



## *Will Artificial Intelligence Replace Teachers?* «Ahlia» professors explore the future of education in light of the digital revolution

As part of the "Journey Through a Book" program, faculty at Ahlia University held a panel discussion titled "Teachers vs. Technology: Empowering Educators and Exploring the Future of Learning", led by Dr. Amani Al-Aali. Drawing on ideas from Daisy Christodoulou's book "Teachers vs. Tech", the session explored the impact of digital transformation on university teaching.

Dr. Amani opened with a provocative question: "If AI replaced teachers tomorrow, what would happen?" Reactions varied some praised AI for enhancing education, while others emphasized that teaching is not just about transferring knowledge



but also about inspiring, guiding, and instilling values roles AI cannot replicate.

Discussions highlighted how AI can assist in administrative tasks like grading and attendance, freeing educators to better engage with students. However, concerns were raised about students relying

too heavily on AI, potentially harming their critical thinking skills.

Dr. Amani concluded that technology should empower, not replace teachers, urging a balanced integration that respects the ethical and human aspects of education.





## Under the Patronage of the Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council and with the Participation of 50 Countries

### The Global Conference on Innovation in Information Technology and Knowledge Discovery Kicks Off at Ahlia University

**In the presence of Dr. Diana Abdulkarim Al-Jahrami, Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council, the second edition of the International Conference on Innovation in Information Technology and Knowledge Discovery (ITIKD 2025) officially commenced today. The event is organized by the College of Information Technology at Ahlia University, in partnership with the IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology (SSIT) and brings together researchers from 50 countries around the world.**



In her opening speech, Dr. Al-Jahrami emphasized that the conference theme aligns with the Kingdom of Bahrain's vision of strengthening leadership in education, technology, and knowledge. She noted that the Higher Education Council remains committed to enhancing a flexible and sustainable academic system that meets the demands of the digital



age. "In an era of rapid technological advancement, knowledge has become the foundation of the modern knowledge-based economy and a key driver of institutional and societal competitiveness," she said.

Dr. Al-Jahrami further stressed that scientific research, innovation, the use of modern technologies, and the promotion of entrepreneurship are

strategic priorities. She highlighted the introduction of specialized academic programs in fields such as artificial intelligence, data analytics, financial technologies, and the Internet of Things—initiatives that reflect Bahrain's proactive response to the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

She underscored the importance of supporting scientific research, fostering innovation, and strengthening partnerships between the public and private sectors. These, she noted, are essential elements of the Kingdom's higher education journey. She concluded by affirming that today's graduates are the leaders of tomorrow and that sustainable development requires smart investment in both human capital and technology.

Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj, Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Ahlia University, stated that Bahrain has evolved into an advanced platform for the production and leadership of technology. "We are no longer mere consumers of ideas—we create them and lead change from here. At Ahlia University, we believe that supporting scientific research is the only path to becoming part of the developed world," he said.

Professor Mansoor Alaali, President of Ahlia University, highlighted the conference's significance in addressing topics such as contemporary artificial intelligence and Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). He pointed out the global revolution in higher education and stressed the importance of advancing educational methodologies and



practices.

Dr. Wasan Awad, Dean of the College of Information Technology at Ahlia University and Chair of the Conference, noted that over 400 research papers were submitted from 50 countries. After a thorough peer-review process involving more than 1,000 international reviewers, 50% of the papers were accepted. All accepted papers will be published in the IEEE Digital Library and indexed in the Scopus database, underscoring the scientific value of

the conference.

Spanning three days, the ITIKD 2025 conference will explore advanced topics such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, smart health applications, knowledge management, technological innovation, and the social impact of technology. The event is marked by global academic participation and rich discussions reflecting future trends and challenges in the digital and technological transformation landscape.



## In her keynote address at Ahlia's Innovation Conference Al-Jahrami: Higher Education in Bahrain is a Strategic Pillar for Digital Transformation and the Knowledge Economy

Dr. Diana Abdulkarim Al-Jahrami, Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council, affirmed that the second edition of the International Conference on Innovation in Information Technology and Knowledge Discovery (ITIKD 2025) serves as a leading platform for strengthening international partnerships and fostering scientific and technological collaboration, especially in light of rapid global transformations driven by digital innovation and artificial intelligence.

