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“ Discussing Cooperation between GJU and the University of Nebraska ”



Prof. Natheer Abu. Obeid, the President of GJU held talks with the president of the University of Nebraska, Dr. Harvey Perlman, during his visit to GJU on Thursday 27 Feb, 2014.

The visit aimed at discussing possible ways to expand the cooperation between the two universities and to develop a strategic partnership in the areas of water environment and energy.

Prof. Abu.Obeid wholeheartedly welcomed Dr. Perlman, and gave an elaborate introduction about GJU; its schools, programs, and the exchange year in Germany. He also emphasized that GJU is a role model of an applied university, and has been designed along the lines of German applied universities.

He further pointed out that GJU has unique programs and disciplines of Natural Resources Engineering, like Water and Environment Engineering and Energy Engineering which aim to develop well-educated graduates with practical skills, attributes and knowledge that will enable them to practice effectively as professional engineers.

For his part, Dr. Perlman, briefed an introduction about the university of Nebraska, its mission and future vision in building mutual cooperation with GJU and other universities.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Manar Fayyad, the Vice President of GJU and Prof. Anton Mangstl, the Vice President for International Affairs

“ Discussing Cooperation between GJU and Arabian Universities ”

On Tuesday the 11th of February, 2014, Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, the President of the German Jordanian University, Dr. Mahmoud Triki, the President of the Private University of Southern Mediterranean-Tunisia, and Dr. Raja'aAl.Sharqawi, the Vice President of Mohammed V University- Agdal- Morocco, discussed aspects of cooperation and coordination between the universities in the areas of Engineering, Management Sciences, and Cultural Exchange for students and academic staff.

During the meeting, Prof. Abu Obeid emphasized that GJU is a role model of an applied university, and a high tech educational institution, along the lines of German applied universities. This makes GJU unique in the region, and emphasizes how the university points strongly to the market needs.

Furthermore, the president pointed out that GJU is building cooperation between the Theoretical and Applied sides in the fields of industry in the region and in Germany.

On his side, Dr. Triki, focused on enhancing cooperation between the Arabian universities and exchanging experiences in order to develop the overall educational approach in the Arabian region.

Dr. Al.Sharqawi gave a small brief about MVU-A, saying that the



university is very distinguished with its disciplines and its graduate qualified engineers.

The meeting was attended by the Vice president of GJU, Prof. Manar Fayyad, the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Yousef Al-Abdallat, and the Dean of the School of Management and Logistics Sciences, Dr. LoaySalhie.

“ GJU Welcomes Incoming Students for Spring - 2014 ”

The International Office at the German Jordanian University (GJU) organized an introductory meeting for the incoming exchange students for the second semester on Tuesday 25th Feb, 2014.

The meeting aimed at introducing the incoming students to the GJU environment, and informing them of the correct procedures to follow during their period of study.

Prof. Mangstl welcomed the new German students, and emphasized that GJU is keen to have a strong partnership with Germany. He also added that GJU is an applied sciences university that follows an experimental teaching approach.

Dr. YousefAbdalat, Dean of Student Affairs, greeted the new German students, and called on them to get to know the Jordanian culture and lifestyle.

For his part, Prof. Thomas Weber, Lecturer at DAAD and University of Jordan, gave a detailed presentation about Historic Sites in Jordan, mentioning the most magnificent locations such as, Petra, Aqaba, Um Qais, the Nebo Mountain and many others.



This helped the new students to get to know more about Jordan, its culture, tourism, and the most spectacular historical sites.

Dr. Dorothea Jecht, the Director of the International Office, warmly welcomed the new German students, and gave a brief about GJU, its schools, features, activities and programs. She also pointed out that the numbers of German students coming to GJU are growing significantly.

“ Kick Off Outgoing Meeting- Spring 2014 ”

The International Office at the German Jordanian University organized a preparation week for students who are leaving for Germany this semester. The ceremony, which kicks off the Preparation Week for the outgoing students took place at PSUT on 16 February, 2014, and aimed at introducing students to the German culture and lifestyle.

