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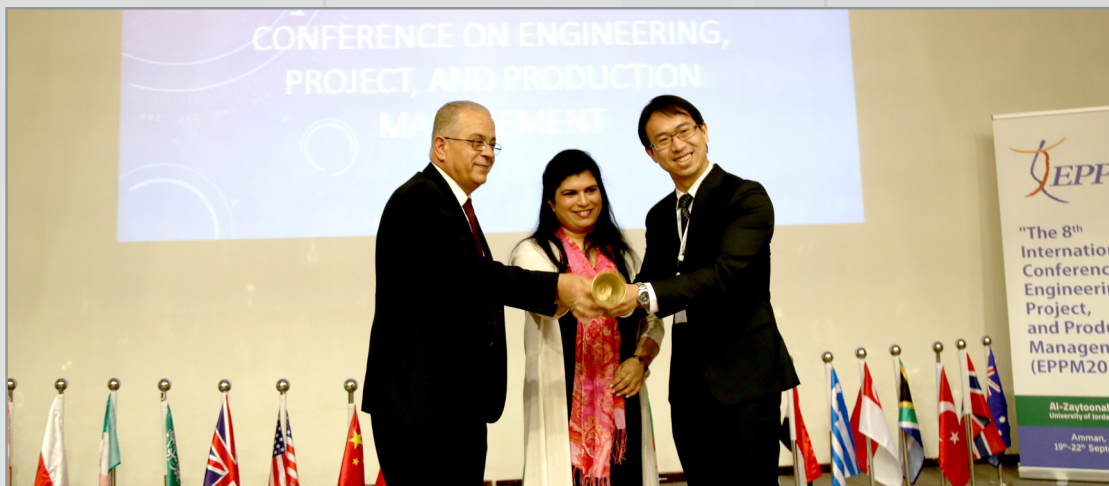


**8th International Conference on
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Princess Sumaya Bint El Hassan Sponsors the 8th International Conference on Engineering, Project, and Production Management (EPPM 2017)



Her Royal Highness (HRH) Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, President of the Royal Scientific Society, patronized the 8th International Conference on Engineering, Project, and Production Management (EPPM 2017) held at the University in cooperation with the International Society for Engineering Projects and Production Management (EPPM).

HRH stressed the importance of managing engineering projects in all scientific applications in our lives. HRH added that due to the rapid progress of technology, it is hard to separate science from each other as they all share solutions to the problems facing the world today.

HRH commended the role of Jordan in hosting such conferences because of its importance in the progress of projects that contribute to the production and management. HRH appreciated the role played by the International Society for Engineering Projects and Production Management (EPPM) in spreading the importance of projects and production management in the world.

The President of the University, Dr. Turki Obaidat, affirmed that the patronage of HRH reflects the interest of the Hashemite leadership and the Jordanian Government in developing the fields of engineering, technology and knowledge economy, in order to improve productivity and investment in the business environment and to promote competitiveness within the comprehensive and sustainable national development process.

The president also added that the opening ceremony, which was attended by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Mr. Eid Al Fayez, coincides with the University receiving the ISO certificate in all its academic and administrative components, to be the first Jordanian university to obtain this certificate in its modern version focusing on leadership and risk management. This feat also coincides with the acquisition of the Jordan Quality Assurance Certificates by the Faculties of Pharmacy and Nursing. These accreditations are based upon great achievements in





strategic planning, sound governance, academic programs, scientific research, innovation, and outstanding human resources management. In addition, these certificates show the exceptional quality achieved in student services, community service, and external relations. This is combined with an efficient and effective system to manage quality assurance at the university level.

The president also pointed out that Al-Zaytoonah University is one of the best universities in Jordan in terms of scientific research spending relative to its budget. The University had increased its expenditure on scientific research to about one million Jordanian Dinars in 2016. The current research legislations support scientific research projects which are consistent with the national research priorities and the needs of industrial and service sectors.

The president also added that the university holds four conferences annually. This allows the researchers in the university to collaborate and network with researchers around the world, and enhance the competitiveness of the university.

The conference was organized by the



Faculty of Engineering and Technology and the Faculty of Business.

