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Season's Greetings

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“ Third Annual Evening of Excellence 2013 ”



Under the patronage of His Excellency Mr. Ralph Tarraf, the German Ambassador, the German Jordanian University held the 3rd annual evening of excellence to honor its outstanding top graduates, top students, distinguished faculty members, and GJU Industry Partners.

The event took place at Al-Hussein Cultural Center, Ras-Al-Ein, Greater Amman Municipality Building, in the presence of Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, GJU President, Mr. Othman Bedair, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of GJU, the GJU Board of Academics and Employees and parents on Sunday, 24 November 2013. Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid gladly opened the evening, seizing the opportunity to congratulate the distinguished faculty members, students and their parents for their achievements.

On this occasion, he added that GJU is proud to be Jordan's gate to Germany and the developed world. However, cultural and social references are but a part of the great challenges they will encounter as they endeavor to change and develop our civilized state.

For his part, Mr. Ralph Tarraf, voiced his thanks and pleasure at being entrusted with the patronage of this event. He also stressed that striving for excellence is a main driver in open societies and in open economies in order to achieve economic growth and economic welfare.

“To celebrate Excellence is therefore not about singling out individuals, but about highlighting the aspirations all of us are striving for - to excel, to go beyond the given, and to build a better future”. Mr. Tarraf said.

Ru'a Al-Abweh, an honored student, thanked the GJU family for giving her its trust, faith, and a stimulating environment, saying that she was very lucky to have great support from a great university and she called on students to keep on believing in their wishes and dreams which will come true in time.

In his speech, Dr. Sami Al Najjar, expressed his gratitude for this honor, emphasizing that if he is really deserving of this award, it's because of two words he believes in (Love and Respect). “Respect doesn't come from a title, a degree, or experience. In fact, the only way to truly gain respect from anyone is to give it”, Dr. Al Najjar said.

At the end of the event, His Excellency, Mr. Ralph Tarraf presented certificates and awards to the outstanding students and researchers in recognition of their distinguished performances.



“MoU between GJU and Maani Group (MGC)”

The German Jordanian University (GJU) and the Maani Group of Companies (MGC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Sunday, 1st December, 2013, in order to establish a framework for mutual cooperation.

GJU President Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, on behalf of the GJU, and the Chairman of the Board, H.E. Eng. Omar Maani on behalf of MGC signed the MoU, which proposes that MGC will provide training for GJU students at its offices, factories, and projects in addition to different additional fields of cooperation.

Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid emphasized that this memorandum maintains sustainable industry links, and will provide students with first-hand experience by involving industry partners in study plans and field-trips.

He further added that the GJU is always keen to play a significant role in promoting links and knowledge transfer between Jordan and Europe, particularly Germany.

For his part, Eng. Omar Maani expressed his happiness about this MoU, praising the distinguished scientific level of GJU. He stressed that this MoU is going to play a remarkable role in supporting the industrial sector through the applied training that MGC will offer. Therefore students will be professional, and experiential with the market and industry needs.



Both parties will be given the opportunity of conducting research projects, lectures and presentations in their respective fields of special interest, especially those related to Solar Energy Engineering, Logistics Sciences, and Architecture/ Interior Architecture.

It is worth mentioning that this MoU should also be the foundation for cooperation agreement between the signed parties in which further aspects of mutual cooperation like grants and scholarships will be included.

The event was attended by the Vice President, some Deans of Schools and Department Heads as well as Maani Group representatives.

“ CTC achieved success on its training courses ” for the local community



The Consultations and Training Center (CTC) at GJU has launched several training courses since the University moved to its new location at Madabah-Mushagar, where 600 of Na'aour-Madabah citizens took these courses.

This shows the success the CTC has by helping the local community benefit from the training courses.

Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid assured the role GJU plays in the interaction with local community and emphasized that GJU follows a training strategy which involves the systematic training and improvement of people within the organization so they can achieve their personal and corporate goals.

These courses are basic skills for people and they increase the ability to respond effectively to change, as well as the handling of difficult situations in the work field.

For his part Dr. Ahmad Abu-alkheil, Director of the CTC, mentioned that the courses included training on leadership and communication skills, computer skills, executive secretarial and English language classes.

He further added that GJU awarded the trainees official certificates accredited by the university to assist them in finding suitable job opportunities, noting that the CTC launched a new English course during the current month at the new location of GJU with participation of 100 people from the region.

“ Drug Victims Show at GJU ”

The Drama Club /The Deanship of student affairs at GJU organized a show about illegal drug victims, in cooperation with the Public Security Directorate, to raise awareness of the dangers and significant negative mental and physical effects that can be caused by drug abuse.

The show is aiming at spreading this public awareness which forms an important part of tackling what has become a serious public health issue. This show about drug victims is one of the keys to combatting this ill.

