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GU Students Win PM's Best Journalism Project Award

Gulf University extends its heartfelt congratulations to its students — Noura Yousif Al-Rowaie, Farhand Jameel Salman, and Abdulla Mohamed Al-Mulla — on winning the Prime Minister's Journalism Award for Best Student Journalism Project. Their achievement, supervised by Dr. Naglaa Al-Jamal, reflects their creativity and professionalism. Prof. Mona bint Rashid Al-Zayani, Chair-

person of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors, expressed her gratification in this accomplishment, describing it as a reflection of the university's vision to invest in youth and support their talents. Prof. Mohanad AlFiras, President of Gulf University, affirmed that this success highlights the university's commitment to promoting innovation and excellence in media education.





GU Aligns its Programs with NQA Standards

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The Higher Education Council and the Education and Training Quality Authority granted Gulf University the 'Bahrain Quality Assurance Requirements Compliance' certificate. This achievement reflects the University's commitment to academic excellence and innovation. Professor Mona bint Rashed Al-Zayani emphasized the university's focus on meeting labour market needs. On his part, Prof. Mohanad Al-Firas, GU president, highlighted the university's commitment to offering high-quality programs that align with global trends.



In Presence of Education Minister

GU Celebrates its 21st Cohort Graduation Ceremony



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Gulf University proudly celebrated the graduation of its 21st cohort, honoring 247 graduates in a ceremony filled with pride and joy. The event was held under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council.

A key highlight of the ceremony was the graduation of the first batch of students from the University of Northampton's British programs, marking a significant milestone in the university's pursuit of international academic collaborations. The event witnessed the attendance of distinguished officials, academics, and guests, adding a global dimension to the celebration and reflecting Gulf Universi-

ty's commitment to expanding global educational partnerships.

During her keynote speech, Her Excellency Professor Mona Rashid Al-Zayani, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of Gulf University, reaffirmed the university's dedication to preparing future leaders by offering them world-class educational opportunities. She emphasized that Gulf University remains committed to empowering its students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving global landscape. The university community, faculty, families, and guests collectively expressed satisfaction of the graduates' accomplishments, celebrating their readiness to contribute to various fields of work, innovation, and development as ambassadors of Gulf University.







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GU Organizes Pledge and Promise Ceremony to Prove Loyalty to Bahrain and Leadership

With all the meanings of loyalty and belonging, Gulf University organized a pledge and promise signing ceremony, bringing together the university's community and visitors in a moment of love and gratitude for the beloved Kingdom of Bahrain and its Her wise leadership.

The event featured the official signing of the document, during which attendees expressed their firm commitment to promoting national values and contributing to the development of Bahraini society. They also affirmed their unwavering dedication to a bright future for Bahrain under the leadership of our wise rulers.



GU and Minister of Youth Collaborate to Empower Bahraini Youth

Professor Mona bint Rashid Al-Zayani, GU's Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, met with H.E. Mrs. Rawan Tawfiqi, Minister of Youth Affairs, to discuss and enhance collaboration for the empowerment of Bahraini youth.

The meeting, attended by university representatives and the Sustainability Club President, she highlighted on the club's role in promoting the SDGs and Bahrain's Vision 2030. Gulf University presented a student-designed solar-powered recycled wooden clock, showcasing its commitment to sustainability and innovation.

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GU Hosts AI Arab Forum



Gulf University partnered with Times Higher Education to stage the Arab Forum on Artificial Intelligence, drawing 387 experts and academics from around the world. Opening the event, H.E. Dr. Diana Abdul Karim Al Jahrami—Secretary General of Bahrain's Higher Education Council—underscored the Kingdom's commitment to preparing its universities for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Panel discussions and hands on workshops showcased cutting edge AI applications that elevate academic outcomes and fuel research innovation, further cementing Bahrain's status as a regional hub for advanced technologies.

AI and higher education in Bahrain: Trials, tribulations and transformation

Moderator: Lokesh Jetley, Regional Director, Middle East
Mohanad Al Firas, President, Gulf University
Hassan Al Hajhoj, President, Kingdom University
Riyad Hamzah, President, Royal University for Women
Rana Sawaya, President, University College of Bahrain





Prof. Al Zayani Represents GU at Tamayoz Conference on Women in Digital Economy

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Professor Mona bint Rashid Al Zayani, GU's Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors, participated in the Tamayoz Conference, themed "Empowering Women in the Digital Economy." The conference, organized by NS Consultancy, focused on promoting women's empowerment in the digital economy.

In her remarks, Professor Al Zayani emphasized the importance of integrating women into the digital economy and the opportunities technology creates for their leadership, calling for a supportive environment to enhance their participation.

