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# Courtesy Visit to Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Kuala Lumpur

Al-Madinah International University (MEDIU) had an official visit to the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Kuala Lumpur in Kuala Lumpur on Friday, 24 February 2017. The visit was led by Honorable CEO, Prof. Dr. Mohammed bin Khalifa Al-Tamimi and was accompanied by university's representatives. The delegates were welcomed by The Ambassador of Embassy Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, His Excellency Dr. Maen Masadeh and embassy's officials. His Excellency expressed his appreciation for the friendly visit to strengthen the link between the embassy and the university.



During the visit, Prof. Dr. Mohammed bin Khalifa Al-Tamimi highlight on the university recent achievements especially in the academic programs recognition by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency, with the current total of 73 academic programs has received full accreditation status with a total of 183 Jordanian students currently studying in the university.

Honorable CEO expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the embassy of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan led by H.E The Ambassador, Dr. Maen Masadeh for their utmost support to the university.

# Visit by Salahaddin University (SU), Iraq

Al-Madinah International University (MEDIU) received a delegation visit from Salahaddin University (SU), Erbil in Kurdistan Region, Iran on Friday, 24 February 2017. The visit was led by Dr. Salahuddin Ahmed Mohammed Amin, General Advisor of SU and welcomed by Dean of Scientific Research, Dr. Ammar Abdulwahab with the aim to look more closely in MEDIU's implementation as distance learning education and its achievements.

During the visit, an overview of the university's education system is in the adoption of the latest technology as well as a pioneer in e-learning method in pursuit of global modern educational system were briefed to the guests. At the end of the visit, token of appreciation

were presented to the delegation and convey their admiration towards MEDIU achievements and reputation in a short period of time since its inception.



Salahaddin University (http://su.edu.krd) is founded in 1968 in Sulaimani. In 1981, the university was moved to Erbil and the name was changed to Salahaddin University-Erbil. Salahaddin University-Erbil is the oldest and largest public comprehensive university in Kurdistan region. It is the educational home to more than 26,000 undergraduates and more than 900 graduate students. Salahaddin University-Erbil offers more than 75 programs from diploma, bachelors, masters and doctoral levels. The programs include in the areas of Engineering, Science, Law & Politics, Agriculture, Business & Administration, Physical Education, Art and Sociology, Fine Arts, Languages, Religion, and Teaching method.

# Nigerian Students' Award Ceremony



The Nigerian Students' Association recently organized a graduation and award ceremony for the class of 2016 on Monday, 13 February 2017. The event was to create awareness, unity and peace among the Nigerian students of the university with other students and attended by lecturers, staffs and students from various faculties and departments.

The event began with an opening speech by President of the Nigerian Students' Association, Mr. Sulaimon Kazeem Abiodun, followed by a series of short speech by the faculty's representatives. A motivational speech was delivered Asst. Prof. Dr. Bakare Kazeem Kayode from Faculty of Education meanwhile, Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ali Alkhawlani,

Deputy CEO of Academic Affairs Division delivered a farewell speech to the students. Awards and certificates presentation were distributed to the students as well as lecturers namely Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ali Alkhawlani, Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Wael Yafooz, Madam Bibi Asma Sher Mohamed, Dr. Uthman Miakil, and Engr. Muzaffar Nouman to acknowledge their dedication.

# MQA Accreditation Visit - Master in Ulum Al-Hadith (MQA/FA 0773)

Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA) panels and officers visited MEDIU for its accreditation visit for its master academic programs (on campus) for the Faculty of Islamic Sciences on 27-28 February 2017. The delegation panels were Prof. Dr Engku Ahmad Zaki Engku Alwi (UNISZA) and Dr. Mohd. Faizal Abdul Kadir (Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah) meanwhile MQA officer were represented by Puan Suhana Ramli.



