highlighted the university's Schools, programs, and the exchange year in Germany.

Furthermore, Prof. Abu Obeid outlined that GJU is an applied university which has been designed along the lines of the German applied universities in addition to its unique and various disciplines.

For his part, Mr. Nie Guo'an was mesmerized by the highly advanced scientific level of the university. He further wished



for both countries to take landmark steps and embrace joint educational experiences to build similar educational systems and establish an Arabian Chinese University.

The visit concluded with a discussion panel with the President about the GJU system and its partnership with educational and industrial parties in Germany and in the Kingdom.

“ MoU between GJU and Upper Austria University of Applied Sciences ”



The German Jordanian University and the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish mutual collaboration in the academic field and also to exchange programs for academic and administrative staff as well as students.

Prof. Andreas Zehetner, the Vice President for International Affairs at UASUA on behalf of UASUA, and the GJU President

Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, on behalf of GJU, signed the MoU, which aimed at updating joint master programs with a double degree offered by both universities.

This MoU will allow the research, academic and administrative staff of both institutions to spend periods of up to three months, in order to broaden their range of experience in research, teaching and professional training.

Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid emphasized that GJU is always seeking to build partnerships with European educational institutions along with the German institutions and companies to help create new opportunities for students.

For his part, Prof. Zehetner praised this inter – university cooperation with GJU, that onfirms the original visions of both universities as meeting places between different cultures, and as institutions open to dialogue and comparison between different ethnic and social identities.

The event was attended by the Vice President for International Affairs, Prof Anton Mangstl, Dr. Dorothea Jecht, Director of the International Office as well as representatives from UASUA.

“ Project -Kick Off Meeting with Research Center Juelich at GJU ”

The School of Natural Resources Engineering and Management (SNREM) at GJU in collaboration with the Research Center Juelich organized a kick off meeting to discuss the main aspects of Modeling management of catchments in the Mediterranean Basins Project.

Dr. Qasem Abdelal, Assistant Professor at SNREM, welcomed the guests from the Research Center Juelich, and gave a brief about GJU, its schools, features, programs and future vision, stating that GJU is always supportive of such projects.

He further talked about Jordan's Water resources, pointing out that the gravest environmental challenge that Jordan faces today is the scarcity of water. Indeed, Jordan needs projects such as these to increase and develop water resources.

Dr. Frank Wendland from the Research Center Juelich, explained the main characters that can help in developing new

water resources, showing the scale of hydrologic models, the uses of water balance, the sustainable use of the natural resources of soil and water, in addition to the modeling of terrestrial systems.

He also pointed out that a very important part of this project will be a benefit for the GJU students, through personal exchange training between GJU and the Research Center Juelich. GJU will appoint two Masters students to go to Germany and stay there for up to 6 months in the first two years, in order to work on the project.

The meeting was attended by the Vice President of GJU, Prof. Manar Fayyad, the Vice President for International Affairs, Prof. Anton Mangstl, Professors from the SNREM, as well as representatives from the Research Center Juelich.

“ Workshop on Building Projects to Assist Education in Syrian Refugee Camps ”

The GJU in collaboration with the Princess Sumaya University for Technology (PSUT), organized a specialized workshop in building projects to assist education in Syrian refugee camps and to link them with technology.

The workshop, which took place at PSUT on Wednesday 5 March, 2014, aimed at introducing the project named “Computer Clubs-Come In “ to the Syrian children refugees, in order to recognize their needs in the field of education and technology.

Prof. Mashhoor Al-Refai, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at PSUT, welcomed all the guests who participated in the workshop and assured them of the importance of exchanging expertise between Germany and other countries.

For his part Prof. Anton Mangstl, also greeted the participants and emphasized that GJU is always keen to participate in such workshops as it a good opportunity to support the Syrian refugee issue, in the light of the fact that Jordan is one



of Syria's neighboring nations and has provided shelter for many Syrian refugees.

Prof. Volker Wolf, from the University of Siegen –Germany, explained the main features of the project entitled “Intercultural Computer Club- Come IN), which was established in cooperation with elementary school children and parents, and with participation on a voluntary basis within a multicultural neighborhood.