The conference was a two-day conference focusing on the following themes :

- Project and Process Management
- Risk Management
- Engineering Management
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Operational Management and Decision Support Systems
- Transportation Systems
- Cost Analysis and Financial Management
- Environmental Science and Management
- Quality and Reliability Management
- Construction Management
- Maintenance Management Systems

The conference had attracted quality research contributions from researchers from several countries around the world including Turkey, United Kingdom, South Africa, Iraq, Iran, Canada, Poland, Taiwan, Singapore, United States, Algeria, Australia, Afghanistan, Thailand, India, Greece and Jordan. Accepted papers at this conference will be published in Springer.

University celebrates the graduation of the twenty first batch of the summer semester for the academic year 2016/2017



The President of the University Dr. Turki Obaidat delivered a speech during the ceremony which held under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Eid Al-Fayez, the chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Obaidat stressed that the university will remain a pioneer in promoting national unity and the comprehensive development process under the banner of the Hashemite leadership of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein.

He pointed out that the university has received the ISO certificate in all its academic and administrative components, to be the first Jordanian university to obtain this certificate in its modern version, which focuses on leadership and risk management. In addition, both the Pharmacy and Nursing faculties have obtained the Jordanian Quality Assurance Certificate granted by the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Educational Institutions.

He added that the university has

achieved tangible achievements in order to reflect its vision, mission and goals. In the second semester of the academic year 2016/2017, it obtained advanced positions among the Jordanian universities in the universities proficiency exam in many academic disciplines. It came first in management information systems, multimedia systems, Mathematics, communications and computer engineering. It came second





in pharmacy, Arabic language and French language. And third in business administration and mechanical engineering. These results confirm the proper planning, implementation and evaluation of the teaching / learning process, and clearly indicate the efficiency of the teaching staff and the quality of learning outcomes.

The president announced that The University took over the presidency of the Jordanian Universities Sports Union from the beginning of the academic year 2017/2018 for two years.

He also pointed to the great efforts exerted to improve the university environment and reduce student violence. The completion of a number of important projects to include solar energy project, student's sustainable



green garden, the kindergarten building and the electronic gates project.

The University has signed agreements with many national institutions to include, the Jordan Transparency Center, Justice Center for Legal Aid and the Oxford Academy to provide students with the necessary skills needed for the labor market.

The Faculties of Pharmacy and Nursing Receive Quality Assurance Certificates from the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission for Higher Education Institutions



The Faculties of Pharmacy and Nursing at the University received a certificate of quality assurance which was granted by the Higher Education Accreditation Commission, becoming the first university in Jordan to receive these certificates. The Head of Accrediting Authority Dr. Bashir Al-Zu'bi, confirmed the importance of this achievement, the first of its kind at the level of both public and private universities in Jordan, in which Al-Zaytoonah University was the first national institutions to obtain this certificate. This helps in accrediting academic programs and students in choosing their specialties based on the certificates granted to each program. Quality Assurance certificates

contributes to obtaining international quality assurance certificates and aids universities in the Jordanian ranking of universities.

Dr. Zu'bi called for activating the role of the accreditation and quality assurance which distinguishes between specializations and programs, aiming at doubling the number of foreign students studying in the kingdom during the next five years as mandated by the Council of Ministers. The Quality Assurance Certification reflects positively on the higher education sector in Jordan in line with the directives of His Majesty King Abdullah II.

On his part, President of Al-Zaytoonah

University, Dr. Turki Obaidat thanked the Chairman and members of the Board of the Commission, for their efforts in enhancing the level of higher education and introducing the quality assurance system as a basic component in the Jordanian higher education sector, which is reflected positively in improving the level of educational outputs.

He added that the university has obtained this achievement based on sound strategic planning, starting from the need for an integrated management system to ensure quality at the university level. He also added “ we believed that quality is a culture of excellence and we realized from the beginning that the student is the focus of the educational process in terms of quality”. The University has strengthened the system of legislation, strategic planning and governance based on justice, integrity, transparency and vision.

He added that in the field of scientific research at Al-Zaytoonah University spent more than 3% of its budget to support institutional scientific research. The number of papers published by university faculty in international journals has doubled over the last three years. He stressed the importance of sound financial planning starting with faculties and departments and ending with the university as a whole. He pointed out that the university has obtained the ISO 9001: 2015 certificate, which focuses on leadership and risk management.

