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Royal Decree for Appointing Prof. Islam Massad as President of Yarmouk University



In its session held on Wednesday 4 / 8 / 2021, the Higher Education Council headed by the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Scientific Research, Professor Mohammad Abu Qudais, declared Professor Islam Massad as president of Yarmouk University. Thus, with the issuance of the royal decree, Yarmouk University family extends its sincere congratulations to Professor Islam Massad on his appointment wishing him success in leading the university, promoting its march, and achieving its aspirations towards scientific and research excellence.

The Studded Necklace of Yarmouk University for Professor Al-Hailat



Acknowledging the several achievements of the former president of Yarmouk, Professor Nabil al-Hailat, the President of Yarmouk University, Professor Islam Massad, praised the distinguished academic and scientific biography of Professor al-Hailat and adorned him with the studded necklace of the university. During that honoring ceremony, which took place in the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Khaled Al-Omari, Massad said that after the issuance of the royal decree regarding his appointment as a president of the university, he has seen many files that reflect al-Hailat's invaluable efforts and insightful thoughts to develop the

university's reputation and enhance its academic presence. Thus, Massad expressed sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the university family to al-Hailat for leading Yarmouk during the Corona pandemic, one of the most difficult stages witnessed by higher education institutions in the Kingdom.

In his turn, al-Omari said that Professor Nabil al-Hailat succeeded in leading the university and developing its work and academic heritage through his interest and focus on scientific research and through motivating faculty members to publish their papers in the most prestigious scientific journals.

For his part, al-Hailat expressed his thanks and appreciation to Yarmouk University for holding such a ceremony, articulating his sincere congratulations to Professor Massad for the issuance of the Royal Decree appointing him as President of Yarmouk University. He then stated that Yarmouk should be granted every possible effort, as the success of the university implies the success of Jordanian higher education in general.

At the end of the ceremony, the President of the University, Professor Islam Massad, adorned Professor Nabil al-Hailat with the studded necklace of Yarmouk University, which is considered one of the university's highest academic honors.

Agreement between YU and the Irish Dundalk Institute

Yarmouk University recently held a cooperation agreement with the Irish Dundalk Institute with the aim of establishing a joint bachelor program in the field of hotel management based on the keenness of the Faculty of Tourism and Hotels at the university to enhance relationships with international universities of competence and to establish partnerships in joint teaching and training programs with the most prestigious international universities.

The Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Muhammad Shunnaq, said that the aim of signing this agreement is to provide an opportunity for students studying in the international track to obtain two certificates, one from Yarmouk University and another from the Irish Dundalk Institute. Also, it is to provide students with the opportunity to get their training in the best international hotel facilities and to obtain after passing the last year a work residence in Ireland - through which students can work for twenty hours per week in the hotel and hospitality sector. Finally, Shunnaq stated that graduates of such program may get job offers after graduation with salaries starting from 32,000 euros annually.

Prince Mired bin Raad Visits Yarmouk University



His Highness Prince Mired bin Raad, President of the Supreme Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, expressed his happiness to cooperate with Yarmouk University, emphasizing that it is one of the most reputable national academic institutions that have always been contributing to serving the sector of higher education in the Kingdom and the prosperity of the Jordanian society.

During his visit to Yarmouk University and meeting with the university president, Prof. Islam Massad, His Highness explained that the Council seeks to increase the support for students with disabilities studying in the various faculties of the university, and provide them with required infrastructure to continue

their higher education and obtain various scientific certificates. He also expressed the Council's readiness to develop a joint plan with the university regarding the rehabilitation of various facilities to serve students with disabilities.

For his part, Massad confirmed that Yarmouk University pays special attention to its students with disabilities, pointing out that there are 257 students with disabilities in the various faculties and programs of the University. He then explained that the university established a special division in the Deanship of Student

Affairs in 2010 for serving this category of students. Moreover, Massad stressed that the university is keen to help students with disabilities during the admission and registration procedures as well as study by providing them with technical and logistical services that would secure their safety and facilitate their movement within the university campus as well as working to overcome the psychological, moral, social and economic problems that may hinder their academic career.

However, this meeting was attended by a number of officials from the university and the Supreme Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Yarmouk Gets Support for a Global Project on Anthrax

Yarmouk University has received support from the United Nations for a global scientific project presented by the Department of Biological Sciences entitled "Improving Research and Diagnostic Capabilities for Anthrax". The head of the project, Prof. Nabil Hailat, the former university president and a faculty member in the department of life sciences at the university said that this project was submitted to a global competition and won first place among 36 projects. He explained that the goal of the project is to raise research and diagnostic capabilities for anthrax, which is considered one of the most dangerous and deadly diseases against animals and humans, as the germ of such a disease is used as a lethal weapon in biological warfare, which calls for the process of vaccinating members of the armies threatened by such weapons. Also, He mentioned that the project will be implemented in cooperation with the countries of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Algeria and Jordan.

