



# Yarmouk Newsletter

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## Massad Patronizes Yarmouk's Celebrations of Students' Return to Campus



As part of the University's celebrations of the centenary of Jordan, Professor Islam Massad patronized the University's celebrations of the return of face-to-face education on the university campus after about two years of distance learning due to the Corona pandemic and its repercussions on the whole world. Thus, in the reading hall at the Faculty of Medicine, Massad inaugurated the Fine Arts exhibition "Representations of the Mask in the Time of Corona" prepared and designed by students of the Faculty of Fine Arts under the supervision of Professor Muhammad Salem Bani Hamad. Furthermore, Massad patronized the celebration of the Deanship of Students' Affairs for students'

return to the university campus, as he attended a flag-raising ceremony by the rovers. Massad stated, "this day is one of the most beautiful days as we see our students returning to the University campus after their long absence due to the repercussions of the Corona pandemic". He then stated that the University has developed a tight plan for face-to-face education, which guarantees a safe environment for all students wishing an uninterrupted academic year, calling on them to exert effort in their lectures and courses and inviting them to engage in the extracurricular activities that the Deanship of Students' Affairs supervises and implements in various cultural, artistic and sports fields.



## Celebrating the Oath-taking for the Graduates of the Faculty of Pharmacy



Representing the president of Yarmouk University, the University's vice president for Academic Affairs, Professor Muwaffaq al-Omoush, sponsored the Oath-taking Ceremony for the graduates of the fourth cohort at the Faculty of Pharmacy. In his speech during the ceremony, al-Omoush expressed his happiness to attend such event in the distinguished Faculty of Pharmacy, wishing the graduates the best of luck to be distinguished representatives and ambassadors of Yarmouk in the community and extending his greetings and congratulations to them as they have overcome the exceptional circumstances of the corona pandemic. He further stated that the oath-taking is a tradition practiced by all medical and professional majors,

as it reflects the importance of performing certain professions with high commitment and responsibility as befits the honor of the career.

For her part, the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Mervat al-Sous, said that this oath-taking will remain immortal in the memory of students, as they will begin their professional commitment to practice the profession and raise

the status of their countries. She then explained that the ceremony inspires students to promote enlightenment, positivity, and good citizenship wherever they go, thus proving that the profession of pharmacy is a humanitarian profession that seeks to relieve the sick, the needy, and the beggar.

In her turn, student Lana Othman, gave a speech on behalf of the graduates. She said that the ceremony takes place after years of hard work and diligence through which students got taught and trained by a group of professors, thanking the Faculty administration and members for what they have provided to students during their studies. She further affirmed the graduates' commitment to preserve Yarmouk's national, regional, and global reputation.



## Yarmouk Advances in “Times Rankings” at the Local and Arab Levels

Among its latest achievements, Yarmouk University ranked in the third place at the level of Jordanian universities, according to the Times World Classification. The university also ranked in the 61 - 70 category at the level of Arab universities according to the same classification, which reflects the university’s development in the field of teaching, the number of scientific research, and the number of scientific citations in the international Scopus for its faculty members in various humanitarian and scientific faculties.

## Yarmouk's Agreement of Training on Robotic Procedures' Automation Technology



Yarmouk University signed a cooperation agreement with the Automation Anywhere Inc. in the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship in the presence of the Minister of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship Ahmad Hanandeh. The agreement comes as a continuation of another agreement signed in July last year between the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship and the Technology Strategies Middle East company (TSME), which involved coordination for the purpose of providing training on Robotic Procedure Automation technology (RPA). Thus, under Yarmouk's agreement, which was signed by the President of the University, Prof. Islam Massad, and the Regional Director of the TSME, the representative of Automation Anywhere Inc. in Jordan, Mr. Omar Madaeen, several faculty members from the university will be trained

on the technology of robotic procedures' automation.

During the signing ceremony, Hanandeh confirmed the importance of using the latest modern technologies in the educational system in Jordanian universities where the robotic automation of procedures represents one of the most important tools in the world of digital transformation and artificial intelligence, which significantly contributes to save the time and effort of the teaching staff.

For his part, Massad expressed Yarmouk University's keenness to strengthen its relations with various institutions and bodies to achieve its vision and deepen the skills and capabilities of its teaching and administrative human cadres, which positively influences the level of students and their educational experience in general. He further stressed the importance of using modern technologies and employing them to serve the educational process, as made evident during the exceptional circumstances imposed by the Corona pandemic on the world.

In response, Madaeen indicated that as the youth is the future and wealth of the nation, the agreement contains a training and rehabilitation program for several Jordanian universities in different provinces besides a center of excellence in robotics that will be established at Yarmouk University. The center will train the teaching staff on the rehabilitation of students concerning such modern technology to keep pace with the global developments in digital transformation and to meet the needs of the local and regional labor market.