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Driving Regional Growth Through Innovation GU and UiTM Launch Joint Projects

Gulf University has signed a Collaboration Agreement with Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Malaysia, to conduct joint research on digital transformation, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME) solutions. The partnership includes two main projects: one on digital adoption by SMEs in Malaysia and the other on digitizing SMEs in Bahrain. Prof. Mohanad AlFiras, President of Gulf University, emphasized that this collaboration highlights the university's commitment to fostering digital innovation and advancing scientific research in the region.



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GU Signs Cooperation Agreement with Petra Varsity to Enhance Research and Academia

As part of its commitment to fostering academic collaboration and advancing research, Gulf University has signed a cooperation agreement with Petra University, one of Jordan's leading academic institutions.

This partnership aims to promote knowledge exchange, joint research initiatives, and excellence in higher education. The collaboration reflects both universities' shared dedication to innovation and academic development, paving the way for new opportunities for students and faculty members alike.





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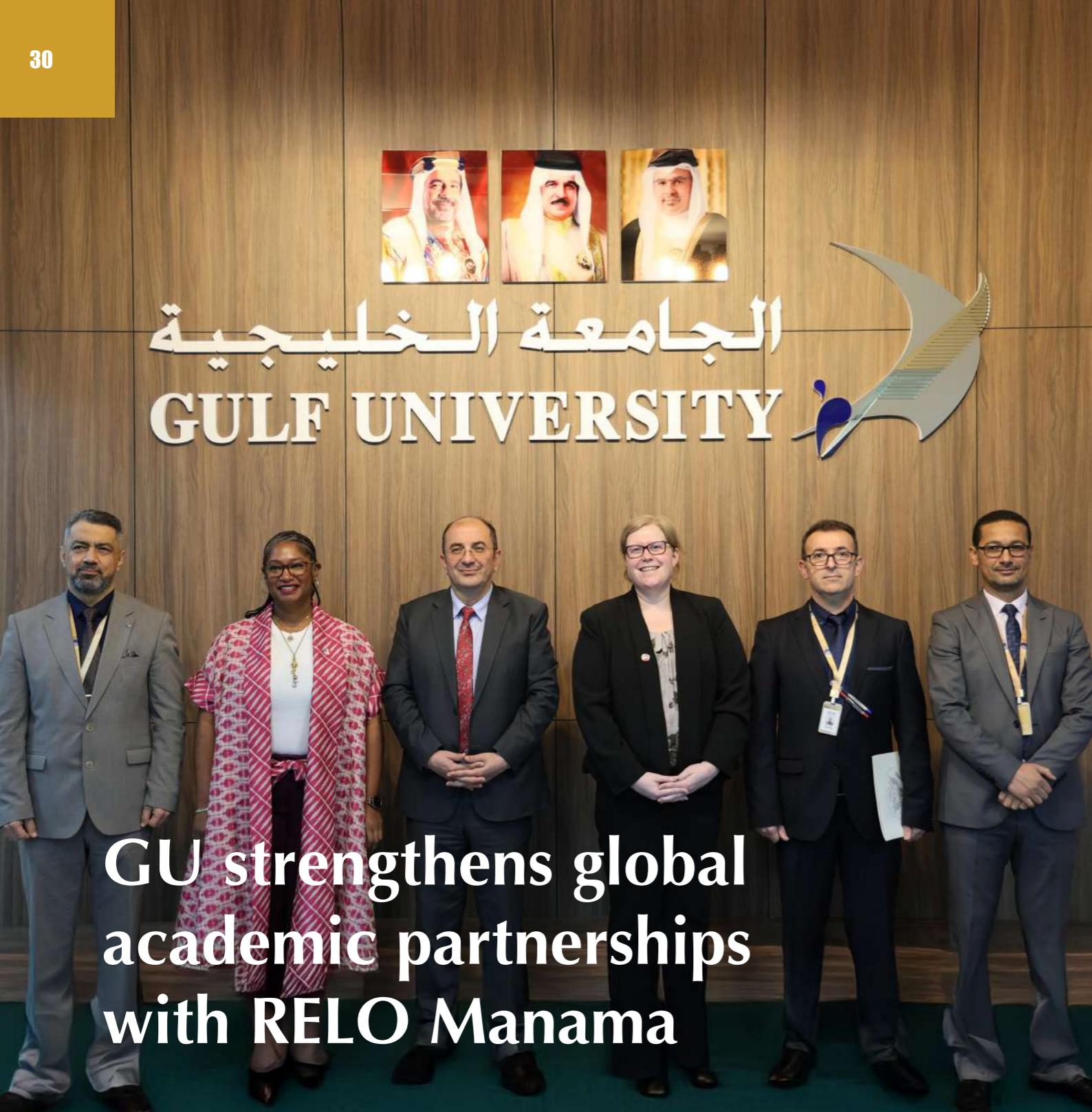


Turkish Envoy Visits GU to Enhance Collaboration

As part of its efforts to strengthen international academic ties, Gulf University received the Turkish Ambassador to Bahrain to discuss potential collaborations in education and culture.