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“ Workshop on Green-Buildings at GJU ”

The School of Architecture and Built Environment (SABE) at GJU in cooperation with the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development organized a specialized workshop on Green-Buildings.

The workshop aimed at presenting the competition of creative designs of green-buildings to the SABE students, which was organized by the Fund / Queen Alia for Social Responsibility in its seventh year in collaboration with the Engineers Association.

The media spokesperson and a member of the supervising committee of the competition, Eng. Emad Al Dabbas, said that this competition is targeting youth and university students to motivate them to find innovative solutions for the issues and challenges that Jordan is facing in the fields of energy, water and environment as well as climate change.

He further pointed out the importance of the participation of the largest possible number of engineering students at universities within multi-disciplinary teams to achieve a typical solution for the building to be designed.



For his part, Eng. Bashar Al.Bitars, a member of the supervising committee of the competition, confirmed that this competition aimed this year to design the first Green mosque in the Kingdom that would also take into consideration the standards of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and Holy Places and conditions of sustainability.

At the end of the workshop, which was attended by faculty members and design students, a discussion was held about the competition, the mechanism of participation and the required criteria for the proper design.

“ Urban Minorities and the Question of Identity –Workshop ”



The School of Architecture and Built Environment at GJU hosted a workshop of “Urban Minorities and the Question of Identity”, which was organized by the American University of Madaba (AUM) with the participation of Architecture students from Germany, Egypt, Turkey, Iran and Jordan.

During a meeting with the participants in the workshop at Darat Othman Bdeir for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, the GJU President Prof. Abu Obeid, praised the students at the Darat, concerning the tolerance and multiculturalism that are prevalent in the Kingdom.

He further advocated all participants to interact with the environment and culture of Amman to improve their cultural principles, since this workshop constitutes an active participation in the on-going social structure outside their countries. For his part, Prof. Mohammad Yaghan, Dean of the School of Architecture and Built Environment at the GJU emphasized that the presence of all participants at the Darat creates an excitement and desire to learn more about Amman and its great history.

Both Dr. Rami Thaher and Dr. Janset Shawash, gave presentations about Amman and the Circassians, in addition to showing a film about Circassians.

At the end of the workshop, the participants had a tour through Jabal Amman and Rainbow Street. The participants represented Bauhaus University for Architecture –Germany, College of Fine Arts –University of Alexandria, American University of Madaba, and Istanbul Sehir University–Turkey as well as GJU.

It is noteworthy to mention that the workshop included several visits to tourist sites in Jordan, also cultural meetings with representatives of Urban Minorities, in addition to seminars about the spatial layout of the kingdom.

“Workshop on Training in Maintenance and Management Systems”

The School of Applied Technical Sciences (SATS) at GJU in collaboration with Amman Chamber of Industry and the European partners (The University of Ljubljana-Slovenia, KTH –Sweden, Berlin University- Germany), in addition to An-Najah National University and Beirzeit University- Palestine organized a workshop in order to discuss technical training solutions and maintenance methods and techniques, as well as some future technical training courses for aircraft maintenance engineers and technicians.

Prof. Anton Mangstl, the Vice President for International Affairs, greeted the participants in this workshop, and emphasized that GJU is always striving to extend its network with European countries and building intercultural bridges between students and experts from GJU and from other institutions.

He went on to express his belief that academic institutions should not only focus on the theoretical, but also on training, while also expressing the need to provide training courses, especially in the field of maintenance, while enhancing the efficiency of students.

From his side, Dr. Peter Krajnik, Tempus Project Coordinator, thanked GJU for being the host of this event, and spoke about

the Middle Eastern Partnership in sustainable Engineering, which includes Jordan, Palestine, Sweden, Slovenia and Germany. This project will contribute with lifelong learning and short-courses to develop skills and educate professionals in the maintenance field.

In his segment, Dr. Hazem Kaylani, GJU Project Coordinator, welcomed all Tempus visitors and participants in the workshop, and proceeded to introduce the workshop as part of the activities of the Tempus project titled “Middle Eastern Partnership in Sustainable Engineering”.

He went to present the results of a survey, carried out by GJU in cooperation with University of Jordan and Amman Chamber of Industry, which was sent out to several engineers and companies in Jordan. The results of this survey suggested that short training courses might be offered to improve the competencies of maintenance engineers and technical staff.