Delivering her opening remarks at the conference organized by Ahlia University in cooperation with the IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology (SSIT), and Featuring researchers from over 50 countries, Dr. Al-Jahrami welcomed participants and emphasized the Council's continued commitment to building a resilient and sustainable academic ecosystem that can adapt to the evolving challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

"In an era marked by accelerating technological and knowledge-based innovations, knowledge is no longer a luxury, it has become the cornerstone of modern economies," she stated. "Information technology is no longer just a supporting tool, but



the primary driver of development, progress, and knowledge production."

Dr. Al-Jahrami noted that Bahrain has made significant strides in developing its academic and regulatory infrastructure, enabling higher education institutions to keep pace with digital transformation. This progress is reflected in the introduction of specialized academic programs in areas such as artificial intelligence, data analytics, financial technologies, the Internet of Things, cybersecurity, and other future-focused disciplines underscoring the Kingdom's commitment to preparing graduates with the skills and knowledge to shape the future.

She highlighted the Council's dedicated efforts to foster a culture of innovation within universities by supporting the establishment of innovation and entrepreneurship centers and incubators, promoting applied scientific research, and enhancing cooperation with both the public and private sectors. These initiatives have contributed to embedding innovation within the academic framework and aligning it with the needs of society and the labor market.

Dr. Al-Jahrami stressed that today's graduates are tomorrow's leaders, and that sustainable development cannot be achieved without strategic and intelligent investment in human capital and advanced technologies. She underlined that higher education in Bahrain is evolving beyond its traditional academic role to become a strategic instrument for driving digital transformation and strengthening the knowledge-based economy.

She concluded her speech by emphasizing the vital role of international scientific conferences such as ITIKD supporting development efforts, expanding global collaboration, and enriching the higher education system with forward-thinking knowledge and perspectives.







## Al-Ahlia Opens the Windows to Dreams and an Inspiring Narrative of Bahrain's Financial Journey Professor Adnan Narrates Chapters from an Exceptional Banking Career

**On a special morning, Ahlia University hosted an unconventional cultural symposium that transformed into a deeply emotional and humanitarian moment. The symposium featured one of the pillars of the banking sector in Bahrain and the Arab world, Professor Adnan Ahmed Yousef Abdulmalik, former President of the Union of Arab Banks, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Association of Banks, and one of the pioneers of Islamic banking worldwide. The event was attended by the Founding President and Chairman of the University's Board Trustees, Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj, and the University's President, Professor Mansour Al-Ali. Media advisor Osama Mahran moderated the session, which attracted a remarkable turnout of professors, students, and interested parties, all of whom found in this session a living lesson in entrepreneurship, leadership, and perseverance.**



Professor Adnan offered a moving account of his professional and personal journey, which he divided into three main stages. His early beginnings were in Bahrain, in a national environment rich in values, which motivated him to pursue education and hard work, instilling in him a strong commitment to society and the national economy. His professional career took off as he progressed from junior roles to leadership positions. Throughout his journey, he gained a wealth of banking experience that enabled him to become one of the most

prominent financiers in the Arab world, chairing the boards of directors of dozens of banks worldwide. He also became one of the first to contribute to building the modern Islamic banking model. The final stage of his journey was marked by leadership and strategic transformation when he took the helm of Al Baraka Banking Group from 2004 to 2020. Under his leadership, the group's assets grew to more than \$40 billion, and over 700 branches were opened, employing more than 13,200 individuals across Asia, Africa, and Europe. This expansion further

solidified Bahrain's global presence in the field of Islamic finance.

During his speech, Professor Adnan emphasized that Bahrain distinguished itself regionally and internationally in the 1970s and 1980s in managing and channeling syndicated loans. He explained that a large number of project loans from Gulf countries, Latin America, Turkey, and North Africa passed through Bahrain, owing to its highly qualified banking staff, making it a trusted financial center in global markets. He cited, as an example,

his management of a \$750 million project for the Algerian Petroleum Company in 1983.