Dr. Obaidat called on the public and private universities to adopt this approach because there is a big difference between accreditation and quality assurance and he asserted that quality assurance is a much greater process of accreditation because it improves the level of the graduate and enhances the university's competitiveness on the national, regional and international levels.

At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Obaidat thanked the staff of the Office of Quality Assurance and acknowledged the contributions of the teaching and administrative staff on these achievements.



The University receives ISO 9001: 2015 Certificate

Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan obtained the ISO 9001: 2015 certificate in all its academic and administrative components, and was the first Jordanian university to obtain this certificate in its updated version.

This certificate has been achieved by the efforts of faculty members and administrative and technical staff. Moreover, the university is keeping on the process of development and modernization to reach its strategic goals in teaching, scientific research and community service.



The University enters the global classification Green Metric

The university has entered the 2016 UI World Metric ranking among 500 universities.

The university's interest in this classification was to achieve international standards in the fields of environment and sustainable development. This should enhance the facilities and infrastructure environments to promote clean energy, management of solid and liquid waste, optimal use of water, efficient transportation. This can be achieved through the incorporation of sustainable development in education.



The university is determined to increase its efforts to maintain the exceptional environmental appeal of the campus, improve student services and create a university environment free of pollution.



"ABET Project Day" at Faculty of Engineering and Technology



The Faculty of Engineering and Technology has organized a scientific day entitled "ABET Project Day". It was organized to allow the faculty students to learn from the experiences of the graduating students who have received top honors for their distinguished design projects which were conducted according to the standards of the **Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)**. The University President Dr. Turki Obaidat pointed out that the process of learning and teaching is a continuous process and that the student is the leader of this process. Graduation projects enhance the team work and help

in refining the personality and the spirit of the students and is a sign of the beginning of future success. He added that this day is important in establishing the valuable foundations for the future of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology to obtain the ABET accreditation with the cooperation of faculty members and students. A number of posters for graduation design projects were exhibited and winners were honored by the university president. This ceremony was also attended by the dean of the faculty of engineering and technology, staff members and students.

The university receives distinguished results in the proficiency exam

ZUJ has achieved advanced positions in the proficiency exam for the first semester in academic year 2016/2017. It obtained the first rank in the management information and multimedia systems, the second in pharmacy and computer science, the third in nursing and the fourth in banking finance and fifth in mechanical engineering. The President of the University Dr. Turki Obaidat said that the results of the general level were advanced and higher than the average of Jordanian universities, and stressed the role of the faculty members in



improving learning outcomes and contributing effectively to provide students with the knowledge, abilities and skills required by the labor market.

ZUJ student participates in the best scientific article competition at Princes Sumaya University

Mohammed Al- Zubaidi from the faculty of Pharmacy has placed in first place following the competition held at Princess Sumaya University during the fourth cultural week activities.

This competition featured articles presented by students from several national private and public universities. Mohammed's article was voted the best scientific article in the competition.

Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan is ranked 3rd in the best poster competition

The Faculty of Pharmacy at ZUJ accomplished the third place in the Best Poster Competition at the Scientific Conference of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Applied Sciences entitled "Recent Trends in Postgraduate Research".

Amira Ibrahim received this honorable achievement under the supervision of Dr. Dima Sabah in the Faculty of Pharmacy.



The university receives the presidency of the Jordanian Universities Sport Union



Dr. Al-Rifai, The President of the Jordanian Universities Sport Union, and Dr. Turki Obaidat, President of the University stressed that the Sports Union of Universities will build on its successes and will work with all its technical and administrative capabilities to upgrade the universities sports facilities.

Dr. Obaidat paid tribute to the efforts of the former president of the Union, Dr. Mashhour Al-Rifai, and the achievements of the union during his presidency at Princess Sumaya University.

Dr. Al-Rifai mentioned that the university has accomplished a qualitative progress in the university sports during the past two years. This followed the launching of the championship to mark the Great Arab Revolution Centennial. Dr. Al-Rifai pointed to the achievements of the Union in its former headquarters,

where 44 tournaments were organized. This had culminated in many external participations, and in the achievements of Ahmed Abu Ghosh who won the bronze medal in the world university championship.

At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Al-Rifai handed over the Union's flag to the President of Al-Zaytoonah University Dr. Turki Obaidat.