It is worth mentioning that the Maintenance Training Center will be funded by the European Union and the GJU within the framework of the Tempus Project “Middle Eastern Partnership in Sustainable Engineering”.

“Water-Energy-Food Nexus” Discussion at GJU

A roundtable discussion was held at GJU with the Vice –Chair of the Board, the United Nations Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation, USA Prof. Uschi Eid and some staff members from GIZ on Wednesday 12 March, 2014.

The discussion highlighted the current environmental issues in the region, Water, Energy and Food Nexus, in particular solid waste management, in addition to Jordan’s overall resource scarcity. The discussion also included the prominent role that the “Water –Energy-Food Nexus” is playing in research and education.

Prof. Anton Mangstl, the Vice President for International Affairs, welcomed the guests and expressed GJU’s interest in discussing waste management issues. He also emphasized that all parties should put efforts together to raise the awareness of the food, energy, water nexus.

For her part, Prof. Uschi Eid, expressed her gratitude to GJU for being the host and wished that this discussion with Knowledge transfer would result in a joint Project in water environment.



Furthermore, she stressed that they should galvanize the interest of the nexus debate, by committing to concrete programs and building strategic partnerships and alliances as we move into the future.

It is worth mentioning that Mr. Bassam Hayek from GIZ, and lecturer at PSUT, as well as a group of MA students from PSUT also joined the meeting in order to learn more about the term “Nexus” and to exchange thoughts on nexus –related topics.

The meeting was attended by the GJU President, Prof. Nather Abu Obeid, the Vice President of GJU, Prof. Manar Fayyad, as well as some Directors, Deans and Professors at GJU.

“ GJU President meets the Students ”



The Deanship of Student Affairs organized a series of meetings between the GJU President and students from all the Schools. The first meeting was held on Wednesday 19th of March, 2014, with students from the School of Management and Logistic Sciences (SMLS).

As part of GJU's vision to empower its students and, facilitate their problems, these meetings were organized to tackle general academic issues confronting GJU students in order to smoothen the teaching process and bridge any underlying gaps among students and academics.

Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid addressed GJU students from SMLS and from other Schools in order to offer them the chance to

bring their problems to light.

During the meeting, Prof. Abu Obeid stated that GJU represents a unique educational institution among other Jordanian universities and assured students that they all face big challenges within the community.

He further advised students to be one unit and to build one community inside of GJU, in that way they can solve problems and overcome any issues they face” I believe in Diversity within Unity, “Prof. Abu Obeid said.

The GJU President along with the Schools' academics listened to all of the students' problems with consideration. They offered some advice and promised students ,their issues would be solved.

Furthermore, students made a lot of suggestions and shared thoughts regarding possible activities and considerations at GJU. The session was attended by the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Yousef Al-Abdallat, the Dean of School of Management and Logistics Sciences, Dr. Loay Salhieh, a group of professors from the School of Management and Logistics Sciences ' as well as GJU Students.

“ GJU Students Visit Al-Karama Battle Site ”

A group of GJU students visited the field of “Al Karama” Battle as part of their national education curriculum and as part of the national celebrations of this great memory.

The visit aimed at learning more details about the nature of the battle and the sacrifices of the Jordanian Arab Army who gave up their lives to defend and protect the pure soil of Jordan and the dignity of the nation.

During the visit, the students were briefed by one of the officers of the Jordanian Armed Forces about the details of the battle and the achievements of the Arab Army.

The students then took a tour of the site and were introduced to some of the military tanks, vehicles and artillery pieces which were used in the battle.

At the end of the visit, Mr. Adel Hawatmeh and his students read Al-Fateha for the souls of Al-Karma's Martyrs and put wreaths of flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



The students showed much respect and reverence to the accomplishments and the great victory of Jordan emphasizing the visit has amplified their loyalty to His Majesty the King and to their homeland.

“ Zain Day at GJU ”

An open day by the Zain- Jordan Company took place at the GJU campus, on Tuesday 18 March, 2014, to promote the “Zain Al-Shabab” initiative and to present various exclusive offers to students.