Illegal drugs are consumed across cultures. However, they play a very remarkable role in our society and the effect they have on those who use them.

Major. Munther Arabiat, the head of cultural activities department at Public Security Directorate, emphasized that drug abuse is prevalent in all societies. Economies are held back, families are made less happy and occasionally even torn asunder by serious injury, death or deeply negative consequences of drug abuse.

Unfortunately, across the globe and throughout time, drug



abuse has manifested itself in one form or another and this show explores drug abuse behavior and its effects.

A very important message which illustrates the ill-effects that can be caused by these substances goes directly to (students and youth): A common thread runs through all drug abuse: how it takes over everything else in the abuser's life, so please be aware.

“ The National Campaign against Measles and Rubella at GJU ”

In order to enhance immunity of citizens and those residing in the kingdom - of all nationalities - The Jordanian Ministry of Health in cooperation with the GJU Clinic launched a national vaccination campaign against measles and rubella on Wednesday 13 November, 2013 at GJU campus.

The campaign lasted for 3 days with the vaccination of the largest possible number of students. The number reached

more than 1000 students. It should be noted that the target age was less than 20 years old.

This nationwide campaign will protect people up to 20 years against the two viruses -- measles and rubella -- in a single dose, while also protecting them from future rubella infection and the severe consequences of congenital rubella syndrome.

Measles and rubella remain important causes of vaccine preventable diseases and death in the world. In addition rubella outbreaks, which have occurred in the last years, can have long-lasting consequences for babies born with congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) leading to possible blindness, deafness or heart disease.

The campaign was implemented by the team below:

Dr. Lana Tayemm, from the Ministry of Health
 Dr. Mustafa Al-Atrash, from Health Directorate of Madaba
 Dr. Hatem Abu Waar, and Ms. Rawan Mazahreh, Staff Nurse, form GJU Clinic.



“ TEMPUS Networking at Hochschule Bochum ”



The seventh annual meeting of the German Mechatronics Specialists (Fachbereichstag Mechatronik) was held at the Hochschule Bochum on 14-15 November 2013.

40 academic representatives of Mechatronics Engineering from all over Germany met to exchange their experiences, network with colleagues, and report their activities in the field of mechatronics engineering.

The German Jordanian University gave a joint presentation at the meeting with Philadelphia University, as partners in a TEMPUS project to develop joint master programs in me-

chatronics engineering, as well as life-long-learning training courses for working mechatronics engineers. Moreover, they were also interested in finding new German partner universities who are interested in hosting Jordanian master students for a research semester, in a double degree program in development through the TEMPUS grant.

During the meeting, they discussed various items such as: mechatronics education formats and accreditation requirements, as well as upcoming conferences, new books, international cooperation, a laboratory tour, and the achievements of the Bochum Solar Car project.

“ Workshop on Entrepreneurship and Innovation at GJU ”

The Office for Industrial Links at GJU in cooperation with Queen Rania Center for Entrepreneurship (QRCE), organized a workshop on entrepreneurship and innovation, which is a part of the Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW), on Wednesday 20 November 2013.

Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) is a worldwide movement that celebrates and promotes entrepreneurship in more than 125 countries. The movement will touch and engage millions of people throughout the world. The Queen Rania Center for Entrepreneurship is the Official Host for GEW.

The event included many sessions started up with Mr. Mohammad Obaidat, Program Manager at QRCE, who defined GEW as an awareness campaign supported by world leaders and celebrity entrepreneurs. It is about unleashing ideas and doing what it takes to bring them to life—spotting opportunities, taking risks, solving problems, being creative, building connections and learning from both failure and success.

Arch. Maisa Al Shomali, Committee Head of the JEA Graduation Projects Competition, gave a presentation entitled “Bridging the Gap between Academia and Industry, JEA Graduation Projects Competition “.

“Competition of Graduation Projects Conducted at the Industrial Sector “was presented by Eng. Fadel Labadi, Manager of the Industrial Development Department from the Amman Chamber of Industry.

For his part Eng. Jamil Khatib, Innovation Consultant from Ibtikar, talked about Innovative Graduation Projects.

Eng. Alia Gharaibeh, Faculty Member of the School of Management and Logistics at GJU, took part to talk about Entrepreneurship 4 Myths.

Dr. Yousef Abdalat, Director of National Program of Faculty for Factory, explained what the aim of (FFF).

Dr. Sami Alnajjar, Faculty Member of the School of Management and Logistics at GJU, gave a very impressive presentation entitled “Unlimited Value: Entrepreneurship with Emotional Intelligence”.

“Leader in Progress –A charity Initiative “was presented by Mr. Fahad Qarasmeh and Ms. Hala Jurf, GJU students.