Professor Adnan also spoke with admiration about Bahrain's early leadership in Islamic banking, recalling the launch of this groundbreaking experience in 1986 through the Arab Banking Corporation Islamic Bank, which had a capital of \$200 million. This initiative marked the first step in the development of the Islamic finance industry in the region. He added that Bahrain, with contributions from prominent figures, went on to establish several Islamic banks, including the Islamic British Bank, later owned by the State of Qatar, and the European Islamic Bank. He noted that this experience, supported by highly qualified Bahraini professionals, became the preferred choice for financing projects in North African countries.

However, Professor Adnan also stressed the need to review the trajectory of Islamic banking, calling for a new phase more aligned with technological advances and financial inclusion. He remarked, combining sincerity and ambition: "We were the pioneers, but we cannot continue with the same methods. We must launch a new phase of leadership."

In his remarks, Professor Adnan took a moment to honor those who contributed to shaping his experience, foremost among them Sheikh Saleh Kamel, the pioneer of Islamic finance and founder of the Dallah Al Baraka Group, who established the first Islamic bank in Bahrain in 1984. He described Sheikh Kamel as a visionary who believed in the ethical economy and placed Bahrain at the center of his



vision. Professor Adnan also singled out Professor Abdullah Al Saudi, a key figure in Arab banking, whom he described as a leader ahead of his time, who played an instrumental role in supporting Bahrain and attracting Arab banking talent.

The audience, consisting of professors and students, responded enthusiastically to Professor Adnan's speech, with many expressing admiration and appreciation. Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj expressed his deep happiness, saying, "Professor Adnan is the epitome of a successful Bahraini role model. He once chaired the boards of directors of approximately 70 to 80 banks, and to this day, he remains a generous and knowledgeable advisor. He is also a significant supporter of Ahlia University, and we take great pride in this."

Dr. Mahmoud Abdel-Ati, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, said, "What we heard today was not just a professional

biography, but an inspiring life story."

Dr. Zahra Haram, an Arabic language professor, shared a personal and moving experience, saying, "When I wanted to submit my resignation, Professor Adnan called me and insisted that I continue. He told me, 'We will not abandon those we believe in.' That is Professor Adnan - a leader who instills trust and embraces his colleagues."

At the conclusion of the symposium, Ahlia University presented Professor Adnan Ahmed Yousef Abdulmalik with a commemorative shield in recognition of his distinguished banking career and his immense contributions to both the nation and to generations of bankers and professionals. This gesture was met with warm applause, as the audience expressed their gratitude for a man who not only shaped the world of finance but also embodied the living conscience of a profession that touches lives and builds nations.







# Professor Al- Hawaj heads the Ahlia University delegation to the Association of Arab Universities conference in Kuwait

Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj, Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees in Ahlia University, affirmed that the Kingdom of Bahrain has become a leading destination for higher education in the region, thanks to its wise leadership that prioritizes education in its national project for development and construction. He noted the system of government institutions that support and assist public and private universities.

This came during his leadership of the Ahlia University delegation in the Kingdom of Bahrain at the General Conference of the Association of Arab Universities, hosted by the State of Kuwait with the participation of university presidents and academic institutions from various Arab countries.

This participation comes as part of the university's efforts to strengthen its regional presence and strengthen cooperation with Arab universities, serving the development of the higher education system in the Arab



world and opening new horizons for academic and research exchange.

Professor Al- Hawaj praised the important role played by the Association of Arab Universities in unifying visions and promoting joint Arab academic work, emphasizing that Ahlia University is keen to contribute effectively to the Association's initiatives, particularly those related to the quality of education, academic accreditation, and the promotion of scientific research.

Al- Hawaj also commended the excellent organization of the conference by the Union's General Secretariat and the Kuwaiti academic hosts, considering it an important

intellectual and scientific platform for exchanging experiences and discussing the challenges facing higher education in the Arab world, especially in light of the rapid global transformations in the fields of technology and scientific research.

On the sidelines of the conference, the Ahlia University academic delegation discussed ways of joint cooperation with a number of Arab universities and institutions, in a way that would enhance the university's position on the regional academic scene and open the way for joint programs and future understandings that would serve students and faculty members alike.