Zain - Jordan is always keen to target the youth /students to help them communicate effectively within society, provide them with great training, and create new opportunities.

Ms. Reem Al.Edwan , Manager of the Zain Al-Shabab initiative, emphasized that this initiative aims at enrolling youth in

effective productive activities by developing their abilities and skills to help benefit their communities.

She further added that this initiative helps in building communication channels between youth and local society institutions which in turn serves the youth category and youth capacity building as well.

The day included games and the distribution of gifts to students as well as DJ, who played national songs.

“ T21 Platform - Kick off Meeting at GJU ”



The Office for Industrial Links at GJU and the social entrepreneurship class at the School of Management and Logistic Sciences in collaboration with Migrate Global organized a kick off meeting, to introduce the T21 platform to GJU students.

T21 is a unique and innovative social learning platform with a mission to advance 21st century skills as well as career and entrepreneurial readiness of all youth (ages 15–29) in Jordan and the Middle East.

It was launched two years ago by a group of Harvard graduates. It is a leading online community that fosters collaboration among the youth, educators, mentors, government and employers.

Gozie Nwabuebo, Co-founder, Chief Executive of T21, explained the T21 vision, saying that T21 was founded to advance the educational, entrepreneurial and employment outcomes of all youth, thereby enabling their success in today’s global knowledge economies.

He further added that whether the student wants to become an entrepreneur, or to join an existing organization, what he/she learns on the T21 platform, through the project-based skills curriculum, the interactive platform, and the rich community of peers, mentors, teachers and employers, will help all to succeed!

In addition, T21 represents a comprehensive, low-cost, and sustainable solution to the growing problem of youth unemployment as well as skills gap challenges occurring globally.

“ GJU is Opening an “Activity Hall“ ”

The GJU President, Prof Natheer Abu Obeid opened the Activity Hall for students at GJU, which was set up by the Deanship of Student Affairs, in order to encourage students to invest their leisure time in intellectual sports games such as table tennis and chess.

During the opening, Prof. Abu Obeid said that GJU is keen to provide students with an appropriate environment to develop not only their academic sides but also their physical and intellectual sides as well.

He also pointed out that GJU is always supportive of any student initiative which comes with an added advantage of

enhancing participation in social and voluntary work in cooperation with the Departments of Sports and Cultural Activity and the Career Guidance Office of the King Abdullah II Fund for Development.

Prof Abu Obeid said the university would work during the next two years to create a multi-purpose sports complex to serve all types of games and meet the aspirations of students.

For his part, Dr. Yousef Al-Abdallat, the Dean of Student Affairs , emphasized that the Deanship is about to organize a wide range of activities that will develop student talents and provide them with the necessary skills.

“ Introductory Lecture about the “Darb” Program at GJU ”

The Deanship of Student Affairs through the Career Guidance Office of the King Abdullah II Fund for Development and in cooperation with LOYAC /Lothan Youth Achievement Center organized an introductory lecture about the “Darb “program to introduce information about the training opportunities which are provided by this program to the Jordanian youth by schools and universities.

Ms. Rana Aboumi, the Program Coordinator, said that LOYAC is a non-profit organization working towards the overall development of Jordanian youth.

She further added that they design and develop many pro-

grams to facilitate the professional development and personal growth of the youth aged 6 – 28 years. All programs are either offered for free or are heavily subsidized. LOYAC is supported by organizations and businesses that believe in its mission.

She also emphasized that LOYAC is empowering youth to unleash their creativity and provide them with unique opportunities to help them evolve into highly effective young leaders.

At the end of the Lecture, a short documentary was shown about LOYAC programs, and activities.

“ Discussing Cooperation between Hochschule Merseburg and GJU ”

The Vice President for International Affairs, prof. Anton Mangstl, and the Dean of Engineering and Natural Sciences School at Hochschule Merseburg - University of Applied Sciences, prof. Manfred Lohoefer, discussed possible ways to expand the cooperation between the two universities.

During the visit, the two parties agreed to develop a strategic partnership to establish jointly master programs and research projects in the areas of Mechatronics Engineering and Mechanical and Maintenance Engineering.

