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Greetings from QIU!

Dear Esteemed QIU Community,

The February 2024 edition of our Monthly Newsletter, a thorough summary of the most recent events, accomplishments, and projects at Qaiwan International University, is brought to you with great pleasure. Looking back on the successes, partnerships, and landmarks of the past month, we at Qaiwan International University are reaffirming our dedication to promoting inclusive growth, innovation, and excellence. We express our gratitude to the whole QIU community for their unwavering passion, dedication, and support as we continue to pursue excellence in everything we do. We invite you to immerse yourself in the remarkable accomplishments and enriching experiences of our vibrant academic community as we embark on this journey of excellence together.



Celebrating Achievements

Graduation Ceremony of our first batch of students. In a momentous event held on October 7, 2023, QIU celebrated the graduation of its first batch of students. This milestone marked the end of their academic journey at QIU, as they proudly received international degrees from both UTM and QIU. Notably, over 90% of our graduates have since secured employment, pursued further studies, or ventured into entrepreneurship, demonstrating the tangible impact of a QIU education on their professional path.

Academic Endeavours

Semester Wrap-Up

As we bid farewell to another semester, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students who have successfully completed their final exams. We also wish all of our first-year students continued success in their academic journey at QIU as they approach the halfway point of their first semester and demonstrate resilience, dedication, and academic excellence.

Increase in Academic Programmes

Several new departments have been added this academic year, expanding the range of academic options for our students. These developments are a reflection of our dedication to offering a broad and varied educational experience that equips our students with the knowledge, skills, and competencies needed to thrive in their chosen fields.

Faculty of Dentistry

Dental Surgery Department - UiTM



Faculty of Pharmacy

Pharmacy Department - UiTM



Faculty of Health Sciences

MLT Department- UiTM



Medical Imaging Department - UiTM



Optometry Department - UiTM



Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Information Technology - UiTM



Biomedical Engineering -UTM



Software Engineering - UTM



Faculty of Management and Social Science

Human Resource Development -UTM



International Business - UiTM



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Building Partnerships

QIU has continuously developed beneficial alliances and partnerships aimed at supporting academic excellence and encouraging innovation.

Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)

QIU expanded its network of strategic partnerships by signing several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with esteemed organisations and institutions.



In an effort to support environmental sustainability and conservation efforts in the Kurdistan region, a recent Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Rwanga Foundation on February 6, 2024.



On November 16, 2023, we reached an agreement with the Sulaimani Branch of the Health Workers Union to promote professional development and capacity-building initiatives for healthcare professionals.



On October 16, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with President Mam Jalal Organisation to foster cooperation and collaboration in mutually beneficial areas such as education, research, and community development.

These strategic partnerships reinforce QIU's mission of excellence in education, research, and community engagement, emphasising the institution's commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange, and social impact.

International Collaborations and Initiatives

Vice President for Academic Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmed Abdullah launched a research incentive programme on December 6, 2023, designed to encourage faculty members to conduct significant and influential research projects.



Peter Sorensen, Regional Immigration Officer at the Danish Embassy in Istanbul, paid a visit on December 5, 2023, to discuss potential joint projects for youth and students.

Initiatives in the Local Community

On January 29, 2024, a delegation from Qaiwan International University led by Hewr Abdullah Ismail (Registration and Admissions Coordinator) visited the British International School. The team delivered a seminar on topics such as the Malaysian education system at QIU, study programmes, international degrees, and job opportunities. Furthermore, Sima Jaza, a QIU graduate and top student in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science who is now an employee at QIU, highlighted QIU's unique opportunities. During the visit, she shared her success story of receiving a full scholarship from UTM to pursue her master's degree.



A lively Kurdish cultural festival was held on Kurdistan Flag Day, December 17, 2023, to highlight the region's rich cultural heritage while also encouraging cross-cultural exchange among students, faculty, and staff.



QIU Launches New Centres and Directorates

We are pleased to announce the opening of three new centres and one Directorates at Qaiwan International University that will serve the wider community. They are dedicated to improving learning and career development opportunities for not only our faculty, staff, students, and alumni but also members of the larger community.

1. Training and Development Centre (TDC)

The TDC at Qaiwan International University provides a diverse range of programmes aimed at providing individuals with essential skills and knowledge. These programmes include high-quality continuing education courses, which are essential for success in today's dynamic professional landscape. Our training methods are cutting-edge, allowing for professional growth through shorter courses. We also create and modify content to meet specific requirements. Furthermore, the TDC paves the way through the QIU Pre-Academic English Programme and Language Learning courses for both university applicants seeking to meet the academic program's entry requirements and those interested in improving their English language skills while also requiring the IELTS qualification. Significantly, from December 2023 to January 2024, officers and staff of the Sulaimani Police Directorate received specialised cybercrime investigation training as part of a TDC initiative.



2. Pedagogy Training and Academic Development Centre

The Pedagogy Training and Academic Development Centre at Qaiwan International University is a dedicated space for educators to explore the art and science of teaching. Our mission is to empower educators with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in today's dynamic educational landscape. We are thrilled to announce the start of our first pedagogical course, which started on January 15, 2024. This course will last six months, with sessions scheduled twice a week. It is designed to provide educators with practical training and insights to enhance their teaching strategies and professional development.

3. Career Development Centre (CDC)

The CDC is committed to empowering individuals to navigate their careers and achieve professional success. Services and offerings include:

Career Counselling: Personalised guidance tailored to individual career aspirations.

Resume Building: Assistance in creating effective resumes that will leave a lasting impression in the job market.