# Turning His Graduation Project into an Innovative Startup Ahlia University Celebrates Distinguished Graduate Youssef Al-Bayyat

Ahlia University celebrated its distinguished graduate, Youssef Al-Bayyat, who successfully transformed his graduation project into an innovative startup named "SmartValve." The ceremony was attended by the founding president of the university, Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj, and the university president, Professor Mansoor Al-Aali.

On this occasion, the Founding President and Chairman of Ahlia University's Board of Trustees, Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj, congratulated Youssef Al-Bayyat and expressed his pride in the achievements of the university's graduates. He emphasized that Ahlia University has, since its inception, been committed to providing an academic environment that fosters creativity and nurtures ambitious projects.



Meanwhile, the university president, Professor Mansoor Al-Aali, highlighted that such achievements are a genuine result of the university's innovative academic approach, which is based on integrating theoretical education with practical application.

Professor Al-Aali further stressed the university's dedication to promoting a culture of innovation and knowledge production among students and to transforming academic projects into pioneering models with market value, in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals and Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

During the event, Youssef Al-Bayyat delivered a brief presentation on his entrepreneurial journey, explaining that the idea behind "SmartValve" emerged in response to a real community need: monitoring domestic gas levels and addressing

concerns over unexpected shortages. He developed a smart device utilizing Internet of Things (IoT) technologies to measure gas levels and transmit data to a mobile application, with the additional feature of automatically placing a refill order with the service provider.

Al-Bayyat added that the project initially began as a university graduation project, where it earned second place across the university, before advancing to broader horizons through participation in the "Mashroo3i" program, organized by Tamkeen in collaboration with Brinc. Through this initiative, he was able to develop a comprehensive business model and present it to investors and strategic partners, ultimately securing financial support exceeding 20,000 Bahraini dinars, along with opportunities for future growth and expansion in both local and regional markets.





# "Fonar" Exhibition, Led by Ahlia University, Ignites Student Creativity MP Al-Salloom Calls for Embracing Youth Potential

On Tuesday morning, Member of Parliament Ahmed Al-Salloom inaugurated the "Entrepreneurship Exhibition – Fonar," organized by Ahlia University's Entrepreneurship Center in collaboration with the Department of Media and Public Relations. The event witnessed a notable turnout of academics, students, entrepreneurs, and individuals interested in economic and entrepreneurial ventures.

Held at the university's food court area, the exhibition featured a diverse array of student-led entrepreneurial projects that showcased the ability of university youth to transform ideas into scalable business models. The projects also reflected their engagement with concepts of

innovation, sustainability, and entrepreneurship within the framework of the knowledge economy.

In his opening remarks, delivered in the presence of Professor Mokhtar Al-Hashimi, Vice President of Ahlia University, MP Al-Salloom praised the quality of the ideas and projects on display.

He emphasized that the exhibition serves as a promising platform to explore students' potential and guide them toward establishing businesses that align with the Kingdom's economic development goals.

Al-Salloom highlighted that Ahlia University has proven its leadership in embedding



innovation and entrepreneurial thinking into its academic programs by establishing specialized centers that enhance students' practical and professional skills. He stated: "What we are witnessing today in terms of student engagement signals the birth of a new generation of Bahraini entrepreneurs who are capable of strategically navigating the labor market, especially amid the rapid transformations in the global economy."

He also urged university students to fully benefit from national programs, particularly the "Furas" (chances) Program, describing it as a promising platform for training and professional development. He pointed out the importance of evolving this program to keep pace with the needs of vital sectors

such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, financial technology, and the digital economy.

He added, "Developing professional empowerment programs and encouraging companies to employ trainees are two key pillars in creating quality jobs and reducing unemployment rates. Investing in national talent is the true guarantee of sustainable economic growth."

Participating students expressed their pride in being part of the exhibition, noting that the experience offered them a practical opportunity to present their projects to official and academic figures. Several visitors also praised the high level of organization and the creative presentation of student initiatives, reflecting the quality of



the educational environment at Ahlia University and its success in preparing graduates who are ready to meet market demands.