## Al-Hussein Bin Talal Library Presents “200 Meters”



In conjunction and cooperation with the Amman Film Festival, the Film Club of the al-Hussein Bin Talal Library at the University, in cooperation with the Royal Film Commission, screened the movie “200 Meters”, which talks about the misery and oppression the Apartheid Wall causes to Palestinians in their daily lives. The movie’s theme is reflected through Mustafa, the character who lives in the West Bank 200 meters away from his wife’s house who lives with their children in Palestine. It is the Apartheid Wall that makes the access from one side to the other impossible and subject to dangers.

As the movie finished, a discussion of its subject and artistic elements followed, considering that the event took place in the library’s backyard and was attended by an audience of about 170 members of university students and local community families.

## Launch of the "Geospatial Data Collection Technology" Project

Deputizing for the President of Yarmouk University, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Professor Mousa Rababah, sponsored the launching of the activities of the project GEO-IT / Geospatial data collection technology for sustainable development and risk management, which was organized by the Geography Department of the Faculty of Arts at Yarmouk University. The project was funded by the DAAD, in cooperation with the Free University of Berlin, the Lebanese University, the Lebanese Remote Sensing Center, the Geography Department at Mu’tah University, the Regional Center for Teaching Space Science and Technology for West Asia - Jordan / United Nations, and the United Nations World Food Program, with the participation of a number of researchers from the universities of Aleppo and Hama / Syria, Munich University of Technology / Germany, and Vienna University of Technology / Austria.

In his opening speech, Rababah welcomed the participants, praising the efforts made for organizing workshops during the difficult circumstances of the Corona pandemic and stressing that Yarmouk University, based on its strategic plan, supports the gathering of



such research groups and holding any international projects that contribute to advancing the development process in the region and exchanging experiences and scientific knowledge between researchers and students.

The Head of the Geography Department and project coordinator, Dr. Khaled Hazaimh, gave a welcoming speech to the guests, explaining the project objectives

## Launching the Project of "Geospatial Data Collection Technology" - Cont.

and the importance of using and embedding geospatial data technology in conducting the sustainable development process, thus supporting decision-makers to developing policies and future plans to confront challenges and natural as well as human risks whether at the national, regional or global levels.

In his turn, the project's general coordinator, Dr. Wahib Sahwan from the Free University of Berlin, thanked Yarmouk University for organizing the first face-to-face workshop of the project after a series of online workshops due to Corona Pandemic. Then he thanked all the participants for attending and participating in the activities of the workshops.

Dr. Nadine Nassif, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at the Lebanese University, gave a speech on behalf of the Lebanese team involved in the project, indicating the great role that the project plays in

linking and networking researchers from several countries to serve the scientific research in the region.

Dr. Ahmed Yaghi from Damascus University gave an online speech on behalf of the participants from Syria, reviewing the development of using remote sensing techniques in Syria and the role of researchers in this field in supporting decision-making in many natural and human studies based on Geospatial Technologies. Finally, Dimitris Karakostus from the World Food Program Office in Syria gave a presentation on the programs and projects that the office provides and supervises in Syria and the Arab region.

Noteworthy is that a number of faculty members at Yarmouk University participated in the opening activities, besides a group of students from the departments of geography, earth and environmental sciences at the university.

## The Language Center Holds Arabic Language Level-Exams for International Students

As part of Yarmouk University's plan to host international students, the Language Center continues to hold Arabic language level-exams for international students within the Program of Arabic for Speakers of Other Languages .

The director of the center, Prof. Lamia Hammad, said that these exams are periodically held for international students at the beginning of each semester relying on the university's strategic plan to attract international students from various nationalities. She pointed out that 300 international students of several nationalities took the level exam of the Arabic language at the beginning of the current semester, indicating that the center's staff is keen to provide these students with a set of tips and instructions about the university, its instructions, and the course of lectures there.

Hammad pointed out that students are classified according to their results in the exam, which is designed to measure students' level in Arabic reading, writing,



listening and conversation. Students who pass the exam get enrolled in the academic departments of the various faculties in which they were accepted, while those who do not pass it get enrolled in the center's courses, which are decided according to the results of the level-exams.

## Malaysian Delegation Visits Yarmouk



The President of Yarmouk University, Professor Islam Massad, met with a Malaysian delegation that included the educational attaché at the Malaysian Embassy in Amman, Muhammad bin Wahab, and the Vice President of Pahang State College University (UCYP), Dr. Azhar bin Jaafar, and Dr. Hajj Ahmed Farid, the Dean of the Faculty of Languages at the university, where they discussed ways to enhance cooperation between the two sides.

At the beginning of the meeting, Massad stressed the keenness of the University to offer the Malaysian students studying in Yarmouk the utmost attention and care to be the best ambassadors for the University in

their country, pointing to the university's readiness to receive more Malaysian students wishing to continue their studies in Yarmouk, especially in the fields of Arabic language and Sharia and Islamic studies. He then added that the Language Center of the University seeks to hold remote training courses in Arabic for non-native speakers and Islamic law at reduced fees in order to help Malaysian students pass the Arabic language proficiency exam and enable those wishing to learn Arabic from other countries to join such courses without the need to be physically present at the University.