The master academic program that was being evaluated is Master in Ulum Al-Hadith (MQA/FA 0773). The delegation was welcomed by Deputy CEO of Academic Affairs Division; Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Ali Alkhawlani, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic Sciences; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Usman Jakfar along with the academic faculty members, registrar personnel as well as administrative officer

The evaluation of the programs involves discussion and interview session with the deans and lecturers, reviewing of documentation as well as interviewing the students and lecturers. At the end of the visit, Deputy CEO of Academic Affairs Division presented token of appreciation to the delegates and later followed by an office tour around MEDIU's academic and administrative facilities.

# Educational Visit by Students of SMK Subang

Al-Madinah International University (MEDIU) received a delegation of students and teachers of SMK Subang, Kg.Melayu Subang on Tuesday, 28 February 2017. The delegates were led by the School Counsellor, Guidance and Counselling Unit with 53 students of SMK Subang. The delegates was welcomed by Deputy CEO of Academic Affairs Division; Asst. Prof. Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Ali Alkhawlani,  Dean Faculty of Languages; Assoc.Prof. Dr. Daud Abdul Quadir Elega along with respective faculty members namely Asst. Prof. Dr. Elsayed

Mohamed Salem, Asst. Prof. Dr. Abdulwasiu Isiaq Nasirudeen and Asst. Prof. Dr. Flayyih Mudhhi Ahmed. The educational trip enables the students to gain more information on university's development, academic programmes available as well as to gain exposure on the Arabic learning environment in the university.



In the introductory session, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daud Abdul Quadir Elega conveyed his welcome speech in which he expressed his pleasure of the visit. He also introduced the courses available at the Faculty of Languages, its role and the quality of the courses offered in order to provide a source of inspiration for the students to continue their studies in MEDIU. Some tips to master the Arabic language and the proposal of acquiring excellence in language acquisition have been applied to the students. Among other activities held were quizzes on Arabic literature, poetry, poem recitation and others.

At the end of the program a token of appreciation were presented to the teachers and later were brought for a short tour to have a closer look at the classes, computer labs, library and other facilities around the University's learning centre.

# MoU with Development Expert Academy (DEA) Sanaa, Yemen

MEDIU step forward in extending bridges of cooperation and moving ahead towards achieving its objective and vision, as well to be in connection with international organization in the scientific and training areas. Recently, MEDIU signed a memorandum of

understanding with Development Expert Academy (DEA) based in Sanaa, Yemen on Friday, 3 February 2017.



The agreement was in the framework of training and consulting cooperation and the adoption of the training curriculum between the two parties and was signed between MEDIU's Honorable CEO; Prof. Dr. Mohammad Khalifa Al-Tamimi and Chairman of Development Expert Academy (DEA), Mr. Salim Alkhale in the presence of MEDIU's Deputy CEO of International Relations Division, Dr Ab Ghani bin Mohamad and DEA's Academic Advisor, Mr. Salahuddin Almohammady. The partnership aims to strengthen cooperation between the two organizations, especially in the field of training and education services.

The three years agreement also includes a framework for the development of training programs and the organization of training courses through capacity building and exchange of resources and initiatives, training and consulting in the areas of common interest development.

# MEDIU ranked 30th place for Malaysian Universities (Source by Webometrics: Feb 2017)

In implementing and realizing the mission of the University in terms of achieving scientific and educational aspects as well as to gained recognition in quality assurance; the University has to go through a strategic plan towards being a leading university. These outcomes can be

achieve by The National Center for Global Research Organization(Webometrics) in Madrid, Spain; a center which execute analysis twice a year which aimed at urging academic institutions around the world to provide scientific activity to reflect their scientific level.

With the grace of God Al-Mighty; Webometrics has released the first half results for 2017 that shows MEDIU earning its 10th place in the Malaysia's private university level and 30th for the overall Universities in Malaysia.