## Ahlia University Achieves a Global Academic Milestone as the College of Engineering Secures EUR-ACE and ASIIN Accreditations



As part of its commitment to academic excellence and the advancement of higher education standards, Ahlia University has celebrated a remarkable achievement with its College of Engineering receiving EUR-ACE and ASIIN accreditations, two of the most prestigious international accreditations in the field of engineering. This milestone underscores the university's dedication to offering academic programs that adhere to the highest global standards, solidifying its position as a leading

educational institution regionally and internationally.

During an official ceremony hosted by the university, Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj, Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, emphasized that this achievement is the culmination of years of dedicated academic efforts and strategic investments in curriculum development and scientific research. He highlighted that since its establishment, Ahlia University has pursued a visionary strategy aimed at elevating the quality of higher education, leading

to its recognition as a distinguished institution in the global academic landscape.

Professor Al-Hawaj also reflected on his participation in several recent international academic conferences, where Ahlia University's rapid progress was praised by experts and specialists. He cited a statement from one of the speakers who remarked that "Ahlia University has accomplished in 20 years what took other universities 300 years to achieve," a testament to the institution's remarkable advancement in a short span of

time.

In this context, Professor Mansoor Al-Aali, President of Ahlia University, noted that this dual accreditation is not merely a recognition of the quality of academic programs but also a testament to the university's growing reputation as an institution that prepares engineers according to world-class standards. He added:

"Reaching the top is an achievement, but maintaining that position requires a sustainable strategic vision and a steadfast commitment to continuously develop academic programs and international research partnerships."

Dr. Ahmed Judeh, Dean of the College of Engineering, highlighted that Ahlia University is the only institution in Bahrain to receive this dual accreditation, further enhancing the academic value of its degrees and granting its graduates a competitive edge on the international stage. He emphasized that EUR-ACE, established in Germany in 1999, is one of the world's leading organizations for evaluating the quality of engineering programs, ensuring their compliance with international academic and professional standards.

Dr. Judeh further stated: "Receiving this accreditation enhances our graduates' opportunities in the global job market, as our degrees are recognized as a benchmark for academic excellence and professional distinction."







# College of Medical Health Sciences at «Al Ahlia» Hosts Two Inspiring Workshops on Healthy Living and Nutrition

As part of its commitment to promoting health awareness during the holy month of Ramadan, Ahlia University's College of Medical and Health Sciences organized an interactive workshop titled "Healthy Nutrition in Ramadan and Its Impact on Health and Mental Focus."

The workshop was led by Professor Mohamed Elesawi, Acting Dean of the College, and Dr. Enas Elbalat, Assistant Professor at the College. The session highlighted the importance of balanced nutrition during fasting hours and its direct effect on physical well-being and cognitive performance.

## Balanced Nutrition: The Key to a Healthy Fast

Both Professor Elesawi and Dr. Elbalat emphasized that a well-balanced diet plays a crucial role in maintaining energy levels, hydration, and mental clarity throughout the day. They also cautioned against unhealthy eating habits that could lead to fatigue, dehydration, and

digestive discomfort.

## Essential Nutritional Guidelines for a Healthy Ramadan

### - Choosing a Balanced Suhoor (Pre-Dawn Meal):

Professor Elesawi stressed that Suhoor is the foundation of an active fasting day. He recommended consuming slow-digesting foods such as oats, eggs, whole-grain bread, yogurt, and fruits, along with protein sources that promote

prolonged satiety. He also warned against excessive intake of salty foods, as they can increase thirst throughout the day.

### -Breaking the Fast the Right Way:

Dr. Elbalat advised that starting Iftar (breaking the fast) with a glass of water and dates helps restore lost energy. This should be followed by a light starter such as soup and salad to prepare the digestive system. The main meal, she suggested, should

include lean proteins like grilled chicken, fish, or lean meat, along with complex carbohydrates like brown rice or baked potatoes to ensure sustained energy.

### -Avoiding Fried and Heavy Foods:

Professor Elesawi highlighted the importance of limiting fried and high-fat foods, as they can negatively affect digestion and reduce physical activity, as well as contribute to weight gain.

