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## ASU Hosts Global Tech Meet

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Applied Science University is set to host the International Conference on Emerging Technologies for Sustainability and Intelligent Systems (ICETSYS 2026) on 6-7 May 2026, bringing together a distinguished and multidisciplinary international community of academics, researchers, and industry experts from around the world.

This upcoming edition builds on the success of the inaugural conference held on 2022, further establishing ICETSYS as a high-level scientific platform for knowledge exchange and the presentation of cutting-edge research in emerging technologies, intelligent systems, and sustainable development.

The conference aims to provide an interdisciplinary academic platform that enables researchers to exchange expertise and explore the latest innovations and future trends. Key focus areas will include artificial intelligence and its applications in information systems and data science, communication and network technologies, digital learning, financial technologies, as well as innovation in architecture and civil engineering to



support sustainability-driven solutions.

ICETSYS 2026 is expected to witness strong international engagement, with participation from over 1,000 researchers representing more than 30 countries. This reflects both the high scientific quality of the conference and the growing global interest in its thematic areas. The geographical distribution of contributors highlights a truly global reach, with the majority of contributions originating from the Asia-Pacific region, followed by Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

The conference will feature a rigorous peer-review process

oversen by the Technical Program Committee and supported by a wide network of international reviewers. This ensures the selection of high-quality research contributions and reinforces the academic integrity and credibility of the conference.

This year's conference will be delivered in a hybrid format, combining in-person and virtual participation, thereby maximising international accessibility and fostering cross-border scientific collaboration.

On this occasion, Professor Waheeb Al Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, emphasised that hosting this interna-

tional conference reflects the University's vision to promote innovation and strengthen the role of research in serving society. He noted that "the University is committed to providing a stimulating academic environment that supports knowledge creation and the development of sustainable solutions to global challenges, in alignment with the Kingdom of Bahrain's ambitious development vision."

For his part, Professor Hatem Masri, President of the University, highlighted the strategic importance of the conference in strengthening international academic partnerships. He stated that "organising this scientific event demonstrates the University's commitment to keeping pace with rapid developments in emerging technologies, while providing an interactive platform for knowledge exchange and building collaborative networks among researchers worldwide."

It is worth noting that the conference proceedings will be published in globally recognised indexing platforms such as IEEE Xplore, further enhancing the visibility, impact, and academic value of the research presented.

## Student from NMS Bahrain Shines on Global Platform with TED-Ed Talk

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The New Millennium School, Bahrain, proudly celebrates the remarkable achievement of its student, Jaahnavi Jia, whose TED-style talk titled "RELAXATION - Welcome to the World of Rubber Bands" has been selected for publication on the TED-Ed Student Talks Official YouTube Channel.



Jaahnavi Jia

The talk was submitted as part of the prestigious Great Ideas Quest, a global platform that encourages young minds to explore, innovate, and share powerful ideas. Jaahnavi's presentation creatively draws parallels between the elasticity of rubber bands and the importance of relaxation and resilience in managing life's pressures. Her insightful narrative and engaging delivery impressed evaluators, earning her a place on the internationally recognized TED-Ed platform.

This accomplishment highlights not only Jaahnavi's exceptional communication and critical thinking skills but also reflects the school's commitment to nurturing creativity, confidence, and global perspectives among its students.

Principal Dr Arun Kumar Sharma expressed immense pride, stating that Jaahnavi's achievement is a testament to

the power of young voices and reflects the depth of thought NMS strives to cultivate in its students. He congratulated Jaahnavi, her proud parents along with the TED-Ed Teacher In-Charge, Ms. Manisha Nair and Student mentor Master Sagar Asnani, who supported her in this journey to excellence.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai and Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai also lauded the achievement, saying that NMS believes in empowering students to think beyond textbooks and express ideas that can inspire change.

The New Millennium School continues to encourage its students to participate in global initiatives that foster innovation, creativity, and leadership, preparing them to become confident contributors to the world.

## Nurturing Responsible Futures through Water Stewardship at BIS

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In alignment with the CBSE Circular on the observance of Jal Pakhwada (16th-30th April 2026) and the nationwide mission to promote water conservation and sustainability, Bhavans Bahrain Indian School (BIS) conducted an extensive series of awareness and engagement programmes aimed at nurturing environmental responsibility among students, staff, and the wider community.

The fortnight-long observance commenced with a solemn and inspiring Jal Shapath (Water Pledge) ceremony in which students, teachers, and staff collectively pledged to conserve water and promote responsible water usage in their homes, school, and society. The programme emphasized the importance of protecting water resources and encouraged stu-



dents to become ambassadors of sustainable living.

The two week-long observances featured a diverse range of student-centered engagements, including poster-making, slogan writing, storytelling, Save Water campaigns, seminars, quizzes, debates, model making and presentations. These activities provided students with creative and intellectual platforms

to reflect on their daily water usage and to propose meaningful solutions for conservation.

The programme culminated in a recognition ceremony appreciating the enthusiastic participation of students, teachers, and staff in the various competitions and awareness drives conducted during the Jal Pakhwada fortnight.

Directors Mr Himanshu Ver-



ma and Mrs Ritu Verma emphasized the importance of such initiatives, stating, "Educating young minds about water conservation is not just an academic exercise, it is a moral responsibility. At BIS, we equip students to become changemakers for a sustainable future."

## BIS Students Mark Labour Day with Purposeful Outreach

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On Labour Day, Bhavans Bahrain Indian School (BIS) embraced experiential learning by taking student leaders—Head Boy, Head Girl, Vice Heads, the Vice Captain of the Discipline Committee, along with staff—to a labour camp. Through the distribution of gifts, students expressed heartfelt gratitude and connected meaningfully with the community.

Students also spent time interacting with workers from engineering sites, listening to their experiences and sharing conversations that built mutual respect and understanding.



This initiative helped students understand the dignity of labour and the importance of respecting every profession. It encouraged them to value the

hard work and contributions of workers from all walks of life, fostering humility, empathy, and inclusivity.

By recognising that every role

in society is essential and deserves respect, BIS continues to nurture socially responsible, compassionate, and grounded individuals.

## RCSI Medical University of Bahrain Congratulates Professor Manaf Alqahtani Following Gulf Health Council Appointment



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The Vice Chancellor of RCSI in Dublin, Professor Cathal Kelly, and President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) - Medical University of Bahrain, Professor Sameer Ootom, hosted Professor Manaf Alqahtani on campus to extend sincere congratulations on his new appointment as Chief Executive Officer of Disease Prevention and Control at the General Secretariat of the Gulf Health Council.

Professor Alqahtani's distinguished nomination reflects his remarkable career in advanced microbiology and infectious diseases, contribu-

tions to laboratory integration, public health systems, global advisory work and leadership roles in Bahrain and beyond.

The University is especially grateful for Professor Alqahtani's 16 years of academic service at RCSI Medical University of Bahrain, where he founded the Department of Microbiology and advanced undergraduate education and research. He also contributed to medical specialty training at national level with the launch of the National Fellowship in Infectious Diseases in 2024.

We look forward to our continued collaboration, and we wish Professor Alqahtani the best of success in his new role.