Massad Patronizes Launching a Comprehensive Vaccination Campaign against the Corona Virus



The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Islam Massad, patronized launching a comprehensive vaccination campaign against the Corona virus for university students and employees, including academics, administrators, technicians, and their families. The campaign was organized with the cooperation of the faculties of pharmacy and medicine, the university's health center, and the National Center for Security and Crisis Management, and it took place in Prince Al-Hussein bin Abdullah II building (Classroom Complex) at the University. During his tour in the vaccination center, Massad stressed

the importance of encouraging all university employees and their families to receive the vaccine against the Corona virus, as the process aims at immunizing the university staff, their families, and the surrounding community against the virus and its variants. Massad also called on those in charge of the campaign to follow the correct methods for storing the vaccine and giving it to people. Moreover, he emphasized that it is needed to provide the campaign with oxygen cylinders, an ambulance, and a qualified nursing staff to deal quickly with any emergency cases. In addition, he praised the efforts of those in charge of the campaign, including the health center cadres, the faculty members of the faculties of medicine and pharmacy at the university and their students, and a number of workers in the various faculties of the university who supervised the data entry processes for the campaign participants.

Noteworthy that during the inauguration of the campaign, Massad gave the first dose of the vaccine to one of the university's employees in the presence of Vice Presidents Prof. Mowaffaq al-Omouh, Prof. Riyad al-Momani, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Dr. Mervat al-Sous, Director of the Health Center at the University, Dr. Yasser Al-Fraihat, Major Muhammad Nour Al-Widyan from the National Center for Security and Crisis Management, and a number of university officials.

Research Cooperation between "Hijjawi" Faculty and Siemens



As part of the activities of the Hijjawi Faculty of Engineering Technology and under the coordination of the Department of Systems Engineering and Biomedical Informatics, the representative of the regional office of the German company Siemens, Ali Mahdi, gave a presentation about the Siemens initiative in the presence of the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Mowaffaq al-Otoom.

The coordinator of the meeting, Dr. Awad Al-Zaben, said that the initiative was launched in 2005 and that the programs supported by the German company Siemens within this initiative are related

Cooperation between "Hijjawi" Faculty and Siemens - Cont.

to the medical fields, namely certificates, exhibitions, research incubators, and the fellowship program.

In his turn, al-Otoom pointed to the university's strategy of networking with international institutions and interacting with the industrial sector, stressing that the Faculty is interested in such initiatives for their great impact on enhancing the educational curriculum for students and updating them with the

latest scientific findings. Also, they are inevitable, as he said, for creating new opportunities for students and researchers to develop their entrepreneurial skills.

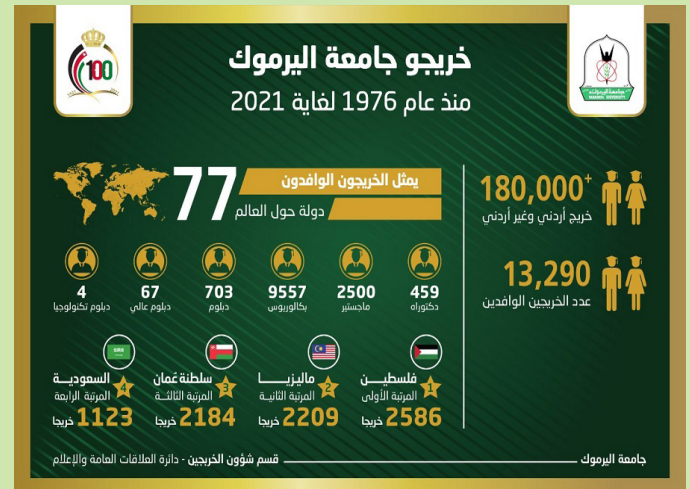
Eventually, it was agreed to follow practical measures to implement an agreement of cooperation in several related fields, which would benefit the students of the Faculty.

Graduating 13,290 Yarmouk Students-Ambassadors from 77 Countries around the World

Dedicating its achievement for Jordanians celebrating the centenary and the 75th Independence Day of the Kingdom, Yarmouk University is proud to have graduated more than 180,000 students since its establishment in 1976. Among those graduates stand 13,290 international students from different nationalities and countries who represent the university in 77 countries around the world, which implies the university's international heritage and reputation concerning the university's ability to attract the attention of many countries around the world.

As the university's statistics show, 9557 of those graduates obtained the bachelor degree in various scientific and humanitarian disciplines, 2500 graduates obtained the master degree, 459 graduates obtained the doctorate degree, 703 graduates obtained a diploma, 67 obtained a higher diploma, and 4 obtained the diploma of technology. The statistics also show that Palestine graduates were the most among the international graduates of Yarmouk University over the past years with 2586 graduates, followed by Malaysia with 2209 graduates, the Sultanate of Oman with 2184 graduates, then the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with 1123 graduates.