In return, the members of the delegation valued the attention Yarmouk pays to Malaysian students, praising the University's academic reputation and the excellence of its teaching staff, noting that 300 Malaysian students will be sent to continue their studies in Yarmouk University.

The meeting was attended by the Vice Presidents of the University, Professor Muwaffaq Alomoush, Professor Riad Almomani, the Deans of the Faculties of Arts, Professor Mousa Al-Rababah, Sharia and Islamic Studies, Professor Adam Al-Qudah, Students' Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Khalaf Al-Thiabat, the Director of the Department of Foreign Relations, Dr. Ghazi Al-Muqabala, the Director of Public Relations, Mukhles Al-Ebeni, and Dr. Ziad Al-Azzam from the Malaysian Cultural Attaché, and a number of officials from both sides.

## YU Students Participate in Summer School at Frankfurt University

Twelve students from the Department of Sociology and Community Service at Yarmouk University participated in the first Summer School held at Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences in Germany, as part of the international project "Cross - Border Communication and Social Work Localization in the Context of Social Work with Refugees". Funded by the German DAAD, Yarmouk participates alongside the University of Frankfurt in this project through Yarmouk students accompanied by Dr. Ayat Nashwan, Dr. Nancy Al-Daghmi, Dr. Mohammed Al-Harahsha and Dr. Mohammed Nusairat of the Faculty of Arts visited Frankfurt University and stayed there for a week. Considering that the project lasts for two years, the coming Summer School will take place in Yarmouk University next year.



## The Deanship of Students' Affairs Receives International Students Participating in the "Erasmus+" Program



The Dean of the Students' Affairs at Yarmouk University, Dr. Muhammad Khalaf Thiabat, affirmed Yarmouk's pride in being a destination for international students participating in the "Erasmus+" student exchange program, stressing that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is the right home for international students looking for safe stay, good luck, and success.

While receiving a group of international students

participating in the "Erasmus +" program, Thiabat said that the university spares no effort for providing students with all available services and facilities to help them get involved in the university community and continue their studies easily and serve as ambassadors for Yarmouk wherever they go. He then encouraged students to take advantage of the various cultural services that the Deanship provides throughout the academic year, such as joining the university and ceramic studio as well as playing recreational games like billiards and chess.

On the sidelines of the reception, the Deanship of Students' Affairs organized an introductory tour for international students showing them the various facilities of the Deanship and briefing them on the various services they provide.

In their turn, the delegation of international students, which includes 15 male and female students coming from Spain, Germany, Romania, Turkey and Belgium thanked the university for the inspirational reception and treatment, wishing the university further progress and success.

## Completing the Excavation and Archaeological Survey of the Graveyards of Quelba (Abella)



The anthropological team from the Department of Anthropology in the Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology at Yarmouk

University, under the supervision of Dr. Abdullah al-Shurman, completed the excavation and scientific archaeological survey

of the graveyards of the archaeological site of Quelba (Abella) in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities. The survey was part of a field training course for the students of the Anthropology Department at the Faculty of Archeology and Anthropology, where students were trained on the excavation and documentation methods, photography, mapping, stratigraphy, and geophysical surveying. However, the survey discovered a group of burials dating back to the late Roman period and early Byzantine period.

## Yarmouk Organizes A Scientific Conference in Mathematics



As part of Yarmouk University's celebrations of the centenary of Jordan, the university's president, Professor Islam Massad patronized the opening of Yarmouk Mathematics Conference in Differential Equations (YMC-2021), which was organized by the Department of Mathematics in the Faculty of Science via tele-visual communication technology. The conference addressed the latest research developments in the field of ordinary, partial, and fractional differential equations, their numerical solutions, modeling and their various applications in mathematics.

In the opening speech, Massad stressed the importance of holding scientific conferences and meetings to present novel research papers and exchange viewpoints on the exceptional conditions imposed by the Corona pandemic on the globe. He then stressed the importance of scientists, especially mathematicians, for the development and prosperity of communities and the establishment of green society. Urging the conference participants and organizers to keep holding such gatherings despite the many hardships experienced by countries during the pandemic, Massad declared that Yarmouk University is to offer two awards for the participants in this conference: One is for the best research

paper delivered by a faculty member, and the other is for the best research paper delivered by a student.

For his part, the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Prof. Khalid al-Batayneh, confirmed that organizing the conference is part of the faculty's plan to implement the University's strategic vision and its keenness to celebrate the centenary of Jordan. He then stated that the two announced awards reflect the university's emphasis on promoting the scientific research. Moreover, he presented a brief overview of the Faculty of Science -its departments, programs, and degrees-, acknowledging the efforts of the conference committees that worked hard for its organization.

The head of the Mathematics Department, Dr. Mohammad al-Jamal, confirmed that the conference is one of the many scientific events organized by the Faculty to investigate the latest scientific developments and exchange experiences and scientific knowledge, indicating that the number of participants in the conference is 170 individuals representing 29 countries around the world and that the number of speakers in the conference is 108 researchers representing 20 countries with more than 100 talks.