Interview Preparation: Coaching and practise sessions to improve interview skills and confidence.

Job Search Support: Tools and techniques to simplify the job search procedure.

Professional Development Workshops: Ongoing workshops covering topics such as networking, personal branding, and career planning.

Internship Opportunities: Access to a diverse range of internship placements across various industries.

Alumni Relations with Companies: Facilitating connections with QIU alumni in key positions in leading companies.

Networking Events with Industry Leaders: Opportunities to engage with industry representatives through networking events and workshops.

Career Fairs and Recruitment Events: Connecting students with potential employers via career fairs and recruitment events.

Career Coaching and Mentoring Programmes: One-on-one coaching sessions and mentoring programmes for personalised career guidance.

Entrepreneurship Support: Guidance, resources, and mentorship for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Professional Certification Programmes: Offering professional certification programmes to enhance credentials and expertise.

4. Directorate of Ranking and Accreditation

The establishment of the Directorate of Ranking and Accreditation in January 2024 demonstrates our continuing dedication to enhancing QIU's professional standing and calibre. We are excited about the myriad opportunities that these new centres will provide, and we look forward to supporting your academic and professional development at Qaiwan International University. Watch this space for more announcements and projects aimed at enhancing your professional growth and educational experience!



Highlights of Faculty Achievements

Our esteemed faculty members continue to demonstrate their commitment to excellence in their scholarly pursuits, research endeavours, and community engagement.

Highlights from the past months include:

The Faculty of Pharmacy held a series of educational events, including workshops and seminars led by guest speakers, such as Skincare' with Dr. Mohammed Yousef Jaff, a skincare and cosmetic specialist, on January 15, 2024, and a seminar on 'The Mental Well-Being of Men' by Dr. Zana Ahmed Qasab, a renowned psychiatrist, on November 21, 2023, in collaboration with the QIU Mental Health Awareness Club.

The Faculty of Dentistry organised a workshop presented by Dr. Mohammed Haji. The workshop, titled "Posterior Composite Restoration," was attended by dentists and dental students from various universities in Sulaimani. It was divided into two parts: a theoretical session with 63 participants and a practical session with 24 dentists and dental students on February 11, 2024. In another initiative, students from the Faculty of Dentistry at Qaiwan International University, in collaboration with KDHO, visited the Tofiq Sheikh Tayeb Educational Center. The purpose of the visit was to conduct dental check-ups for the students of the educational centre on November 13, 2023.

The Faculty of Management and Social Sciences

organised training sessions, workshops, and seminars on topics ranging from "Employee Onboarding & Orientation," training session, which was presented by Ms. Liza Karwan, a graduate of the Human Resources Department, on January 14, 2024; a workshop on "Mastering Key Skills for Students and its importance for students transitioning into adulthood", presented by lecturers (Ms. Rozhan Mahmood and Ms. Dian Dlshad) on December 20; and a seminar on "Deviant Workplace Behaviours" delivered by Dr. Wan Aida Ishak, Head of Department of the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, on December 19, 2023.

The Faculty of Health Sciences

organised a series of awareness campaigns and events, including Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, World Radiography Day, and Sulaimani Diabetes Meeting, aimed at promoting health awareness and education.

The Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

hosted seminars and webinars on topics ranging from biomedical challenges to the ICT job market, giving students valuable insights into industry trends and opportunities.

These initiatives underscore QIU's commitment to fostering a culture of innovation, inquiry, and lifelong learning among its faculty members, ensuring the highest standards of academic excellence and student engagement.

Student Success Highlights

The various passions, interests, and abilities of QIU students are reflected in their initiatives, which support a lively and dynamic campus environment that values social responsibility, creativity, and innovation. On January 17, 2024, four Qaiwan International University students and alumni, Sima Jaza, Sara Zuhair, and Diako Kaso, presented their innovative project "WeCare: Enhancing Your Health" at the SmartSuli Hackathon. They took part specifically in the health challenges track, demonstrating their dedication to addressing health-care issues through technology.



Furthermore, student Danyar Omar, along with other university students, worked with another group involved in the Care Link project under the same health challenge track. They all qualified for the competition's semi-finals.



Club Activities

QIU's student clubs continue to thrive, organising a diverse array of activities and events aimed at fostering personal growth, community engagement, and extracurricular excellence.

In an effort to raise awareness of and provide education about oral health, the Oral Health Club visited the Team Institute for Children's Ability Development on January 13, 2024.



In December 2023, the Charity Club spearheaded a fundraising campaign for children with disabilities, demonstrating the philanthropic and compassionate spirit of QIU students and staff.

On December 12, 2023, the Entrepreneurship Club hosted a seminar on university success featuring renowned speakers and entrepreneurs who shared insights and strategies for personal and professional growth.



Kazhe Amanj, Head of the Environmental Club, represented Qaiwan International University at CO28 in the Emirates on December 10, 2023, along with the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) Team.

The Sport Club hosted a football tournament, with the final match on December 10, 2023, showcasing the athletic abilities and camaraderie of QIU students from various departments and disciplines.



Between October 30 and November 14, 2023, The Tech Club held a Graphic Design Bootcamp that gave students practical experience and instruction in the principles and techniques of graphic design.

On October 31, 2023, the Environmental Club hosted an environmental risk seminar in Iraq and Kurdistan to raise awareness about pressing environmental issues and promote sustainable practises.



Stay tuned for more exciting updates and initiatives in the coming months as we all embark on this journey of discovery, transformation, and empowerment.



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