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YU is Honored with a Surprise Visit from his Majesty King Abdullah II



who are fully armed with the supreme values and virtues that are consistent with the tolerant spirit of the heavenly religions that urge to maximize the values and common grounds among all humans. Prof. Kafafi also expressed the University's gratitude for the royal visit and His Majesty's interest in participating students their dialogue session that aimed at researching ways to promote the advancement of youths' role in shaping the future of their homeland. In addition, Prof. Kafafi recalled His Majesty's visit to the university in 2012 where he had expressed his interest in encouraging students to express their views and implement their desires, and in providing them with whatever needed to build their personalities. Finally, Kafafi affirmed that Yarmouk University, which looks at the royal visit with pride, honor, and dignity and which has always been distinguished among other educational institutions, will always serve the Hashemite leadership in preparing human competencies that are capable of adopting and complying with the conditions of the new era.

Yarmouk University was honored by His Majesty King Abdullah II's visit of Yarmouk's campus where His Majesty met a number of students who were attending the orientation of 'Inhad', a national programme for self-employment. His majesty talked about a number of issues of concern to the Jordanian youth and emphasized their role in developing the future of Jordan. The university is very proud as such a royal visit embodies the King's considerable concern about the youth and university students as future leaders.

Elaborating on His Majesty King Abdullah II's visit to Yarmouk University, the University's president stated that such a visit has placed the University individuals in front of the merits of a new phase of building and continuous work needed to achieve the visions and aspirations of His Majesty in preparing qualified Jordanian citizens



Cooperation between Yarmouk University and the Pakistani Embassy in Amman



The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi, met the Pakistani Ambassador in Amman, Mr. Taimur Ahmad Hassan, and discussed possible future cooperation between the University and the Pakistani Embassy in Amman as well as the Pakistani educational institutions. During the meeting, Kafafi reviewed the establishment of

Yarmouk University, the establishment of its faculties, and its academic programs. He then stressed out that the university is keen to extend bridges of cooperation with various educational institutions and that Yarmouk hosts 39 thousand students, including 43 different nationalities. Also, he pointed out the willingness of Yarmouk to receive a number of Pakistani students to study in various academic disciplines, to exchange faculty members, and to attract more Pakistani students wishing to learn Arabic in the Arabic Language Program for Speakers of Other Languages at the University's Language Center. For his part, the ambassador stressed the embassy's interest in strengthening cooperation with Yarmouk University for its distinguished scientific reputation. He then stressed the importance of extending the collaboration bridges in the field of exchanging students and faculty members. He also pointed out the possibility of holding lectures and scientific seminars in areas of common interest so that the relations of linking Jordan and Pakistan are deepened.

Yarmouk Wins the First Place in the Jordanian National Information Security Competition, JORDAN INFOSEC 2019

The 00% Byte team from the Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science at Yarmouk University, consisting of the students, Abdullah Al-Rashdan, Firas Al-Sarkas, Mansour Al-Hamoud and Saif Abu Ashour, won the first place in the Jordanian National Information Security Competition JORDAN INFOSEC 2019, which was organized at the Zain Innovation Platform at Yarmouk University (ZINC YU) By Technaoui Company.

The Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science, Dr. Ahmed Kulaib, praised the distinguished level of the event, which witnessed an intense competition between the participating teams. He explained that the competition aims at expanding the awareness of Jordanian universities' students and guiding them to the right path in the field of information security. Then he pointed out that the competition included several axes like penetration testing of web applications, examination of networks and



service systems, decryption, programming, analysis of communications across networks, and analysis of Android programs.

Empowering Women for Leadership Roles

Representing the President of Yarmouk University, the Vice President, Prof. Fawwaz Al-Abed Al-Haq patronized the launching ceremony of the second phase of 2019 / 2020 program, "Empowering Women for Leadership Roles". The program is implemented by Princess Basma Center for Jordanian Women Studies, in cooperation with the Union of Federations Forum and the support of the Canadian government. Coinciding with the Center's celebrations of the 16-day international campaign on violence against women, the ceremony included an interactive theatrical show entitled "Starting from Below Zero" that was performed by several students namely, Saeed Al-Mughrabi, Raghad Barakat, Faris Al-Khawaldeh, Laila Daradkeh, and Yara. The show addressed scenes and scenarios of how the society, represented by the family, deals with women. It highlighted all the stereotypes and societal concepts about the mechanism of dealing with women and called out to enable women to participate fairly in decision-making, regardless of their different political, religious, or social orientations.

