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AUBH Students Win “Innovative Project of the Year” at INJAZ Al Arab Youth Entrepreneurship Celebration 2025 in Egypt

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Students from the American University of Bahrain (AUBH), founders of the innovative project “LYNQ”, have been awarded “Innovative Venture of the Year” in the University Track of the INJAZ Al Arab Youth Entrepreneurship Celebration (YEC) 2025 held in Egypt, which brought together students and entrepreneurs from 13 countries across the MENA Region. This achievement follows the project’s remarkable success in Bahrain, where it earned two major awards at the 17th edition of INJAZ Bahrain’s Young Entrepreneurs Competition — “University Company of the Year” and “Best Technology Award,” the latter sponsored by the National Bank of Bahrain



(NBB). The “LYNQ” project represents an advanced environmental innovation that extracts moisture from the air, purifies it, and converts it into clean, drinkable water. The concept was developed in response to the growing environmental and health challenges resulting from the

excessive use of plastic across the Gulf region. Recognizing the proven risks that plastic poses to human health and the environment, the team sought to develop a sustainable alternative that harnesses modern technology and natural resources to offer a cleaner, more responsible solution.

Dr. Amal Alawadhi, Dean of Students at the American University of Bahrain, commented: “We extend our sincere congratulations to our talented students on winning this distinguished award, which stands as a true source of pride for AUBH. This accomplishment reflects our commitment to nurturing



youth potential and empowering students to apply knowledge in service of their communities. It underscores the capability of Bahraini youth to create meaningful impact and represent the Kingdom with excellence in regional and international arenas. This milestone also embodies our vision to foster a culture

of innovation among students by providing an advanced academic environment that inspires them to transform their ideas into projects of real social and economic value, further solidifying AUBH’s position as a leading institution in supporting impactful, student-driven initiatives.”

Applied Science University Participates in the China–GCC Higher Education Cooperation Dialogue and Visits Leading Industrial and Educational Institutions in Hangzhou

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Applied Science University (ASU) participated in the China–GCC Higher Education Cooperation Dialogue, held as part of the 2025 World University Presidents Forum and the International Forum on Higher Education in Hangzhou, China. The dialogue aimed to strengthen academic collaboration between higher education institutions in China and the Gulf region and to promote the exchange of expertise in language, research, technology, and higher education governance.



The ASU delegation was headed by Prof. Waheeb Al-Khaja, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and included

Prof. Hatem Masri, President of the University, and Mr. Abdulla Al-Khaja, President’s Advisor for Follow-up Af-

fairs and Director of Administrative and Financial Affairs. Throughout the sessions, the delegation discussed prospects for academic cooperation between Chinese and Gulf universities and ways to advance education in line with digital transformation and artificial intelligence.

During the dialogue, Prof. Waheeb Al-Khaja highlighted several key areas for future collaboration, including cultural and language programs aimed at promoting Chinese-language education in Gulf universities and schools through smart classrooms and educational camps, in addition to initiatives

supporting student mobility and scholarship exchange to enhance mutual understanding. He also emphasized the importance of developing institutional partnerships in applied sciences, engineering, digital technologies, and sustainable energy, as well as establishing joint research centers and academic programs that foster innovation and capacity building. Furthermore, he stressed the need to strengthen educational governance frameworks and policies to ensure mutual recognition of qualifications and to enhance higher education quality between the two regions.

ASU Strengthens Global Presence at 2025 World University Presidents Forum and International Forum on Higher Education in China

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Applied Science University (ASU) participated in the 2025 World University Presidents Forum and the 2025 International Forum on Higher Education, held from 7th to 9th November 2025 at the Hangzhou International Expo Center in the People’s Republic of China.

The event was jointly organized by the China Association of Higher Education and Zhejiang University, with the participation of more than 500 university presidents, decision-makers, and academic experts from around the world under the theme “Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Higher Education.”

The university delegation was headed by Professor Waheeb Al-Khaja, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, accompanied by Professor Hatem Masri, the President of Applied Science University, and Mr. Abdulla Al-Khaja, the President’s Advisor for Follow-up Affairs and Director of the Administrative and Financial Affairs Directorate.

This participation reaffirmed



ASU’s commitment to strengthening international cooperation and building connections with prestigious higher education institutions in China and beyond.

During the forum, Professor Hatem delivered a keynote speech in the parallel session on “AI Development and Innovation in Higher Education Governance”, titled “Applied Science University: Driving Equity through Digital Transformation.”

In his presentation, he high-

lighted the university’s strategic initiatives in digital governance, smart education, and inclusive practices that promote fairness and equal opportunities in higher education across the Arab region. ASU extended its sincere appreciation to the Higher Education Council in the Kingdom of Bahrain for its continued support in enabling Bahraini universities to participate in international academic events that contribute to improving quality and innovation in higher education.

Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School Hosts Criio Cricket Matches for Girls



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Bhavans-Bahrain Indian School (BIS) successfully organised the Criio Cricket Matches for Girls, involving students from Grades 6 to 12, as part of the Bahrain Cricket Federation’s Cricket Week, reaffirming its commitment to inclusivity, empowerment, and the holistic development of students through sports.

The event witnessed the participation of five spirited teams, Green, Red, Yellow, Pink, and Blue, whose enthusiasm and determination turned the field into a celebration of energy, teamwork, and passion. Each six-member team displayed exceptional coordination, discipline, and a deep love for the game, reflecting the school’s emphasis on experiential learning and character building through athletics.



Played with a soft ball to ensure safety and fun, the matches combined the thrill of competition with the joy of camaraderie. After several exciting rounds, the Pink Team emerged as champions, while the Red Team secured the runner-up position following an impressive performance.

The initiative received high appreciation from the Directors of Bahrain Indian School, Mr. Himanshu Verma and Mrs. Ritu

Verma, who lauded the event for encouraging greater participation of girls in sports and for fostering values of teamwork, equality, and confidence.

“At BIS, we believe that every sporting event is an opportunity to build character, leadership, and lifelong confidence. The Criio Cricket initiative reflects our vision of empowering girls to break barriers and excel with passion and integrity,” said Mr. Himanshu Verma.