Key changes for Al-Madinah International University (MEDIU) for the first half of 2017 as follows: (http://www.webometrics.info/en/Asia/Malaysia%20)
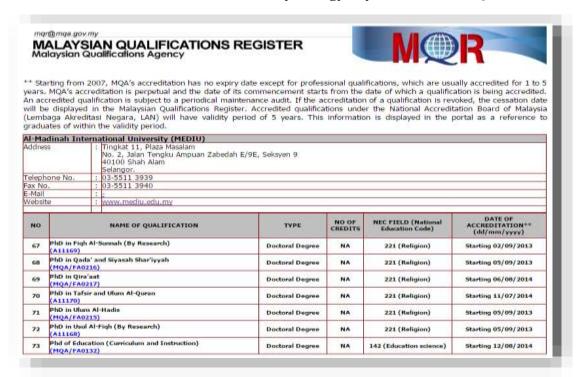
•	Ranked 10th place in the category of private universities in Malaysia.
•	Ranked 30th place overall in the category of Malaysian universities; out of 403 universities and colleges.
•	Ranked 129th place for Southeast Asia region universities; out of 1,591 universities.
•	Ranked 1,285th place for Asia region universities; out of 11,477 universities.
•	Ranked 125th place in the category of Arabic and Islamic universities; out of 987 universities.
•	Ranked 3,947th place for worldwide universities; out of 11,966 universities around the world.

Honorable CEO; Prof Dr Mohammed bin Khalifa Al-Tamimi expressed his gladness on the cooperation given by the University's departments in their passion and competitiveness in the academic scientific research as well as to elevate MEDIU in par with universities around the world.

# 73 Programs registered under Malaysian Qualifications Register (MQR)

MEDIU recently received full accredited program for the following programs; thus, concludes to 73 academic program have achieved the MQR status by the Malaysia Qualifications Agency (MQA). The full updated MQR list for MEDIU can be seen at http://www2.mqa.gov.my/mqr/english/eakrKPList.cfm?IDAkrIPTS=483

- **Master in Islamic Banking and Finance (By Research) - MQA/FA0448**
- **Master of Education: Educational Psychology (By Research) - MQA/PA1293**



MQA establish and maintain a national register known as the Malaysian Qualifications Register (MQR); containing programmes, qualifications and higher education providers accredited programs. MQR objective is to provide information on accredited programmes awarded by higher education providers. These programmes must conform to the Malaysian Qualifications Framework which acts as Malaysia's declaration about its qualifications and their quality in relation to its education system. MQA acts to implement the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF) which is a basis for quality assurance of higher education and as the reference point for the criteria and standards for national Qualifications.

MEDIU's CEO, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Khalifa Al-Tamimi express his appreciation and gratitude to the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), Ministry of Higher Education, academic faculty members, registrar department on the dedication and efforts to gain the approval. With hope, this achievement will enhance the University's academic procession and development in all university centers in the Arab countries.

# Visit to International Shari'ah Research Academy for Islamic Finance (ISRA)

Al-Madinah International University (MEDIU) visited the International Shari'ah Research Academy for Islamic Finance (ISRA), Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, 14 February 2017. The visit was led by Dean of Scientific Research, Dr. Ammar

Abdulwahab accompanied by Dean, Faculty of Computer and Information Technology, Asst. Prof. Dr. Wael Mohamed Shaher Yafooz.



The visit was welcomed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Said Bouheraoua; Deputy Director of Research, Research Affairs Department with the aims to discuss ways to develop relations between the two parties within the framework of scientific research and discussed aspects of cooperation in the field of organizing and financing activities and research projects and merely to exchange experiences to the needs of the university's scientific research areas.

ISRA (http://www.isra.my/) is established to promote applied research in the area of Shari'ah and Islamic finance, also act as a repository of knowledge for Shari'ah views (fatwas) and undertake studies on contemporary issues in the Islamic financial industry.

# MoU with The Islamic Research and Training Institute, Jeddah

MEDIU step forward in extending bridges of cooperation and moving ahead towards achieving its objective and vision, as well to be in connection with international organization. Recently, MEDIU signed a memorandum of understanding with The Islamic Research and Training Institute, Jeddah on Tuesday, 14 February 2017.