In fact, Yarmouk University attaches special importance to those graduates, as it has allocated



a special section for them in the Department of Public Relations and Media, which takes care of graduates' affairs and communicates with them. Thus, graduates can take the initiative to register in the "alumni platform" on the university's official website through the link: <https://alumni.yu.edu.jo/GraduateStudents.aspx>. Moreover, it is noteworthy that an assistant dean of students affairs for international students has recently been appointed to continue paying attention to those graduates, in addition to the presence of the Arab and International Students Club in the Deanship of Students Affairs.

Massad Inaugurates the Program of “Enhancing the Participation of Academies in Leading Internationally Funded Projects”



The President of Yarmouk University, Prof. Islam Massad, confirmed the university’s support of the “Network of Women Academies at Yarmouk University”, which aims at strengthening the academic role of women in the university and encouraging them to lead academic initiatives in favor of their communities, thus enhancing the university’s vision and philosophy of education, development of scientific research, and community service.

During the inauguration of the program implemented by Yarmouk University in partnership with the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives and funded by the Canadian Embassy in Amman, which took place in the Seminars and Conferences Building, Prof. Massad acknowledged the value of the project, emphasizing the significance of investing in internationally funded projects, building the capabilities of female academics at the university, and developing their leadership skills.

For her part, Dr. Ayat Nashwan, the Director of the program, said that such a pioneering project implemented by Yarmouk University and funded by the Canadian Embassy in Amman, is the first achievement of the Network of Female Academies who work hard to contribute to the development process that Jordanian universities, academics, and researchers are trying to accomplish. She explained that the network of leadership academics at Yarmouk University reflects the conviction of the university's administration and board of trustees concerning the active role of Yarmouk in developing education, scientific research, and community service in Jordan.

Noteworthy here is that the project, which lasts for nine months under the coordination of Engineer Hiyam al-Khatib from the Princess Basma Center for Jordanian Women's Studies, focuses on skills related to communication, leadership, negotiation, management, writing proposals for internationally funded projects, networking, and mechanisms for obtaining funding.



Professional Diploma for the Training and Rehabilitation of Teachers



Part of its preparation for the first semester of the upcoming academic year 2021 / 2022, Yarmouk University supported by the United States Agency for International Development USAID launches a professional diploma for preparing and qualifying teachers in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. This national diploma aims at training and qualifying graduates of majors like science, mathematics, Arabic and English to work as schoolteachers, considering that the diploma focuses on promoting interactive education and testing creative concepts of learning and teaching

by fusing practical exercises in the classroom with theoretical framework.

The President of the University, Prof. Islam Massad, said that launching this diploma comes in consolidation with Yarmouk's vision of serving the Jordanian community and educational system by qualifying competencies capable of excellence and creativity in the educational field. He added that this diploma will support the process of learning and education in the Kingdom by increasing the number of qualified teachers, stressing its importance in developing the skills of teachers and promoting an innovative educational model at various

levels.

For his part, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr. Nawaf Shatnawi, said that this national diploma incorporates twenty-four credit hours offered during two semesters, where half of the plan is dedicated to field training and school experiences implemented in public and private schools. Pointing out that the diploma cadre underwent a series of training workshops to increase their knowledge and skills and build on their experiences in such a field, Shatnawi stated that the professional diploma includes a number of teaching skills and competencies, such as classroom interaction and its skills, learning environment design, classroom planning skills, and skills for evaluating students' performance. It also incorporates several axes, such as personal communication skills with others and methods of providing a healthy and creative learning environment through digital technology.

Interestingly, a marketing campaign for the diploma was launched on social media platforms, which announces all information about the program and the registration process through the University website.

Closing the Fourth Session of the Psychological and Social Support Project in "Yarmouk"



The Vice President of Yarmouk University for Administrative Affairs, Prof. Riyadh al-Momani, sponsored the graduation ceremony of the participants in the fourth and final cycle of the psychosocial support project implemented by the university through the Refugees, Displaced Persons and Forced Migration Studies Centre in partnership with the German Agency for International Cooperation GIZ, for 15 male and female Jordanian and Syrian trainees.

During his speech at the graduation ceremony, which was attended by the Director of Projects at the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Dr. Christine Muller, Momani said that Yarmouk University supported by the Psychosocial Support and Trauma Project of the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) in Jordan holds this session for the fourth time since 2018 and that it always targeted groups of graduate students of Jordanian and Syrian nationalities concerning the psychological and social support for society in the context of forced migration.

He added that the course aimed at enhancing the psychological and social competencies of university graduates from various majors, thus preparing them to provide psychosocial support services for refugees, migrants and Jordanian citizens by integrating theoretical inputs and practical exercises as well as the knowledge they gained during the training course that incorporates a two-week field activity in an organization known for its commitment to implementing psychosocial support services in Irbid.

The director of the Refugees, displaced persons and forced migration studies center, Dr. Anas Subh, explained that the project reflects the university's involvement in any activities concerning improving people's life conditions and that the center -within the framework of the psychological and social support and trauma in Jordan of the (GIZ)- is implementing the university's vision.

At the end of the ceremony, al-Momani handed over certificates to the graduates.