The director of Princess Basma Center for Jordanian Women Studies, Dr. Amna Khasawneh, explained that the center has started implementing the program last year by empowering 40 women from the university's administrative staff and that its second stage incorporates empowering another 40 women from the administrative and academic staff of Yarmouk University. Al-Khasawneh said that the center seeks to combat violence



against women through positive interactive activities that spread awareness among all segments of society and that it is to ensure the importance of women's role in the society, thus helping them empower themselves at educational, economic, and social levels. Eventually, this will provide women with an opportunity to unleash their creativity and activate their true participation in building Jordan and contributing to its development.

Noteworthy that the activities of the ceremony were attended by the head of the drama department at the university, Dr. Bilal Thiabat, several members of the academic and administrative body at the university, and a crowd of students.

The Completion of the Second Joint Excavation Stage Executed by YU and the Univ. of Paris (I) at Umm Al Sarb.

As part of a joint project executed by Yarmouk University and the University of Paris (I) as well as the French National Center for Scientific Research, the team of the Department of Archeology at the Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology at Yarmouk University completed the second excavation stage at Umm Al Sarb site in Mafraq governorate. The director of Yarmouk's team, Dr. Khalid Al-Bashayra, pointed out that the archaeological excavations for the second stage of 2019 lasted for three weeks (12 - 31 / 10 / 2019). He stated that the project included training master students of the team on the excavation and archaeological documentation of the site, thus preparing them to use (Total Station) gadget in the cadastral applications and provide a preliminary reading of the pottery discovered. Likewise, Dr. Maan Amoush, an associate professor of Islamic archeology, pointed out that Ayyubid and Mamluk Islamic pottery (handmade (HMPW), as well as glazed, Byzantine, and Roman pottery discovered in the second season of 2019) indicate the excellence of the site of Umm al-Sarb in terms of settlement during such periods.

Noteworthy that the various archaeological finds will be studied and analyzed in the coming period. They will be borrowed from the Directorate of Archeology of Mafraq to be linked with the results and data of previous projects. This will help clarify the nature of



the intensive settlement witnessed in the excavation area at the site of Umm al-Sarb, thus inspiring the team to continue planning for field work in the future. However, the team of Yarmouk University included the field technician Mousa Serbel, photographer Hussein Dibajeh, students Wassim Jaradat and Heba Abu Dalu from the Department of Archeology and a representative of the Department of Archeology of Mafraq Antiquities Office Mohammed Al-Zahed. The French team was represented by Dr. Pierre-Marie Blanc, Dr. Pierre Jilento, Dr. Apolin Vernet, and Dr. Gurgen Davtian.

Yarmouk's International Leadership Week



The Vice President of Yarmouk University for Humanities and Students Affairs, Prof. Fawwaz Al-Abed Al-Haq patronized the opening of the International Entrepreneurship Week entitled "Towards Promoting Entrepreneurship and Creativity", which was organized by the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at the University in cooperation with Sago's International Training Group. In the opening speech, Al-Abed Al-Haq stressed that the entrepreneurial work requires boldness, adventure, follow-up, and management of the project. He then emphasized Yarmouk's keenness to encourage its students, support their creative ideas, and motivate them to innovate and pioneer in the different fields of knowledge. He explained that such an encouragement enables students to build a better future and contribute to the development of their society. Quality services, he added, will consequently be provided to the community through entrepreneurial projects, considering that entrepreneurship is the basis of human progress and prosperity.

For her part, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Prof. Muna Al-Mawla, pointed out that the Faculty has been managing scientific activities and events of great importance and that the International Leadership Week's events reflect the Faculty's orientations in consolidating partnerships with the private sector and civil society organizations. Also, Prof. Muna pointed out that entrepreneurship in Jordan has recently gained spiking significance due to the insightful royal vision, which was translated through the launch of events and programs that embrace community leadership. Such a vision, she explained, emphasizes the importance of the role of youth leadership in economic development. Moreover, she stated that Yarmouk University, in order to provide the labor market with experts and specialists in the field of entrepreneurship, has established a master's degree program in entrepreneurship and leadership in the Department of Business Administration, which has been accepting students since the beginning of the first semester. She added that Yarmouk is concerned with implementing initiatives that develop the students' spirit of creativity and volunteering, which encourages students to deploy their ideas and knowledge in favor of sustainable projects that create self-employment opportunities.