The agreement was in the framework of training cooperation and the adoption of the training curriculum between the two parties and was signed between MEDIU's Honorable CEO; Prof. Dr. Mohammad Khalifa Al-Tamimi and IRTI's Director General, Dr. Muhammad Azmi Omar. The partnership aims to strengthen cooperation between the two universities, especially in the field of training and education services. The signing ceremony was held following CEO's working visit to Saudi Arabia in October 2016 in convocation with several charities and organizations of Islamic education organization, with the intention to burn the spirit of the cooperation between the two sides. The agreement stipulates to promote training and research and academic relations between the two parties through capacity development and sharing of resources and initiatives, training and consulting in the areas of common interest.

The Islamic Institute for Research and Training (IRTI) (http://www.irti.org/) is a member of the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, was established to develop research that enables the exercise of economic, financial and banking activities in the Islamic states in accordance with the provisions of Islamic law, and to provide training for workers in the developmental activities in the Member States of the Islamic Development Bank.

## Visit by Engineering Team to Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL)



Al-Madinah International University (MEDIU) Faculty of Engineering visited the Infrastructure University Kuala Lumpur (IUKL) in Kajang, Selangor on Wednesday, 8 February 2017. The delegation visit was headed by Deputy Dean, Faculty of Engineering Asst. Prof. Dr. Omar Bahjet Abdulghafoor Al-Hadeethi and Head Department of Electrical and Electronics, Mr. Muzaphar Noman Abdulrahman Noman along with other university's officials. The visit aim as a benchmark visit to understand the program positon in line with others competitors in the market and whether or not there might be some areas that need some improvements according to the data collected from the benchmark visit.



MEDIU's delegates was welcomed by Assoc. Prof. Hon Kah Wye, Dean of Faculty of Engineering & Electrical and Electronics with a detailed presentation and briefing about IUKL's activities and various programs offered by the Faculty of engineering and the criteria of these programs in compliance with accreditations councils and educational assurance. During the meeting, both parties identify the position of programs in areas such as the programs weaknesses and strength, discussing on common and shared issues related to academic and administrative, looking into the mechanisms and procedures followed in dealing with issues related to academics as well as gathering data in an independent manner to ensure it is consistent with the educational scopes applied in the both programs.

# MEDIU participates in National Higher Education Carnival 2017



Al-Madinah International University (MEDIU) participated in the National Higher Education Carnival which was held recently at AEON Kota Bharu, Kelantan on 11-12 February 2017. The first zone of 'Karnival Jom Masuk IPT' 2017 carnival was officiated by Dato' Seri Haji Idris bin Jusoh, Minister of Higher Education. The education carnival was organized by the Department of Higher Education and the tagline 'Karnival Jom Masuk IPT' is used to motivate the school leavers to obtain accurate and timely information on various educational opportunities in Malaysia.

Through the 2 days events at the East Zone (Kelantan), MEDIU were represented by Marketing Executives; Mr. Aymen Ayub Ibrahim, Miss Nor Hanim Binti Khalil and assisted by Corporate Services officer, Miss Nur Hamizah Binti Ibrahim.

They have taken the opportunity as a platform to market MEDIU's academic programs to the prospective students in person as well as to create awareness to the public on the admission and registration requirements.

The exhibition help school leavers in the east coast states of Malaysia; namely Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang to obtain more information on MEDIU and able to communicate directly with the university's marketing officers if they are keen and interested to know the programs offer by the university.



The education exhibition is aimed at promoting and disseminating information on opportunities for higher education especially for the high school leavers holding the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM), Malaysian Higher School Certificate (STPM) or equivalent. School leavers and potential students are encouraged to bring their latest results to seek advices from the representatives upfront.