The event included several presentations that covered a range of topics about academic work, intercultural communications, general information, and internship information by returnees in order to share their experiences and answer student questions and inquiries.

Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, President of the GJU, emphasized the importance of the exchange year as it offers students a unique opportunity to advance their knowledge and has positive effects on their future.

He also emphasized that students should act as the “ Jordanian Gate”.

“You are ambassadors of Jordan and GJU” Prof. Abu Obeid said.

Dr. Dorothea Jecht, Director of the International Office at GJU, said that the aim of this week was to offer advice and support to prepare students for Germany and to help them benefit from their colleagues experiences, especially since many of them have not visited Germany in the past.



On her side, Dr.Ines Gessner, the Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Amman, greeted the attendees and the outgoing students, and spoke about her own experience of an exchange year, to encourage students to learn a lot from the culture and explore the new environment.

It is noteworthy to mention that about 200 GJU students are leaving for Germany for the exchange semester to 34 partner universities.

GJU wishes all students a safe flight to Germany and an enriching, enthralling and entertaining year in Germany!

“ Meeting with Humboldt University about Water Resources Problems ”

The German Jordanian University in cooperation with Humboldt University of Berlin organized a meeting about “Water Resources Problems” on Tuesday 4th February, 2014.

This meeting aimed at bridging the gap between technical sciences, natural sciences and social sciences to find solutions to water resources problems in Jordan and all over the world.

Prof. Manar Fayyad, the Vice President of GJU, underscored that GJU is keen to follow such issues and problems relating to fresh water resource management, saying that all parts should work hand in hand and make joint efforts to find solutions.

Prof. Andreas Thiel, from the Environmental Governance Section at Humboldt University, said that Humboldt University initiated the visit to GJU to promote the German government’s vision about water resources problems, pointing out that their initiative extended to many European countries as well.

He further added that they figured out that water problems are related to several issues like, water quality and health; water and ecosystems; water and agriculture; water and energy; water and economic development as well as, water and politics.



For his part, Dr. Dimitrios Zikos, Project Coordinator at Humboldt University, emphasized that this meeting is basically to exchange ideas and suggestions about water problems and to link between technical people and social people.

The meeting was attended by, the Vice President for International Affairs, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, the Dean of the School of Natural Resources Engineering and Management, academic staff from the School of Management and Logistics Sciences as well as guests from Humboldt University.

“ MoU between GJU and Tamweelcom (Jordan Micro Credit Company) ”



The German Jordanian University signed a memorandum of understanding with Tamweelcom-Jordan Micro Credit Company, in order to enhance bilateral cooperation in developing the educational sector and supporting youth in Jordan.

The MoU was signed by the Vice President of the University

Prof. Manar Fayyad, on behalf of GJU, and the Executive Director Mr. Ziad Al-Rifai on behalf of the company.

The MoU included cooperation with training courses and specialized programs for the Management and Logistics Sciences Students at the company offices and it will provide suitable opportunities for students.

It also aimed at supporting people in the local community specifically in Naou'r and Madaba to improve their social and living standards by adopting and implementing international microfinance best practices.

In addition, workshops and meetings should be regularly held between GJU and Tamweelcom in order to evaluate common activities and develop new fields of cooperation.

The MoU was signed in the presence of the Vice President for International Affairs, academic members of GJU as well as representatives from Tamweelcom.

“ Scientific Seminar about Surveying and Geomatics Engineering ”

In cooperation with the Arab Company for Engineering Applications and Planning Survey (Info Chart), the School of Natural Resources Engineering at GJU organized a seminar on Surveying or Land Surveying and Geomatics on Monday 10th February, 2014.

Dr. Munjed Sharif, Vice Dean of the School of Natural Resources Engineering, greeted the attendees and emphasized that GJU is building between the two Theoretical and Applied sides.

He also praised the cooperation between GJU and Info Chart, saying that this cooperation supports the developmental sectors.