The President meets Sheikha Hind bint AbdulAziz Al Qassimi



The President of Al-Zaytoonah University, Dr. Turki Obaidat, met with Sheikha Dr. Hind bint Abdul Aziz Al Qasimi, the President of Emirates International Business Club, in the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees H.E. Eid Al Fayez, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. Ali Al Qirim.

Dr. Obaidat briefed the guest of the university on the key projects carried out to enhance the environment on the university campus. These projects include the installation of electronic gates equipped with smart card readers and electronic cameras. In addition, the inauguration of the sustainable student park which completely operates on renewable energy representing a unique landmark at the university.

This was crowned by the world ranking of the university in the top 500 universities in the Green Metric ranking. Dr. Obaidat also expressed that this ranking comes as a recognition of the attractive sustainable environment of the university which defines

the university as a destination for international students.

H.E. Eid Al Fayez, the chairman of the Board of Trustees added that the university plays a significant humanitarian role in its local community.

Sheikha Hind bint Abdul Aziz Al Qassimi praised the educational and service levels of the university, and stressed the importance of women education. Her Excellency pointed out that in the past, women education was limited to some humanitarian specialties. Now, the number of women in scientific and medical disciplines has increased, and women have recently assumed many leadership positions in the Arab world.

Sheikha Hind announced the Annual Sheikha Award, which will be awarded to the most outstanding faculty member and student at Al Zaytoonah University.

At the end of the visit, Sheikha Hind and the accompanying delegation visited the Sustainable Green Student Park and the University Nursery.

Dr. Turki Obaidat Honors "Knowledge Race" Team

Dr. Turki Obaidat, President of Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan, honored the students of the "Knowledge Race" program for winning the first place in the knowledge competition.

Dr. Turki Obaidat stressed that the university has always been keen to participate in several student activities. He explained that the student gets knowledge during the various stages of their education and through scientific research and that this knowledge needs to be transferred and published. Adding that this program produced by Jordan Television is an effort to enriching knowledge in young people.

Dr. Obaidat expressed his pride in the students for this achievement. The team captain Ammar Omran, thanked the university administration represented by its president and the deans of the colleges for the moral support they gave the team.



He added that the university participated in this competition for the first time and was able to establish itself through this fine achievement.

At the end of the ceremony, which was attended by the President and members of the teaching and administrative staff, the president honored the members of the team Ammar Omran, khaled Jomah, Dana AlNajar, Lamyia Radwan and Mohammad Sabagh from the faculty of Pharmacy and Rawan Al-Salou from the Faculty of Engineering and Technology and Bushra AlZoubi from the Faculty of Arts.

The University Enters for the First Time in the QS Ranking

President Turki Obaidat announced, that the university has entered this year the international classification of universities (QS) among the top 100 Arab universities and the top 10 Jordanian universities.

The QS classification focuses on academic reputation and scientific research. Dr. Obaidat said this achievement enhances the university's competitiveness at the local, regional, and international levels.

Workshop on “Learning Outcomes Matrix for Academic Programs”



The Office of Accreditation and Quality Assurance at the University organized a workshop on “Learning Outcomes Matrix for Academic Programs” for a number of faculty members at the University.

Dr. Firas Al-Azza, Director of the Quality Assurance Office, said that the university is restructuring its academic curriculum to cope up with the demands of regional and international labor markets. He also cited the shift in focus from teaching to learning outcomes.

During the workshop, which was attended by Vice President Dr. Wejdan Abu El-Haija and the deans of the faculties, Dr. Firas pointed out that the university has created a guide manual consisting of two parts; The first is concerned with the construction of study plans and study materials that depend on the learning outcomes. The second part of the manual focuses on teaching and learning methods. The manual also covers the assessment process.



President of ZUJ receives Director of International Relations of Malaysian Multimedia University



Dr. Turki Obaidat met the Director of International Relations of the Multimedia University of Malaysia, Mr. Seri Subramani. This meeting was also attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Information Technology, Dr. Abdul Fattah Al-Tamimi.

During the meeting, they discussed venues of cooperation between the two universities and means of enhancing relations in various fields.