Meet MEDIU representatives in the upcoming *National Higher Education Carnival 2017* on the following dates:

- **4-5 March 2017**
  *Padang Kawad Kampus Induk, USM, Pulau Pinang (Northern Zone)*
  *9:00am – 5:00pm*

- **11-12 March 2017**
  *Suria Sabah Shopping Mall, Kora Kinabalu, Sabah (Sabah Zone)*
  8:30am – 4:30pm

# MoU with Centre for Heritage Year and the Prophet's Studies and Training, Saudi Arabia



MEDIU step forward in extending bridges of cooperation and moving ahead towards achieving its objective and vision, as well to be in connection with international organization. Recently, MEDIU signed a memorandum of understanding with Centre for Heritage Year and the Prophet's Studies and Training, Saudi Arabia on Friday, 17 February 2017.

The agreement was signed between MEDIU's Honorable CEO; Prof. Dr. Mohammad Khalifa Al-Tamimi and Director of Centre for Heritage Year and the Prophet's Studies and Training, Mr. Majid bin Mohammed Al-Juhani. The partnership aims to strengthen cooperation between the two organizations, especially in the field of training, advisory and scientific research cooperation through capacity building and exchange of resources and initiatives, training and consulting in the areas of common interest development.

Centre for Heritage Year and the Prophet's Studies and Training (http://www.al-sunah.com/) is a non-profit organization aims to preserve the heritage of the Prophet SAW through the provision of studies, research and training for researchers and it seeks to develop educational methods and the adoption of production-related scientific publications.

# 73 Full Accredited Programs by Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA)

MEDIU recently received full accredited status for Master programs in the Faculty of Education and Faculty of Finance and Administrative Sciences, with a total of 73 programs has received full accreditation status while 45 programs is at provisional status out of 118 academic programs approved by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA).

- Master of Education: Educational Psychology (By Research) - MQA/PA1293
- Master in Islamic Banking and Finance (By Research) - MQA/FA0448

An accredited program contributes higher opportunities for university's graduates especially to local graduates for employment in the public sector in particular as well as benefits the University's towards international recognition. The list of the accredited programs can be view at the link: http://www2.mqa.gov.my/mqr/english/eakrKPList.cfm?IDAkrIPTS=483

CEO, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Khalifa Al-Tamimi express his appreciation and gratitude to the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA), Ministry of Higher Education, academic faculty members, registrar department on the dedication and efforts to gain the approval. With hope, this achievement will enhance the University's academic procession and development in all university centers in the Arab countries.

MQA acts to implement the Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF) which is a basis for quality assurance of higher education and as the reference point for the criteria and standards for national Qualifications. The MQA is a showroom for monitoring and overseeing the quality assurance practices and national Accreditation of higher education.

# Orientation Day for Malaysian Students (February 2017 Intake)

An orientation day to welcome the new students for the September 2017 intake was held on Tuesday, 14 February 2017. A total of fifteen (15) Malaysian students enrolled for the university's program mostly in Foundation in Arabic Languages and Islamic Studies, Bachelor of Languages (Hons) in Arabic Language & Literature and Bachelor of Islamic Sciences. The orientation program is collaborated under the Students Affairs Division led by Dean of Students Affairs, Asst. Prof. Dr. Yousef Abu Baker El-Ebiary and Mr. Abdoulaye Mahamat Zakariya Deputy Dean of Student Affairs Division along with the orientation committee namely Mr. Syed Mahbubul Alam Al-Hasani and Mrs. Atiqah Shakirah binti Shauki.



The orientation program begins with a brief introduction of the university by Mr. Mohd Shahrin Ab Rahman, Head of Marketing. Followed by an opening speech by MEDIU's Deputy CEO of Research and Development Division, Assoc. Prof. Dr. AB Rahim Ismail in welcoming the new students by giving a welcome remarks and encouraging words to the students. A brief word from a representative of Student Services Department, Mr. Syed Mahbubul Alam Al-Hasani through words of encouragement to the new students to always stay positive throughout their studies in MEDIU and state that the Student Affairs Division will always assist their best to serve and meet the needs of the students.

