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## Message From the Editor

Welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> issue of the 7<sup>th</sup> volume of the President's News Digest.

In this issue Prof. Ghassan Auwad , President the University will address the subject of :- " London Day "



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## Message from the President London Day

On the 21st of February, the University hosted a fantastic London Day. It was a very successful event where we showcased our students' work from the College of Engineering. In addition, the posters produced by our students from the College of Arts and Science were very creative and imaginative. The performance by our Engineering students on stage was amazing and inspirational. Our colleagues from LSBU and the Director of the British Council were really impressed.

The students from Al Naseem School were also wonderful. Many thanks to Prof Waheeb who came up with the idea of London Day and to our colleagues in the College of Engineering and College of Arts and Science for their hard work and great efforts and to everybody else who helped with this event, especially our MC Ms Ruqaya and colleagues from Marketing and Public Relations and other parts of the University.

The statements made by our colleagues from ASU and LSBU about our students' achievements were inspirational. It is always pleasing to see our students performing well as they are at the heart of everything we do.



Written By  
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The President of Applied  
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## Colleagues from London South Bank University Visit Applied Science University

A delegation from our partner university, London South Bank University, visited ASU last week to attend three important events: the graduation ceremony, the periodic review of programmes in the College of Engineering, and the London Day.

Prof. Paul Ivey, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Group Chief Business Officer; Ms. Aissata Edmondson, Head of Global Partnerships; Dr. Mandy Maidment, Associate Professor, Academic Director for Collaborative Partnerships, Executive Lead for International Engagement for the School of Applied Sciences; and Dr. Mahmood Dattoo, Interim Director of Education and Student Experience and Head of Civil and Building Services Engineering spent busy days with colleagues from ASU.



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### Graduation Ceremony



The 19 February was a proud moment for all who gathered in the splendid Al Dana Amphitheatre to celebrate the graduation of our 13th & 14th cohorts and the graduates of our hosted British programmes.

Under the patronage of HE Dr Sh Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the HEC and Deputy Chairperson of the HEC Board of Trustees, the graduation ceremony acknowledged the achievements of our students and marked a milestone for the University as the first cohorts of the London South Bank University and Cardiff Metropolitan University programmes graduated.

Speeches were delivered by HE Dr Sh Rana bint Isa bin Daij Al Khalifa; Prof. Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Prof. Ghassan Aouad, President of ASU; and Prof. Paul Ivey, Deputy Vice Chancellor of London South Bank University. In addition, congratulatory video messages were sent from Mr. Sameer Nass, Chairman of the Board of Directors; and Prof. Rachael Langford Deputy Vice Chancellor, Cardiff Metropolitan University.

The ceremony not only recognized the *accomplishments of our graduates*, it also showcased the *strong collaborative bonds the University has with all of its stakeholders including its students, partners, alumni, industry and the Higher Education Council.*



### Programme Review

The periodic review of programmes at the College of Engineering took place on 20 February and started with a meet-and-greet session with the academic staff. The LSBU committee, Ms. Aissata, Dr. Mandy, and Dr. Mahmood, together with staff from the College then reviewed and discussed several key areas including student recruitment, student progression and performance, student experience and voice, student employability, internships, and graduate attributes. The purpose of the review was to reflect on the first 4 years of the programmes and identify areas for improvement that would be implemented for current and future cohorts.

After lunch, the delegation toured the engineering laboratories in the Academic Building and the Technology Building and were impressed by the state-of-the-art equipment and resources that are available to students. Following the tour, the LSBU team had an exclusive meeting with current students discussing their experience at ASU while studying an LSBU programme. The day ended with a follow-up meeting with the college management.



## London Day



The London Day event took place on the 21 February to celebrate the partnership between ASU and LSBU and highlight the strong cultural tied between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

The event was attended by Prof. Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; President of ASU, Prof. Ghassan Aouad; Prof. Paul Ivey, Deputy Vice Chancellor of London South Bank University; Mr. Richard Rooze, Director of the British Council; other distinguished guests; graduates; students; and visiting staff and students from Naseem School.