Dr. Turki Obaidat briefed the guest on the university's development and

how that is in tune with the global labor markets. Obaidat stressed that Al-Zaytoonah University is the only university in Jordan that offers the multimedia program and will in the future develop new disciplines in the field of multimedia and engineering.

Mr. Seri praised the university's achievements and its distinguished reputation at the local and regional levels, expressing his desire to strengthen future cooperation.

University President delivers a lecture titled “Strategic Planning: Concepts, and Guiding Framework”

Dr. Turki Obaidat, President of the University, delivered a lecture entitled “Strategic Planning: Concepts, and Guiding Framework” and how that is integrated in the strategic planning of the university.

Dr. Obaidat explained the stages of strategic planning, the rules governing the preparation of the strategic plan, elements of strategic planning, the outputs of the planning process and obstacles to strategic planning. This lecture comes as the various elements



of the university administrative components are initiating the work on their annual quality assurance tasks.

e-learning Educational System Training Course for Faculty Members



The Academic Development Division of the Accreditation and Quality Assurance Office held a training course for faculty members entitled “Use and Management of E-Learning System”.

The university held many workshops

related to academic development, which led to increasing the capacity of faculty members and their skills in preparing the exams and analyzing their results. It is hoped that this course will increase the percentage of e-learning content of the the university to about 30% .

The University Signs ICT Memorandum of Understanding



The President of Al-Zaytoonah University, Dr. Turki Obaidat, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Executive Chairman of the Association of the Information and Communications Technology ICT Companies, Eng. Nidal Al-Bitar, through the initiative of “one thousand entrepreneurs”.

This memo aims to improve the curriculum to cope up with the requirements of the national and

international labor markets. It also helps the university leaders to present their projects and ideas to potential companies and investors in coordination with the specialists in the production fields.

Eng. Nidal Al-Bitar said that this memorandum comes within the framework of the company’s efforts to enhance the entrepreneurial environment in Jordan as mandated by the Royal Initiative 2025.

The University Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Arab American University

Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan signed a memorandum of understanding with the Arab American University in Jenin, Palestine to initiate cooperation in the fields of academic exchange, scientific research and student scholarships.

Dr. Turki Obaidat President of the University , and Dr. Ali Abu Zuhri, President of Jenin University signed the memorandum



A delegation from the Japanese NGO "Nikod" visits the Faculty of Engineering and Technology



A delegation from the Japanese NGO "Nikod" visited the Photovoltaic Power Workshop and Battery Rehabilitation Workshop at the University's Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

The vice president of the university, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Wejdan Abu El-haija, briefed the visiting delegation on the university's efforts to rationalize energy consumption. The University adopts the idea of green buildings by which all the university buildings and facilities are operating on solar energy.

The Chairperson of the Organization, Ms. Satoyo Ono, expressed her pleasure with this meeting, which will strengthen the future relations between the University and the Organization .

She also stressed Nikod's readiness to provide the necessary support for the development of educational facilities for renewable energy.

At the end of the meeting, the Japanese delegation toured the workshops the laboratories of the faculty that were sponsored by the Japanese agency.



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The President of the University receives the head of the Coptic Orthodox Community in Jordan



The President of the University Dr. Turki Obaidat, received in his office the head of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Jordan, Father Antonios Subhi Hanna.

Dr. Turki Obaidat stressed that Jordan offers a unique model of coexistence, and that the university embraces all students of various religious and

ethnic origins. The university is making great efforts to improve the university environment and encourage cross cultural understanding .For his part, Father Antonios paid tribute to the University's service to the students and expressed his admiration of the university various accomplishments.

A Palestinian and Jordanian delegation from the electricity sector visits the university



A delegation from the Palestinian Energy Authority in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and a delegation from the National Electricity Company visited the university to learn about its experience in the use of renewable energy.

The President of the University pointed out that this visit aims to strengthen the relationship between the national institutions of Jordan and Palestine. He added that the university is one of the first universities operating on solar energy in full and almost reached the level of self-sufficiency.

He pointed out that the university aims to secure a sustainable university environment and provide the student with the necessary life skills in the local and international labor market.

Dr. Obaidat also added that the percentage of international students has increased to 25%.

The Sustainable Student Green Park is one example of research projects that the university sponsored in the area of renewable energy.

The president also highlighted the role of the university in community service through the offering of free medical days.