The Executive Director of Sago's International Group, Dr. Dirar Shihabat, said that the Group chose Yarmouk University to hold the events of the International Entrepreneurship Week in Jordan under the slogan 'the rules of the game first, and then how to

win' due to Yarmouk's scientific reputation. Then he explained that the event is part of the world's celebrations of the Universal Entrepreneurship Week in (170) countries, which involve 35,000 events around the world including the showcase of Sago's Group for Training and Education.

After that, the Deputy Director of Sago International Training Group, Jaafar Shehabat, reviewed the activities that are included in Yarmouk's Entrepreneurship Week, which seeks to discover the entrepreneurial students. He confirmed that the activities of the week include the launch of entrepreneurial ideas competition for university students entitled, "My Project" as well as a lecture titled "Leadership and the Future" by Dr. Dirar Shihabat. Also, a guiding day will be organized for students to have a workshop titled "Building Skills and Abilities" along with another lecture called "English Language, between Education and Application".

Noteworthy that the launch of the week was attended by a number of faculty members at the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, a number of officials at the university, the Sago International Group, and a crowd of university students.

Yarmouk Pharmacy Event Titled "We Care about Your Mental Health"



The Faculty of Pharmacy at Yarmouk University organized an event entitled "We Care about Your Mental Health". The event was hosted by Dr. Khalil Al-Zyoud, Counselor in Family and Mental Health, along with Dr. Malek Al-Tarifi from Zarqa's Private University. The lecturers explained the importance of organizing family relations and the ideal ways to deal with social problems. They also talked about dealing with psychological problems in general considering that stress and study are the most important factors that affect university students' mental health. However, at the end of the event, the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Mervat Al-Sous, thanked the lecturers and organizers of the event.

YU Holds a Symposium Entitled "Refugees and Human Rights"

On behalf of the President of Yarmouk University, the Vice-President for Administrative Affairs, Prof. Anis Khasawneh patronized the activities of the symposium, "Refugees and Human Rights", which was organized by the Refugees, Displaced Persons, and Forced Migration Studies Center at the university. The symposium was part of the International Day for Human Rights, which was held in cooperation with Al Shamal Association for Sustainable Development and the Nawafeth for Sustainable Development Foundation.

In his speech, Al-Khasawneh stated that His Majesty King Abdullah II was among the pioneers in promoting human rights and public freedoms and protecting them with the utmost care. Thus, His Majesty decreed in 2000 to form a royal commission that aims at promoting human rights situation in Jordan, which resulted in establishing the National Center for Human Rights in 2002. The purpose was to achieve the royal vision concerning protecting and promoting human rights and public freedoms in Jordan relying on the tolerant message of Islam, the values contained in the Arab and Islamic heritage, the rights stipulated in the constitution, and the principles affirmed by the international covenants. Therefore, Yarmouk University, Al-Khasawneh added, has taken care of the issue of refugees and their freedom. Due to its belief in refugee's active role in interacting with community issues and changes, the university encourages and supports scientific research related to the topic of asylum, represented by its interest in implementing projects at the local and international levels through its Center for Refugee Studies and Forced Migration.

The director of the Refugees, Displaced Persons, and Forced Migration Studies Center at the University, Dr. Anas Sobh, declared that the world celebrates the International Day for Human Rights on the tenth of December of each year to raise global awareness of



the issue of human rights. Then he added that His Majesty's speech concerning human rights emphasized the supreme principles and values that protect human dignity and rights. The Center; therefore, is keen to continue its efforts in promoting and protecting human rights, to promote comprehensive and sustainable development approaches to upgrade the services provided to citizens and refugees, to preserve refugees' rights, and to meet their requirements through cooperation with local community organizations, institutions, and associations.

Noteworthy that the symposium was attended by professor Jamal Jit, who talked about the legal status of refugees (Syrian refugees as a model), the lawyer Fadi Bawaneh, who spoke about human rights in accordance with international agreements and covenants, the President of Al Shamal Association for Sustainable Development, Heba Al-Khasawneh, the director of Nawafeth Foundation for Sustainable Development, Assem Al-Tawah, a number of faculty members at the university, and a crowd of university students.

Yarmouk Accounting Gets Ten CMA Licenses

Top students of the Accounting Department in the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Yarmouk University were able to obtain ten "Certified Management Accountant (CMA)" licenses from Hawk International. Accordingly, a ceremony was held at Al Abdali Rotana Hotel, Amman in cooperation with Sarh Al-Joman Foundation for Training, Financial, and Administrative Consultations along with the support of the American Accounting Institute (IMA). The ceremony was attended by Dr. Khaldoun Al Dawood, Mr. Fawaz Ababneh from the Accounting Department, several representatives from the Association of the Jordanian Management Accountants, representatives of the international company Wiley, and a selection of professors of Jordanian universities.