Dr. Abdel Monem M. Rawashdeh, CEO of the Applied Scientific Research Fund (ASRF), presented “from Research to Investment (R2I) “.

GJU participated for the first time in this global event and is looking forward to implement different activities tackling entrepreneurship in the near future.

“ IE Orientation Day ”



their attitudes and engineering concerns at the technical and intellectual level.

He further added that the club aspires to establish a successful youth organization nationally, with links to all parts of the local community.

The Student Hussein Hiyari, Head of IE club, said that the IE club was founded by a group of faithful students, who believe in the need for convergence of the practical side with the theoretical side for IE students.

It is worth mentioning that the club, which was founded by the support of the IE Department, seeks to develop new methods and youth initiatives in the industrial field.

The Industrial Engineering club at GJU organized an orientation day to show to students the IE Club's goals, activities, programs and future plans.

Dr. Safwan Al-Tarazi, Supervisor of IE club, said that the orientation day aims to provide opportunities for students to participate actively and gain experience, which could enrich

“ Orientation Day about Ripples of Happiness at GJU ”

The Deanship of Student Affairs at GJU in collaboration with the Jordan Career Education Foundation (JCEF) organized an orientation day about the “Ripples of Happiness Program” that aims mainly to foster social responsibility among the students.

Ripples of Happiness is a 6-week university outreach program created and managed by the Coca-Cola Foundation and INJAZ Al-Arab.

It aims to foster social responsibility, entrepreneurial skills, financial literacy, and workplace readiness among students and to give them the opportunity to build a brighter future.

At the end of the 6-weeks, participants will present their proposed project to the judging committee to decide who is the winning team. The winning team will receive support for its implementation, in addition to their participation in the regional competition of the five countries involved in the project, which are Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain and Saudi



Arabia.

It's worth mentioning that GJU earned the first place jointly with the Princess Sumaya University for Technology in a community service contest organized by Ripples of Happiness. The competition was an opportunity for GJU students to bring their “Recycling Art” project entitled “ Ruwwad Al-Shams or Sun's Pioneers” to light.

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“ MoU between GJU and pioneers of Adventures Company ”

The Consultations and Training Center at GJU signed a memorandum of understanding, with the Pioneers of Adventures Company, which aims at enhancing cooperation to update new training programs in the fields of Experimental Education.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Ahmad Abu-Alkheil, on behalf of CTC /GJU, and Mr. Georg Inkebian and Mr. Yaarub Al-Nahas on behalf of the company.

Dr. Abu-alkheil pointed out that GJU is providing training programs in the field of Experimental Education, indicating the importance of bilateral agreements such as MoUs in a closer relationship between the public and private sectors.

This helps in supplying the local market with qualified staff scientifically and practically in order to increase competitiveness in the labor market.

For their parts, the representatives of the Pioneers of Adventures Company expressed their gratitude for the cooperation from the CTC side, praising the distinguished scientific rep-



utation of GJU.

They further pointed out that this MoU is a way to have strong and successful training programs that help to develop employer brands and make both the company and the University a prime consideration for graduates and mid-career changes. That will also be built through those educational establishments that advise and guide promising talent towards the job market.

“ Agreement between GJU and (ASEZA) ”



The Center for the Study of Natural and Cultural Heritage at GJU has signed a joint agreement with the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority. This agreement seeks to promote the development of Wadi Rum in Jordan. Wadi Rum has been declared a tourism area of unique natural beauty and cultural significance by the World Heritage Committee, and thus appears on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Nizar Abu-Jaber, Head of CSNACH on behalf of GJU, and Dr. Muhannad Harara, commissioner of Environmental Affairs and Health Control on behalf of ASEZA. The agreement will enhance cooperation

through conducting studies, research and a comprehensive archaeological survey of the areas which were recently added to Wadi Rum, in collaboration with the Department of Antiquities of Jordan.

The agreement included provision of architectural plans to build an ecolodge in Wadi Raman which is part of Al Sheikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nihyan project. Also, the CSNACH will present designs of the museum at the royal police forces of Badia, and will help in the design of packaging and pricing strategies for the products and handcrafts that are made by local associations. In addition, training courses that will be held for the local guides to instruct them about the geological and biological characteristics of the area.

For his part Dr. Abu-Jaber praised the cooperation that will further raise the profile of Wadi Rum globally and help to attract visitors and improve the livelihoods of local residents.

Dr. Harara said that they will support the project for 2 years by providing the center with the maps and available aerial photographs of the location. They will also provide the needed documents, diagrams and instructions of the project in addition to photos of the royal police forces of Badia and providing logistical support to the project teams.

“ EU Delegation visits GJU ”



A delegation from the EU Tempus Office visited GJU, on Thursday, 28 November, 2013, with regard exporting Master Program and Enterprise System Engineering to Jordan, Syria, Tunisia and Egypt. This will get start at the University, in cooperation with the Princess Sumaya University for Technology.