Dr. Obaidat also added that the university has recently has established the Faculty of Architecture and Design, and has embarked on a unique specialization in alternative energy technology.

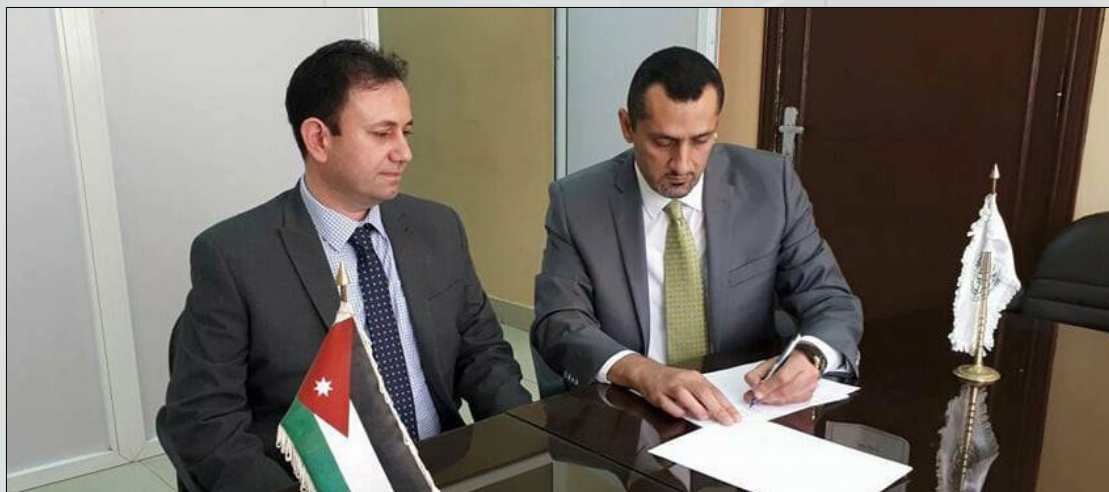
The head of the Palestinian delegation, Eng. Nidal Toman, paid tribute to the efforts of the university in its endeavor

to establish a model solar energy project to preserve the environment for future generations.

The Director of the Department of Employment in the National Electricity Company Engineer Mazen Nabulsi said that the University's experience in the use of renewable energy is an example to be followed in this area.



Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the British University of Ulster



Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the British University of Ulster to promote cooperation between the two universities.

The Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy Dr. Tariq Al-Qirim, on behalf of the President of the University, signed the memorandum of understanding. The memorandum included several opportunities of cooperation between the two institutions in the areas of

scientific research, exchange of students and faculty members, and possibly joint programs between the two universities.

Dr. Tariq Al-Qirim explained that this memorandum will expand the opportunities for training students and faculty members, and increase the efficiency of academic programs and joint scientific research. The College of Pharmacy at Ulster University is ranked first among UK universities.

A Cooperation Agreement with "Hello World Kids" Initiative to Support the International Collegiate Programming Contest

Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan signed a cooperation agreement with Al-Aql Consulting and Training Company, owner of the "Hello World Kids" Curriculum, which specializes in children's education. The program aims to teach programming for the largest number of Jordanian children from different sectors of the society.

Dr. Turki Obaidat explained that this agreement is intended to serve the local community especially young students.

Mr. Mohammed Al-Lubani thanked the University for hosting the World Youth Programming Conference and looked forward to further cooperation with the University in order to ensure the success of the joint projects .

According to this agreement, the University will provide computer laboratories to train participants of the International Collegiate Programming Contest .



Sponsoring Exchange Students Certificate Ceremony



The President of Al-Zaytoonah University, Dr. Turki Obaidat, sponsored the graduation ceremony of Exchange Students. These students have completed their practical training at the university. This training is supervised and organized by the Arab Council for Training.

Dr. Turki Obaidat pointed that the student is the center of the learning process. He also added that the university seeks to improve the learning environment by providing a sustainable environment Dr. Obaidat also pointed

out that this practical training is important in the professional development of the university student. It promotes communication and intercollegiate interaction opportunities among the participants allowing them to share their diverse experiences .

The representative of the Arab Council for Training, Dr. Ahmed Al-Abushi explained that the university hosted 41 students this year and dispatched 47 students from various programs to a number of regional universities.

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