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RCSI Bahrain receives HEC, BQA awards

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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland – Medical University of Bahrain (RCSI Bahrain) has further strengthened its position and reputation as a regional leader in healthcare education with further endorsements by Bahrain’s Higher Education Council (HEC) and the Bahrain Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA).

A busy few months for RCSI Bahrain’s Quality Enhancement team was duly rewarded, firstly in the presentation of the Institutional Accreditation Certificate from the HEC.

The certificate was presented by the Minister of Education and Chairman of the HEC, Dr Majed bin Ali Al-Noaimi, during a formal ceremony at the Ministry of Education in Isa Town recently.

The accreditation will last for an initial period of four years – the maximum period awarded – and supports the vision of the national development strategy, Economic Vision 2030, in developing Bahrain as a regional hub for quality higher education.

Speaking on the occasion of the HEC presentation, RCSI Bahrain President, Professor Sameer Ootom, acknowledged the immense support RCSI Bahrain has received from the HEC over a number of years.



Minister of Education and Chairman of the HEC, Dr Majed bin Ali Al-Noaimi presents HEC certificate to RCSI Bahrain President, Professor Sameer Ootom



Jawaher Al-Mudhahki presents BQA certificate to RCSI Bahrain President, Professor Sameer Ootom

He said this achievement was another important milestone in RCSI Bahrain’s pursuance of excellence in higher education, and extended his appreciation to His Excellency the Minister of Education and all the members of the accreditation committee.

In addition, RCSI Bahrain has also received a positive Quality Review outcome from the Bahrain Education and Training Quality Authority (BQA), part of the Supreme Council for Education and Training Development for the next five years.

The certificate was presented to Prof Ootom by BQA Chief Executive Officer, Dr Jawaher Al-Mudhahki, in the presence of fellow BQA delegates and senior RCSI Bahrain officials, during a special meeting at the University’s Busaiten campus.

On this occasion, Professor Ootom thanked Dr Al-Mudhahki and all BQA representatives for their efforts in making the process a success, while also acknowledging the authority’s unwavering commitment to higher education standards in Bahrain.

AGU study discusses water resources in Muscat



Supervisors of the study interact with Dawood Sulaiman Al Qassimi

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The Arabian Gulf University (AGU) recently hosted the discussion of a study on modelling and simulating the water sector in Muscat Governorate in the Sultanate of Oman, linking the administrative, social and economic sides of the water system and the natural hydrological system.

Hosted at the College of Graduate Studies in AGU, the discussion focused on the calculation of future demand on water in the governorate, and underlined future scenarios to reach the best policies for the sustainability of water resources in Muscat.

The study was conducted by Omani researcher Dawood Sulaiman Al Qassimi and it was titled “Evaluation of the Sustainability of the Water Resources Management System in the Sultanate of Oman: Case Study of Muscat Governorate”. It was part of the requirements for obtaining the Master of Science in Natural Resources Major in Water Resources Management. It utilised the Governorate

of Muscat as a case study, identifying the most important challenges and problems faced by the water sector, and proposing possible administrative interventions to increase the efficiency and sustainability of the system in the service of the development objectives in the Sultanate.

“The water resources sector in the Sultanate of Oman faces many challenges in meeting the rapid development requirements of the municipal, agricultural and industrial sectors. In order to meet demand over the past years, the Sultanate has focused on the supply management method of increasing the drawdown of groundwater, and building desalination plants and dams, with less reliance on the reuse of sewage water,” Al Qassimi explained.

It was also highlighted in the study that several factors such as leakage reduction from the network by 10 percent, increasing sewage water treatment by 70 percent and increasing the efficiency of irrigation by 60 percent by the year 2035. Al Qassimi added that these fac-



Dawood Sulaiman Al Qassimi

tors, if implemented, will result in a significant reduction in associated costs, resulting in financial savings of around USD4.6 billion.

The study was supervised by Water Resources Professor at AGU Prof. Waleed Zubari, Water Resources Professor at AGU Dr. Alaa Elsadek, Water, Soil and Irrigation Relations Assistant Professor at AGU Dr. Abdelhadi Abdelwahab and Water Resources Management Professor at Taibah University in Saudi Arabia Dr. Mohammed Abdurazzaq as an external examiner.

Al Noor School honours reading winners

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A unique award ceremony was held at Al Noor International School to honour the winners of a new reading competition venture called ‘Reading for All’. It was organised jointly by the British, CBSE and Arabic sections of the school to create a strong reading culture and competitive spur even among the reluctant readers.

About 2,500 participants from Grade 1 through the young adults of Grade 12 enthusiastically participated and out of 1,200 semifinalists 150 emerged successful in the final round.

Yesterday was the historic celebration of this victory and all these winners were given special mementos, trophies and certificates by the School Chairman Ali Hasan, Director Dr Muhammad Mashood and Principal Amin Mohammed Ahmed Heliwa.

The highlight of the event was the extempore round



Students receive award from school officials

where a group of 21 specially selected students were challenged with questions to which they all sensibly responded in 30 seconds. Parents also got the rare opportunity to pose questions to the winners to which the participants answered.



Students of Riffa Views International School (RVIS) during the graduation ceremony held at the Ritz Carlton. The event was attended by parents, faculty as the Class of 2019 took the stage to celebrate a major milestone in their lives