The delegation met the GJU President, Prof. Natheer Abu Obeid, who pointed out that the program will focus on the development of the higher education systems in these countries through cooperation with institutions from the member states of the European Community.

TEMPUS (Trans-European Mobility Program for University

Studies) is one of the European Community Programs designed to help the process of social and economic reform and/or development in Partner Countries.

The coordinator of the project at GJU, Dr. Dia'a Abu Tair, presented a short brief about the project achievements, noting that the university got a support of an estimated 85,000 euros.

Dr. Anton Mangstl, Vice President for International affairs, greeted the delegation, and wished them a very fruitful visit. For his part Prof. Ahmad Abu-El-Haija, Director, National Tempus Office, Amman, thanked the GJU Family for hosting the delegation and congratulated it for being a grand holder of one of Tempus projects in Jordan.

On the other hand, Dr. Dorothea Jecht, the Director of the International office, gave a short presentation about GJU, its features, figures and schools, mentioning the agreement between the Ministries of Higher Education and Research in Jordan and Germany.

For her part Ms. Roisin McCabe, Tempus Unit, Education, Audio-Visual and Culture Executive Agency of the European Commission, Brussels, praised the distinguished scientific level of GJU.

“ Orientation Day at GJU ”

Orientation day by (Mafe Gherna) Crew was organized at GJU on the 4th of December, to give students a rare opportunity to discover how to let all their creative ideas out.

Although we often discourage new ideas in students - we see the wandering mind as a wasted mind – yet people who have creative and new ideas score higher on tests of creativity. These students are significantly more likely to be eminent creative achievers in the real world. However, the problem they face is that they don't have many ways to let their creative ideas be known in society.

Therefore, (Mafe Gherna) Crew, which is a volunteer group of students from different universities of Jordan, came to GJU, saying to students “as long as you have a great idea come, think and work very hard to change the way the society thinks. Never wait for others to change our home, our society because, you are the one who should start to work. Never hesitate to be creative; if you will keep on this way, creativity is bound to be a force for good”.



The crew also hosted the Brand Ambassador of Jordan, Mahmoud Al-Qudah, to teach, share and help students get more out of Truecaller which is a kind of activity that relates to the Truecrew Ambassador Program as a global community of selected Truecaller users who volunteer their knowledge, time and social media expertise to show others how Truecaller can help in everyone's daily lives.

“ A group of students from Rosary College School visits GJU ”

A group of students from the Rosary College School visited the GJU, to get to know the university, its educational mission, goals and scientific disciplines.

The visit reflects the ultimate goal of GJU and the role it plays in developing higher education in Jordan. It reflects also the school's efforts to show to the students the university laboratories and equipment and highlighted GJU achievements in the scientific fields to help students to make wise decisions regarding their educational future.

Representatives from the Public Relations and Marketing Department and the Admission and Registration Department, displayed the emergence of GJU and its vision and goals, indicating the disciplines of bachelor degrees and masters programs. Pointing out that the academic and volunteer activities that are sponsored by the university are very important to refine its students personalities and develop their life skills



to enable them to face challenges with confidence and competence.

At the end of the visit, the students took a tour of the Campus to see the university's facilities, buildings, and schools.

“ GJU in Conference “Arab Revolutions and Beyond: Change and Persistence” ”

The German Jordanian University took part in the Arab Revolutions and Beyond: Change and Persistence conference which was organized by the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, with participation of many universities and organizations in the Arab world as well as Germany on 12th -13th November, 2013.

This interdisciplinary conference assesses changes and continuities in the field of economic, political and institutional developments, as well as in the cultural and knowledge-production dimension in Arab countries within the framework of the Arab Spring. It tackled economic, political and social questions in parallel sessions for two days. It specifically invited young researchers from the Arab region to participate.

Dr. Ghazi Samawi, Chairman of Management Sciences at GJU, presented a paper which addressed the Arab Spring, and energy resources and alternatives, since the impact of

the so-called Arab Spring on the energy sector cannot be understood in isolation to the changes in the global economy that have significant implications on the two sides of the energy equation, supply and demand.

In addition to Egypt's gas supply to Jordan, where Dr. Samawi discussed the impact of the cutout of the supplies of Egyptian gas to Jordan on the energy sectors, and the increase of the total cost of producing electricity on the rise of prices which have been occurred in the kingdom.

He further gave a presentation about GJU, its programs, figures, challenges and opportunities for youth.

Moreover, GJU participated in organizing the conference beside each of FU Berlin, Cairo University, University of Tunis El Manar, and Science University of Benghazi in cooperation with Tunisian Observatory for a Democratic Transition.



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