The orientation session continues with briefing session on academic, student portal and Advanced Learning & i-Management system (ALIM) presented by Mr. Muhammad Arsyad Aslam Bin Mohammad Ali; examination, records and credit transfer matters by Mr. Syazwan Khalis, briefing on financial matters by Mr. Ahmed Ali Nour, PTPTN and MARA study loan by Mrs. Nor Suhaza Mohmad Shah and a session on MEDIU's digital library by Mr. Hakkar Fouzi

# International Mother Language Day (IMLD) Celebration 2017

Al-Madinah International University (MEDIU) celebrates International Mother Language Day (IMLD) recently on Tuesday, 21 February 2017.

International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is a worldwide annual observance held on 21 February to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

The program was organized by MEDIU's Bangladeshi Student Association led by Brother Jubayed Uddin in the presence of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daud Abdul Quadir Elega; Dean Faculty of Language, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yousef Abu Baker El-Ebiary; Dean of Student Affairs, Mr.Syed Mahbubul Alam Al-Hasani and Mr. Ahmad Syazwan bin Zainal Ariffin; SRC President



A short introduction of IMLD was delivered by Brother SK Ahmad Fahad stating the International Mother Language Day (IMLD) celebrated on 21st February annually to commemorate the four university's students who were killed during the Bengali Language Movement demonstrations of 1952 in East Pakistan. IMLD was proclaimed by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on 17 November 1999 and was formally recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution establishing 2008 as the International Year of Languages. This was followed by delivering the Bangladesh national anthem by a group of students, poem recitation by Brother Alamgir Hossain and prayer recitation for the martyred students by Brother Abubakar Gali.

## The Final Results of Postgraduate Students

Honorable CEO, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Khalifa Al-Tamimi chaired the 4th, 5th Academic Senate Meeting on 16, 17 February 2017 by approving the finals results of the postgraduate studies as follows:

- To award the student [MTF143BI240] majoring Master in Tafsir and Ulum Al-Quran (Coursework + Thesis) with CGPA: 3.93
- To award the student [MQR141BF378] majoring Master in Qira'at (By Research)
- To award the student [PFQ131AZ885] majoring PhD in Fiqh (By Research)
- To award the student [MBA153BN089] majoring Master of Business Administration (MBA) with CGPA: 3.78
- To award the student [MBA153BN086] majoring Master of Business Administration (MBA) with CGPA: 3.91
- To award the student [MIE153BK174] majoring Master in ICT E-Enterprise (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.30
- To award the student [MDW143BH692] majoring Master in Da'wah (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.66
- To award the student [MAQ131BA241] majoring Master in Aqidah (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.94
- To award the student [MAQ131BA241] majoring Master in Tafsir and Ulum Al-Quran (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.82
- To award the student [MFQ09103727] majoring Master in Fiqh (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.83
- To award the student [MHD151BK028] majoring Master in Ulum Al-Hadith (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.88
- To award the student [MQD151BI203] majoring Master in Qada and Siyasah Shar'iyyah (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.80
- To award the student [MFQ151BI954] majoring Master in Fiqh (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.71
- To award the student [MFQ143BI497] majoring Master in Fiqh (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.48
- To award the student [MDW141BF595] majoring Master in Da'wah (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.71
- To award the student [PEI131AY922] majoring PhD of Education-Curriculum and Instruction (By Research)
- To award the student [MFQ143AZ661] majoring Master in Fiqh (Coursework + Thesis) with CGPA: 3.85
- To award the student [MHD143BH283] majoring Master in Ulum Al-Hadith (Coursework + Thesis) with CGPA: 3.72
- To award the student [MAQ151BJ967] majoring Master in Aqidah (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.81
- To award the student [MFQ123AT216] majoring Master in Fiqh (Coursework + Project Paper/Case Study) with CGPA: 3.36
- To award the student [PEI143BH510] majoring PhD of Education-Curriculum and Instruction (By Research)