The event provided an opportunity for all guests to view an exhibition of projects completed by recent graduates from the College of Engineering and a series of artworks prepared by students from the College of Arts & Science representing the close relationship between Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom.

Visiting students from Naseem School also showcased the strong bonds between Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom through various media including a speech, a poem and artwork.

The London Day event also saw a number of recent graduates reflect on their experiences as students of LSBU at ASU. Many fond memories were shared and all participants were impressed with the confidence, maturity and charisma displayed by our graduates.

The event concluded with a lunch hosted by Prof. Waheeb.

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## ASU/LSBU cohort 22

The 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 was a memorable day for the first cohort of ASU students who graduated from the College of Engineering programmes hosted by our partner university, London South Bank University. Nine graduates flew all the way to London to attend their graduation ceremony at the Royal Festival Hall.

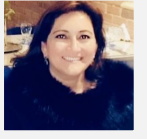
A joyous and emotional occasion, as a milestone had been achieved between ASU and LSBU. A total of 9 students accompanied by Dr. Mohammed Salama, Acting Dean of the College of Engineering, had attended the graduation physically whilst we all celebrated with them virtually. This achievement signified the growth and strength of the relationship between the two partners and laid grounds for more developments in the future.

The students have not only enjoyed the graduation ceremony, they also met with some of the LSBU staff. In addition, they enjoyed the great city of London.



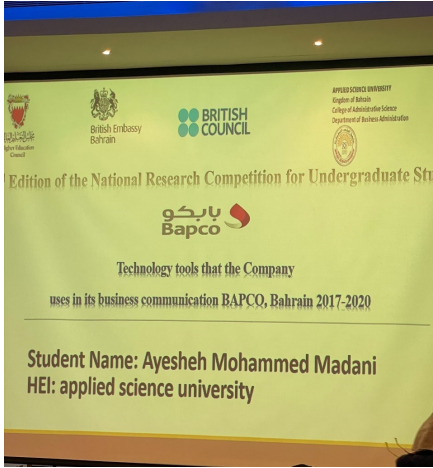
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## حفل ختام النسخة الثانية للمسابقة الوطنية في البحث العلمي لطلبة البكالوريوس بمؤسسات التعليم العالي بقلم الأستاذة : غادة إحسان - محاضرة



حضر الدكتور غسان عواد رئيس جامعة العلوم التطبيقية حفل ختام النسخة الثانية للمسابقة الوطنية في البحث العلمي لطلبة البكالوريوس بمؤسسات التعليم العالي، بتنظيم من مجلس التعليم العالي والمجلس الثقافي البريطاني في مملكة البحرين وذلك يوم الأربعاء 23 فبراير 2022 ، برعاية كريمة من سعادة الدكتورة الشبيخة رنا بنت عيسى بن دعيح آل خليفة الأمين العام نائب رئيس مجلس أمناء التعليم العالي.

وقد شارك عدد من طلبة جامعة العلوم التطبيقية بالإضافة لعدد من طلبة المؤسسات التعليمية المشاركة، فعاليات المسابقة البرامج التدريبية وورش العمل حول مهارات وأخلاقيات البحث العلمي قدمها أساتذة خبراء من جامعة شيفيلد البريطانية، وفي نهاية التدريب قدم الطلبة بحوث مشاركة تم تحكيمها من قبل لجنة التحكيم المشتركة بين مجلس التعليم العالي والجانب البريطاني.



## Quote of the Week

“Genius is the gold in the mine; talent is the miner that works and brings it out”

- Marguerite Blessington

## من روائع الشعر العربي

مُصَابُ بَنِي الدنِيا عَظِيمٌ  
بأَدْهِمٍ وَأَعْظَمُ مِنْهُ حِيرَةُ الشَّعْرِ فِي فَمِي  
أَنْطَقُ وَالْأَنْبَاءُ تَتْرَى بِطَيْبِ  
أَسْكُتُ وَالْأَنْبَاءُ تَتْرَى بِمَوْمِ

- الشاعِر أحمد شوقي