On his side, Eng. Bashar Awamleh, General Manager of Info Chart Company, expressed his gratitude to GJU for hosting his company, speaking about establishing the company and his work experience in the field of Surveying.

He further mentioned that his company signed an agreement with Mena 3D/Top Measure, which is considered an important cooperation in the fields of GIS and GPS.

Dr. Khaled Al. Nabbout, General Manager of Mena 3D GmbH, gave a presentation about the techniques of land surveying and how it accurately determines the terrestrial or three-dimensional position of points and the distances and angles between them.

Following the advanced developments in digital data processing, the nature of the tasks required of the professional land surveyor has evolved and the term “surveying” no longer accurately covers the whole range of tasks that the profession deals with.

As our societies become more complex, information with a spatial position associated with it becomes more critical to decision-making, both from a personal and a business perspective, and also from a community and a large-scale governmental viewpoint. Dr. Al. Nabbout displayed many Topographic survey examples, like Greater Amman Municipality and many others.

“ GJU Participates in the 2nd Arabic Digital Content Conference ”



The German Jordanian University participated in the second Arabic Digital Content Conference on Thursday 20 Feb, 2014 in order to talk about the “Arab-German Project”; “Arab term – a Technical Dictionary”.

Ms. Hanan Shuqair, a Teaching Assistant at the School of Languages, gave a presentation about this project, saying that the “Technical Dictionary” is a joint project of the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALESCO) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The Technical Dictionary “ARABTERM” is intended to be a generally accessible reference for the consistent translation of textbooks, curricula, technical manuals and other specialized texts.

It is worth mentioning that GJU participated in the Sponsors Fair, which included extensive information about GJU, its academic programs and activities. Guests were invited to take a look at the brochures of the university.

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“ Workshop on Civil and Political Rights and Citizenship ”

The Consultation and Training Center (CTC) at GJU in cooperation with Na'our Youth Center organized a workshop for the local community about civil and political rights and citizenship to help them become familiar with their rights and duties.

Mr. Adel Hawatmeh, Lecturer at GJU, covered all concepts of civil and political rights, which have been in existence since the times of ancient civilizations and cultures.

He explained that civil and political rights are a class of rights that protect Jordanian individuals freedom from infringement by governments and private organizations, and ensures awareness about the civil and political life of the country.

He also pointed out that the development of Jordanian rights and duties and citizenship is a main part of the Jordanian Constitution.

On his side, Mr. Hisham Hawamdeh, Director of Na'our Youth Center, emphasized that the cooperation with GJU contributes to developing and supporting the Center's programs and refining youth socially.

At the end of the workshop, around 125 participants from the local community -Na'our and Madaba- got certificates in English for successfully completing the course.

“ GJU visits several schools ”

The Public Relations and Marketing Department Team at GJU visited many schools in Amman to introduce the students to the university's programs, admission policy, and future vision.

The visits are a great opportunity for students to expand their horizons and make the most appropriate choices within their abilities and fields of interest.

The sessions targeted IGCSE and Tawjihi students who are interested in studying at GJU in the near future. The GJU team introduced the University vision, mission, Schools, and majors to the student. They also discussed the student year abroad in Germany, costs, scholarships and university activities.

It is worth mentioning that the team visited Al.Mayar International Schools, Al Asriyya schools, and Lady of Nazareth College Greek Catholic.

“ Excel Skills Course ”

The Deanship of Student Affairs at GJU in cooperation with IE Club organized a “Microsoft Excel Skills Course” in order to enable students to learn Excel Skills, which will be very useful for their study and while doing their homework.

Dr. Yousef Al-Abdallat, Dean of Student Affairs, pointed out that GJU is always keen to develop students' skills.

He further added that the Student Clubs at GJU are playing a great role in supporting the student experience in the fields of information technology, as well as industrial and electronic engineering.

For her part, Eng. Raghad Humaimat, the course trainer, said that the participants acquired the skills to use excel. This will enhance their abilities to serve their study and applied plans in the labor market.

It is worthy to mention that (20) students from various Schools of the university and its divisions participated in this course.



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