### -Staying Hydrated:

Dr. Elbalat underscored the need to drink at least 8 to 10 glasses of water between Iftar and Suhoor, while avoiding carbonated drinks and sugar-laden artificial juices, which can cause bloating and sudden drops in energy levels.

### Moderating Sugar Intake:

While traditional Ramadan desserts are a staple of the season, Professor Elesawi advised consuming them in moderation and opting for healthier alternatives such as fresh fruits or sweets made with dates and natural honey.

### -Incorporating Physical Activity into the Routine:

Dr. Elbalat recommended engaging in light exercises such as walking or stretching at least two hours after Iftar, as these activities aid digestion and help maintain overall fitness.

### Engaging Discussions and Practical Insights

The workshop concluded with







an interactive Q&A session, where participants raised questions about optimal dietary practices to maintain energy and focus during fasting hours. Professor Elesawi and Dr. Elbalat provided practical solutions to common challenges such as fatigue and dehydration, emphasizing the role of improved eating habits.

This initiative is part of Ahlia University's ongoing efforts to promote health awareness among its students and faculty, encouraging them to adopt a balanced lifestyle that enhances both academic performance and overall well-being.



## Professor Al-Hawaj: Inclusion of Al-Eisawi Among the World's Most Influential Scientists Affirms the Excellence of «Ahlia»



Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj, Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Ahlia University, expressed his pride and joy over the inclusion of Professor Mohammed Al-Eisawi, Acting Dean of the College of Medical and Health Sciences, in the prestigious list of the world's most influential scientists according to the American organization ScholarGPS. He emphasized that

this achievement reflects the university's research excellence and embodies its ongoing efforts to support scientific talent and encourage academic innovation and creativity.

Professor Mansoor Al-Aali, President of the University, also congratulated Professor Al-Eisawi on this remarkable achievement, noting that the university is proud of its distinguished faculty

members, with Al-Eisawi serving as a prime example of dedication and scientific excellence.

Professor Al-Eisawi was ranked among the top 0.05% of the most influential and highly cited researchers globally, highlighting his exceptional research capabilities and his significant contributions that place him among the world's leading scholars in his field.

It is worth noting that ScholarGPS uses artificial intelligence technologies to classify scientists and academic institutions. The organization analyzes data from more than 30 million researchers and 120,000 educational institutions worldwide based on precise criteria including scientific productivity, citation counts, and research quality indicators such as the h-index. These rigorous standards lend its rankings high credibility within academic circles.



# THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (IIDT 2025) INSPIRATION AND INNOVATION DESIGN TRENDS MANAMA, BAHRAIN



On January 27-28, 2025, Ahlia University, in collaboration with Woxsen University, hosted the 2nd International Conference on Inspiration and Innovation in Design Trends (IIDT 2025) at the Wyndham Grand Manama, Bahrain. This two-day event brought together leading experts and professionals in architecture and interior design, with participants from various prominent institutions, including Prince Sultan University, University of Bahrain, United Arab Emirates University, University of Sharjah, University of Strathclyde, Northumbria University, and others.

The conference gathered researchers and professionals in architecture and interior design from Bahrain and around the world to discuss a range of topics across three main tracks:

- Adaptive Reuse in Interior Design: Explored sustainable transformations in building use, focusing on memory, identity, and new material integration.

- Design, Culture, Environment, and Behavior: Explored topics such as healthcare and retail design, the intersection of interior design with other fields, and the influence of spatial design on human behavior, including aging populations and diverse communities.



- Environmental Systems and Technology: Focused on sustainable design strategies for healthier interiors and the integration of advanced technologies, such as AI, into interior design practices.

The opening ceremony featured remarks from Dr. Diana Al Jahromi, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council; Prof. Abdullah Alhawaj, Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Prof. Mansoor Alaali, President of Ahlia University; and Dr. May Alsaffar, Conference Chair, highlighting the event's significance. This was followed by heartfelt acknowledgment of the conference partners that contributed to the conference's success.