During the ceremony, Mr. Rishi Malhurta, the Director of Academic and Community Relations at the IMA Institute in the Middle East and Africa, offered scholarships to outstanding students in the Department. Al Dawood said that the scholarships were distributed among the students who are expected to graduate. However, each scholarship is worth up to \$ 2,000 and includes exemption from CMA exams, membership in the American Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), and a collection of books related to the exam.

For her part, the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Muna Mulla, praised the



distinguished scientific level of the Accounting Department and the efforts exerted by its faculty members. She then stressed the need to improve the teaching process and develop the skills and abilities of graduates so that they can cope with the needs of the labor market. For his part, the head of the Accounting Department, Dr. Mohammed Al-Azzam, praised the constructive and supportive role of the university administration in providing all the means that would contribute to developing students' skills and building their personalities.

YU President Participates in the Thirteenth Forum for the Internationalization of Sciences and Humanities

Invited by the Advisory Board of Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation, the President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi, participated in the Thirteenth Forum for the Internationalization of Sciences and Humanities, which was organized by Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Berlin. Commenting on the Forum, Kafafi explained that the event brought together various international representatives of the academic, research, and policy circles to discuss global developments in science and academia and to evaluate science policy issues and their international implications. He then pointed out that the main theme of the Forum, "The Power of Academic Networks", emphasizes the significance of the experiences of the Board of Directors and speakers for developing academic dialogues in all the countries of the world. Thus, the Forum was to answer several questions about what (academic) networks are, what distinguishes such networks from other professional networks, why academics join these networks, what their effects are, how they are created, what their academic and social benefits are, and what funding organizations do to strengthen these networks. Kafafi concluded that the advisory council's interest in such a matter is due to the nature of what our world has become as a result of increasing globalization.

In his turn, the scientific ambassador of Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation in Germany, Dr. Hani Hayajneh, stated that the Forum is held annually to bring together a selected group of senior experts and



administrative officials who represent the national and international partner bodies of Alexander Von Humboldt Foundation. He explained that the Forum provides an opportunity for eminent experts to conduct an open exchange of views in a professional environment. Hayajneh added that the Humboldt Foundation's network is made of 29,576 scientists of all disciplines and covers more than 140 countries, which makes of the Foundation an embodiment of German's sincere interest in developing the scientific research across the globe.

Honoring Female Workers at Yarmouk by the Arab and Foreign Students Club



The Dean of Students Affairs at Yarmouk University attended a ceremony honoring female workers at the university, which was organized by Yarmouk's Arab and Foreign Students Club. The Dean explained that the university appreciates the great services of its women workers who work hard to preserve the university's facilities and environment. She stressed that the university gives workers a lot of attention and supports their access to decent honorary positions. Also, she commended the great efforts made by the Arab and Foreign Students Club in order to deepen the affiliation of international students to Yarmouk University and participate in achieving its noble social and humanitarian goals.

The Vice President of the club, Abdullah Buraiyah, said that international students always seek to participate in the university's various activities and celebrations. He then expressed international students' thankfulness for all the employees of the university for their great efforts in serving and helping students. Moreover, he stressed that the club's honoring of a group of women workers at the university is a way to appreciating women's role in bearing the burden of responsibility at all levels. After that, students from Algeria, China, and Indonesia delivered several speeches through which they thanked the honored workers and all university employees for the great efforts they made to improve students' experience in Yarmouk. Then they stressed that their stay in Jordan and their education at Yarmouk University make the most beautiful memories they have had and that will remain forever.

For Yarmouk employees' part, a female worker gave a speech through which she thanked the university family and the Arab and Foreign Students Club for their support of women workers by honoring them. However, the ceremony was attended by the Director of Students Welfare Department, Marwan Tayfour, the Director of the Department of Cultural and Artistic Activity, Khalil Al-Kofahi, the Head of the Department of Students Welfare, Ayham Abu Al-Shaar, a number of officials in the Deanship, and a group of international students.

The Department of International Relations and Projects Holds the International Week



deepen its global ties and internationalization at various levels. O'Neill pointed out that the Irish economy grew faster after joining the United Nations in 1955 because of its belief in achieving human welfare and development. Then he said that there are many similarities between Ireland and Jordan: Both are small countries that are linked to multiple international relations and have been able to build distinct security and safety system for themselves. He then recommended that in order to benefit from its international relations, Jordan must access international markets and strengthen its trade ties.