Prof. Mangstl, outlined that GJU is an applied university, has been designed along the lines of the German applied universities, and has unique and various disciplines and programs that support and improve student skills.

For his part, Dr. Nathir Rawashdeh, Project Coordinator at GJU, emphasized that GJU has a strong partnerships with Jordan and Germany, in the academic and industrial fields, pointing out that this meeting is a good opportunity to extend the academic and cultural exchange between the two universities.

Prof. Lohoefer spoke about Hochschule Merseburg, its features, programs and the most important research centers.

He also said that Hochschule Merseburg is seeking to build cooperation with GJU and make joint programs and projects. Moreover, Prof. Lohoefer, gave a lecture about Mechatronics systems, to the academic staff of the School of Applied Technical Sciences (SATS).

The meeting was attended by the Dean of the School of Applied Technical Sciences, Dr. Ziyad Masoud and Dr. Dorothea Jecht, Director of the International Office.



“ Introductory Meeting by GJU- MUN Club ”



The GJU-MUN club organized an introductory meeting for both general and board committee members on Tuesday 18 March, 2014. The meeting aimed at launching the preparations for the GJU-MUN conference for the year 2014, as well as representing the MUN.

The GJU-MUN is a great opportunity for students to improve their spoken language, improve teamwork skills and help them to become skillful in sharing their ideas while teach them negotiation and persuasion tactics.

Ms. Sara Ghanma - Secretary General of the GJU-MUN and Vice- President of the GJU-MUN Club explained the main concept of the MUN, saying that the “Model United Nations” is a simulation of the United Nations which is based on finding and agreeing on logical solutions to worldwide problems through democratic debate and discussion.

The MUN promotes students worldwide taking part in healthy and democratic discussion to promote a more peaceful yet intelligent method of solution inception.

A noteworthy mention - the MUN conference is going to be held at the end of May, 2014, when the participants can research and formulate political positions based on actual countries.

“ New Thinking Studio at GJU ”

The Deanship of Student Affairs at GJU in collaboration with the New Think Theatre organized a special show for students that included several topics of some innovators in their fields, and living examples of thinking outside the box.

New Think Theater is an organization that aims to bring on stage people who have a message, something new, to inspire, entertain and above all to have a long lasting impact on the audience through real life examples.

The first session was about “Smart Types”; each one has a specific type of smart such as Musical Smart, Body Smart, Picture Smart and many others.

Mr. Michael Makdah, co-founder of Jobedu, talked about how Jobedu was established, saying that it all started in 2007 when Tamer AlMasri and himself wanted to experiment with creating an Arab brand that people would be proud of. Jobedu curates the awesome works of Arab designers on t-shirts, hoodies, posters and lots more.

The funniest part of the show was with Dr. Nabil Sawalha, about “Tolerance and Laugh”. Dr. Sawalha tried to explain



how tolerance is displayed not only by how we communicate with others but also by how we communicate with ourselves.

He also extended the idea keeping laughing. It is considered as the best medicine, because when laughter is shared, it binds people together and increases happiness and intimacy. Nothing works faster or more dependably to bring your mind and body back into balance than a good laugh.

“ David Christof Visits GJU ”



The ultra-runner, David Christof visited GJU today in order to encourage students to participate in the eleven Marathons that he arranged from the 15th of March to the 25th of March, 2014.

The main purpose of these marathons is to raise money for the educational needs of Jordanian and Syrian children such as school improvements, supplies and equipment.

David Christof met some of the GJU students, and talked to them about the marathons in particular and the campaign in general. He assured them that the best thing about these marathons is that the money will go directly to the schools over at the camps.

Even though all of David's previous runs were about raising awareness about safe water, he also felt that he should contribute to the educational needs of Jordanian and Syrians near the camps.

The marathon will be held in collaboration with Helping Refugees in Jordan, who are coordinating with Mercy Corps to manage the fundraising.

“ Delegations from Schools visit GJU ”



Terra Santa College



Swefieh School
Al-Bnayat School



Latin Patriarchate Schools

Students from different schools were welcomed by GJU's Public Relations and Marketing representative, given a presentation about the university's vision and mission, and introduced to the majors offered by GJU. At the end of the visit, the students toured the university.



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