The sessions started with keynote speeches that offered a rich exploration of themes of innovation, architecture, and cultural identity. The first keynote speech, delivered by Prof. Ali A. Alraouf from Architecture and Urbanism, focused on the creative design of mosques, libraries,



and museums, and why creativity is resisted. Following this, Prof. Kheira Anissa Tabet Aoul Presented on the fusion of identity and innovation in resilient spaces that shape the future of Gulf architecture. Finally, Prof. Najla Allani explored innovative dialogues in sacred architecture found within Islamic designs. After the keynote speeches, a panel discussion with experts from celebrated universities and architects addressed the topic "Designing Futures: AI, Innovation, and Cultural Identity in Design Education."

The conference featured an array of keynote speakers and session leaders who are distinguished experts in the fields of architecture and interior design. They shared their insightful research findings and professional experiences on a wide range of topics, including sustainability, cultural and behavioral influences, design education, and advanced environmental systems and technology, through engaging Parallel sessions and panel discussions. Their research findings and expertise highlighted the evolving nature of the field and the necessity for continuous adaptation to dynamic societal needs and trends.

The second day transitioned to a hybrid format, offering virtual presentations and a range of



physical workshops tailored for students and young professionals. These workshops concentrated on effective communication in design, material selection, and strategic use of color.

The conference featured a series of engaging workshops on the second day, including "Interior Design Identity and Globalization," facilitated by Eng. Masooma Groof in partnership with MSquare Interior Design, emphasizing the importance of a strong design identity in differentiating projects within both local and international contexts. Another workshop, "Photographic Scene Perusal and Accompanying Techniques," was Conducted by Dr. Fareed Al Bayat in collaboration with Nikon. Delivered in Arabic, it provided valuable insights into the role of visual culture in photography.



Lastly, a two-hour mosaic workshop titled "Creative Mosaics: Building Art Through Pieces" was led by Dr. Hasan Saeed with the support of Ahlia University. Participants explored the art of mosaic creation, its various techniques, materials, and design principles.

The IIDT 2025 conference was a groundbreaking event that showcased profound academic discussions and innovative practices among designers. It promoted interdisciplinary collaboration, addressed key contemporary design challenges, and encouraged active engagement. The conference's success reflects the organizing committee's admirable efforts and initiative to inspire the next generation of designers to push their boundaries on creativity, innovation, and sustainability.







# Ahlia Students Paint Hope: Charity Auction to Support Apartment Renovations

The Interior Design Department at Ahlia University, led by Dr. Amani Alaali, organized a charitable event at Artful Studio in Murjan Mall to renovate the apartment of a single mother in need. As part of the initiative, ten interior design students created paintings that will be auctioned to raise funds for the project. The proceeds will contribute to the renovation efforts, ensuring a better living space for the family.

Dr. Amani Alaali emphasized the significance of the initiative, stating, "This is the first project we are undertaking, but we hope to carry out more in the future. We are working to organize as many events as possible to raise funds for apartment renovations." She highlighted the joint effort between Ahlia University students, the charity 'Our Responsibility,' and Member of Parliament Hasan Ebrahim. The goal is to expand the impact of the initiative.

Dr. Alaali also reflected on the broader benefits of the event,

explaining, "The students get to do something enjoyable, go out and meet people, and, at the same time, use their skills to help raise funds for a good cause."

One of the participating students shared her motivation for joining the project, saying, "What inspired me was the opportunity to help people. I believe art can definitely change lives."

Karen Letran, founder and CEO of Artful, kindly agreed to host the event, expressing her commitment to showcasing creativity, particularly among young artists. "We host events for both adults and kids, but we really push for highlighting children's creativity. Every three to six months, we exhibit their work to encourage them," she said.

With hopes for more future projects, this initiative not only provides support for those in need but also fosters community engagement, creativity, and social responsibility among students.



# In a Joyous Tribute Ceremony Gilgamesh Honors Its Members and Partners in Success

In a festive and heartwarming atmosphere that reflected a spirit of generosity and appreciation, the Gilgamesh Theatre held a special tribute ceremony on Saturday evening to honor its distinguished members, active contributors, and success partners whose dedication and support enriched the theatre's artistic and cultural journey in recent times.