In his turn, the Director of the Department of International Relations and Projects, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee for Yarmouk International Week, Dr. Mowaffaq Al-Ottoum said that the activities of the week, which includes more than 115 participants from Jordan and more than 50 participants from outside Jordan representing 23 countries, focuses on the internationalization of higher education. He explained that such an event will promote entrepreneurship opportunities through exchange programs and capacity-building projects and will strengthen the link between industry and scientific research.

In the presence of the University President, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi, and the Irish Ambassador in Amman, Dr. Vincent O'Neill, the Department of International Relations and Projects at Yarmouk University organized the activities of Yarmouk University International Week. The opening ceremony was attended by the Nigerian Ambassador in Amman, the Vice-Chancellor for Administrative Affairs, Humanitarian Faculties Affairs, several deans, faculty members, and a crowd of students. Kafafi welcomed the participants in the first Yarmouk International Week and stated that it will be a platform for partnerships, networking, and exchange of best practices and experiences among all participating institutions and universities. He then reviewed the development of Yarmouk and emphasized its vision to achieving balance between the humanities on the one hand and the scientific, engineering, and medical specialties on the other hand. He also pointed out the considerable interest of Yarmouk to provide its students with outstanding teaching levels, community service opportunities, extracurricular activities, and promotion of innovation. He concluded that the university's main goal is to produce productive young people of integrity, vision, and entrepreneurial thinking.

For his part, the Irish Ambassador, Dr. Vincent O'Neill, talked about the role of higher education in achieving Sustainable Development Goals. He pointed out that Ireland is one of the new countries that was able to build a strong economy and take its investment position among international companies. O'Neill then stressed out that the success of the state of Ireland, despite its recent history, is attributed to the nation's commitment to

Three Films of Jordan's International Film Festival at Yarmouk's Drama Theater



The Faculty of Fine Arts hosted the seventh edition of Jordan's International Film Festival, which was organized by the Ministry of Culture. Three drama films, namely "Harmony" by Ramadan Fayoumi, "I'm not alone" by Ashraf Abadi, and "No. 43" by Ibrahim al-Qadi, were screened in the university at the Drama theater. This event aims at consolidating the concepts of the cinema industry in Jordan by providing international models that are carefully selected to create a space for mature visual dialogue that grows with experience and accumulation. The head of the Drama Department, Dr. Bilal Thiabat, explained that YU is keen to cooperate with various national institutions in various artistic fields, which supports the development of arts in Jordan. He also pointed out that the artworks participating in the festival discuss various social issues of interest for Jordanians.

Yarmouk Congratulates His Majesty King Abdullah II and All Jordanians For Restoring the lands of Baqoura and Ghamr



in the quest for justice and prosperity. Also, Kafafi pointed out that Jordan's restoration of its territories should inspire the great efforts exerted by the international forums in America, Europe, and Asia to solidify peace and comply with the international law, which demands ending the Arab-Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on a two-state solution that guarantees both sides to live in security and safety. Moreover, Kafafi stressed that the family of Yarmouk University will always serve the Hashemite leadership as a university of the whole country and that it will always be keen to provide its students with care and enrich their spirit of loyalty, citizenship, and belonging.

On behalf of Yarmouk University represented by members of the teaching and administrative staff, the President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Zeidan Kafafi, expressed sincerest congratulations for all Jordanians regarding the historic Hashemite decision associated with restoring Al-Baqoura and Al-Ghamr, as declared by His Majesty during his speech at the opening of the Fourth Ordinary Session of the Eighteenth National Assembly.

Kafafi stressed that this decision is a victory for the political will of Jordan represented by His Majesty the King, a victory that affirms the sovereignty of Jordan over all its territories and its insistence not to compromise any of its rights at any cost. He stated that this decision, coinciding with the birthday of His Majesty the late King Hussein Bin Talal, confirms that the tireless efforts of King Hussein have resulted in making Jordan a leading country

Screening the Movie (Zaida) in Yarmouk University Drama

As part of the activities of the Department of Drama at the Faculty of Fine Arts of Yarmouk University, a movie entitled (Zaida) authored and directed by Dr. Bilal Al-Theiabat was screened. The movie deals with the social issues related to customs and wrong social behaviors. However, after the end of the screening, there was a discussion among the attendees about the theme of the movie. Similarly, several films that deal with the topic of human rights were also presented from the Karama Festival for Human Rights Films. After the screening, the participants discussed the construction of the films and their themes.