

# CAMPUS

## American University of Bahrain Concludes MISTI Program in Collaboration with BBK

The American University of Bahrain (AUBH) has concluded the MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives (MISTI), powered by Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK). The program aimed to enhance applied learning and technological innovation among higher education students while linking academic knowledge with real world challenges within the industrial sector.

The MISTI program, which was hosted by AUBH for the fourth consecutive year, concluded with a closing event attended by representatives from BBK. During the event, 33 students from 9 public and private universities across the Kingdom of Bahrain presented their projects and research findings developed throughout the program.

Delivered under the theme “Smart Safety and Reliability Systems,” the four-week program enabled multidisciplinary student teams to develop proof of concept solutions based on the integration of sensors, edge computing, and artificial intelligence technologies. The projects were designed to support operational safety and risk prediction in industrial environments, in alignment with the program’s applied and innovation driven objectives.

Throughout the program, students addressed real safety and reliability challenges within the oil refining sector. Project work



focused on applying artificial intelligence to predictive maintenance models to anticipate potential equipment failures, intelligent real time detection of abnormal conditions based on sensor and environmental data, and the use of computer vision technologies to enhance compliance with safety procedures.

During the first week, students defined problem scopes

and designed their projects with guidance from MIT graduate students and faculty from AUBH. The second week focused on developing prototypes that combine software solutions with technical components, followed by a third week dedicated to testing, validation, and further development. The program concluded in the fourth week with final project presentations,

submission of reports, and discussions on scalability and potential pathways for practical implementation.

Dr. Wafa Almansoori, Interim President and Provost of the American University of Bahrain, expressed her sincere appreciation to BBK for its support and sponsorship of the MISTI program: “We are proud to conclude the MISTI program in collabo-

ration with MIT. The program achieved tangible outcomes by engaging students in the development of practical proof of concept solutions to real industrial challenges, strengthening collaboration between academia and industry, and enriching the student learning experience through applied, team-based work in an environment that mirrors industrial practice. This

approach supports our vision of preparing graduates to contribute effectively to innovation and digital transformation.”

Mr. Yaser Alsharifi, BBK Group Chief Executive, stated: “At BBK, we are proud to continue our long-standing partnership with AUBH and MIT through our sponsorship of this leading program, reflecting our commitment to fostering innovation and advancing the adoption of advanced technologies across the industrial sector. The program offered students valuable hands-on exposure to real-world operational challenges, enabling them to develop promising AI-driven prototypes that address critical safety and reliability priorities. We remain dedicated to strengthening our collaboration with the education sector to support national talent development and contribute to the Kingdom of Bahrain’s broader innovation and sustainability objectives.”

## Sports day at NMS Bahrain (KG to Grade VI): A Joyful Closing Ceremony Celebrating Young Champions



### Manama

The New Millennium School, Bahrain, witnessed enthusiastic and zealous participation of students from KG to Grade VI during the Sports Days conducted on 17th and 24th January 2026, culminating in a vibrant Closing Ceremony of the Annual Sports Meet 2025–2026. The event marked the successful conclusion of days filled with energy, excitement and true sporting spirit. The Annual Sports Meet, which commenced in December 2025, was a grand celebration of enthusiasm, teamwork and the boundless potential of young learners.

The young athletes from KG to Grade VI showcased not only their physical abilities but also the values of discipline, cooperation and sportsmanship. Throughout the Sports Meet, students actively participated in a variety of fun-filled and age-appropriate events such as flat races, relay races, obstacle races, balancing races, sack races and other novelty games. Their infectious enthusiasm and determination brought life to the playground, creating an atmosphere of joy and healthy competition.

Adding to the excitement, Parents’ and Grandparents’ races were also conducted, fostering



a spirit of togetherness and strengthening the bond between the school and families. Their spirited participation was met with loud cheers and applause, followed by a memento presentation to the winners.

The Closing Ceremony featured the prize distribution, where winners and participants were applauded for their commendable performances. Medals and certificates were awarded, boosting the confidence and motivation of the students. Shaikha Jaseen of Grade 6F and Rishikesh Aravind of Grade 6C emerged as the Individual Champions in the Grades 5 and 6 category, earning special ap-

preciation for their outstanding achievements. The excitement on the children’s faces reflected the true spirit of participation and achievement.

Principal Dr. Arun Kuumar Sharma congratulated the young sports stars and emphasized the importance of sports in building confidence, resilience and teamwork from an early age. He appreciated the dedication of the teachers and the Physical Education Department for their meticulous planning and flawless execution of the Sports Meet.

Chairman Dr. Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Ms. Geetha Pillai lauded the school’s efforts



in nurturing holistic development and encouraging students to balance academics with physical fitness. They highlighted that such events play a crucial role in shaping confident, disciplined and responsible individuals.

The Closing Ceremony concluded on a high note, leaving

behind cherished memories and a renewed spirit of sportsmanship among the students. The Annual Sports Meet 2025–2026 once again reaffirmed NMS Bahrain’s commitment to promoting physical well-being, character building and joyful learning experiences for its young learners.