The event witnessed a remarkable turnout of elite artists, intellectuals, and media figures, alongside members of the theatre's board of directors and its executive director, Mr. Ali Al-Rumaihi. Also present were a number of prominent figures from the local cultural scene, including Professor Kadhém Moanes, Ms. Kulthoom Ameen, director Abdulrahman Al-Mulla, media personality Mr. Ali Al-Aradi, Mr. Hussein Al-Aradi, and directors Jamal Al-Ghailan and Abdullah Suwaid, among many others.

The ceremony commenced with a heartfelt speech delivered by artist Mohsen Al-Hayki, Chairman of the Board, who expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation to all those being honored for their dedication and tireless work, which played a pivotal role in the theatre's continued success and in presenting

refined artistic productions that were well received by both audiences and critics.

"This ceremony is a humble token of our gratitude," Al-Hayki said, "a message of thanks to those who believed in our vision, walked with us step by step, and played a vital role in achieving our goals. You are the foundation upon which this theatre was built, and with your support, we continue to strive toward broader horizons of creativity and excellence."

The ceremony featured a variety of segments, beginning with a brief presentation by Vice Chairman Hamad Al-Khajam, highlighting the theatre's major milestones and accomplishments over the past period. This was followed by a special tribute to members who provided technical and administrative services to the theatre and played a key role in its development and growth. Honorees also included participants in the theatre's latest productions, whose outstanding performances and artistic creativity enriched the stage.



The event also recognized the vital role played by the theatre's institutional partners and supporting entities, who provided unwavering support and care. Their representatives were honored with commemorative plaques as a gesture of gratitude and appreciation for their fruitful collaboration.

Many of those honored expressed their happiness and appreciation for this generous gesture by the Gilgamesh Theatre's management, affirming their continued commitment to supporting the theatre's journey and contributing to even greater successes in the future.

The evening concluded with a friendly luncheon, marked by a warm and positive atmosphere. Guests exchanged congratulations and well wishes, all agreeing on the importance of such initiatives in strengthening the sense of unity and family within the artistic and cultural community.





## Under the Patronage of Founding President Professor Al-Hawaj Ahlia University Students Celebrate the University's Sport Champions at the Ramadan Ghabga



Under the patronage of Professor Abdullah Yousif Al-Hawaj, the Founding President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Ahlia University, the university's Student Council organized the annual Ramadan Ghabga in a warm and festive gathering that embodied the spirit of the Ahlia family. The event brought together professors and students in an atmosphere of camaraderie and appreciation, celebrating both academic and athletic achievements while reinforcing the values of



communication and solidarity that define the university community.

The evening featured a series of engaging segments, most notably the honoring of outstanding student-athletes who excelled in various university sports competitions. These athletes proudly represented Ahlia University in numerous sporting events, reaffirming that the institution is not only an academic hub but also a platform for nurturing talent across different fields.

The event included the crowning

of Ahlia University's football team as champions of the University League and the basketball team as winners of the University Basketball League title. Additionally, the volleyball team was celebrated for securing second place in the University Volleyball League. Through these achievements, Ahlia University students once again proved that success is their standard—whether in academics or athletics.

Students emphasized that such social events are not merely recreational activities but rather a reflection of Ahlia University's philosophy in creating a holistic learning environment. Excellence at Ahlia extends beyond lecture halls to extracurricular activities that foster teamwork, cooperation, and mutual appreciation between students, faculty, and administrative members. They also highlighted that the Ramadan Ghabga is a



golden opportunity to strengthen bonds within the university family, celebrating the deep-rooted traditions of Bahraini culture, which has long been a model of unity and goodwill.

On her part, Amina Al-Sulaiti, Director of Student Activities and Services, noted that the vibrancy of the Ramadan gathering was a testament to the visionary leadership

of Professor Abdullah Al-Hawaj. She emphasized that his unwavering belief in the university as a place not only for academic learning but also for shaping well-rounded individuals—thinkers, innovators, and leaders across all aspects of life—continues to inspire generations of students.

She further added:

"The strong support of the university administration, both academically and athletically, reflects its deep commitment to graduating future leaders. These graduates will not only excel through their academic qualifications but will also stand out for their well-rounded personalities, self-confidence, and deep sense of belonging to their nation and community."









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