The visit highlighted the university's key programs, research initiatives, and community service projects. Gulf University praised the visit as a step toward deeper Bahrain-Turkey relations, fostering partnerships to benefit students and institutions in both countries.





GU strengthens global academic partnerships with RELO Manama

Gulf University received a delegation from the Regional English Language Office in Bahrain to strengthen global academic partnerships!

The visit focused on enhancing English language programs to better align with labour market demands. The delegation toured GU's facilities, exploring its academic offerings and commitment to delivering a quality education that empowers students for both academic and professional success.

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GU and UNIDO Discuss Knowledge Exchange

Gulf University discussed collaboration with the United Nations Development Organization (UNIDO) to develop initiatives aligned with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030. Discussions focused on partnerships in innovation and sustainability, alongside knowledge exchange to support sustainable development.

This meeting reaffirms the university's commitment to fostering a dynamic educational environment, equipping young talents with tools for the future job market.





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GU Establishes First Russian Language Centre in Bahrain

In the presence of Dr. Diana Abdulkarim Al-Jahrami, Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council, President of Chechen State Pedagogical University, the Russian Ambassador, and prominent academics, Gulf University inaugurated its first Russian language centre in Bahrain. GU's initiative aims at teaching the Russian language to the public.

Alongside the signing of a partnership agreement, the event featured cultural performances and music, showcasing Russian heritage. The Gulf University Language Hub aims to provide advanced learning opportunities, supporting Bahrain's Vision 2030 and further strengthening ties between Bahrain and Russia.





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GU Partners with Alumni Club to Strengthen Ties

Gulf University signs an MOU with the Alumni Club to strengthen ties with graduates and support their continued development. The signing was attended by GU's Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, Prof. Mona bint Rashid AlZayani, Prof. Mohanad AlFiras, President of the University, and Mr. Abdulatif Ahmed Al Zayani, Chairman of the Alumni Club.

The agreement includes collaborative workshops and events to enhance alumni–student engagement and promote long-term institutional connection.

Prof. AlFiras called it a strategic step toward alumni integration, while Mr. Al Zayani emphasized the club's role in launching initiatives that empower graduates and benefit the community.



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GU Employs AI to Enhance Education

Gulf University completed an advanced training program, in collaboration with the U.S.-based Chools Group, to enable academic and administrative staff to apply AI technologies in teaching and administrative development.





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Gulf University recently welcomed a delegation from the Canadian International College (CIC) to explore opportunities for academic collaboration.

The visit included discussions on student and faculty exchange, joint programs, and sharing expertise in curriculum development and innovative teaching methods.

This step reflects the university's commitment to expanding global partnerships and enhancing the quality of higher education.





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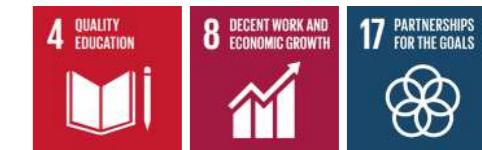
To Enhance Partnership and Excellence GU Signs MoU with SSTLI

Gulf University signs an MoU with The Saudi Specialized Training & Learning Institute for Training (SSTLI) to enhance academic collaboration through joint programs, student and faculty exchange, and shared expertise. Professor Mona bint Rashid Al-Zayani expressed pride in the partnership, reaffirming

the university's support for Bahraini and Saudi students. President Professor Mohanad AlFiras emphasized the commitment to academic excellence and innovation. Both institutions stressed the importance of research collaboration and training programs to prepare students for regional and international job markets.

GU Signs MoU with Hope Talents Foundation

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Gulf University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Hope Talents Foundation to support gifted students and enhance their academic and creative development.

The agreement reflects a joint commitment to

empowering youth in Bahrain through training programs, workshops, and scholarships. It also includes cooperation in academic support, innovation, and research, aligning with Bahrain Vision 2030's focus on human capital development.



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GU Participates in 'Bahrain Reads' Initiative

Gulf University took part in the "Bahrain Reads" event, organized by the Alumni Club in collaboration with the Bahrain Library and Information Association, from April 22 to 27, 2025, at the Isa bin Salman Cultural Hall in Adliya.

The event was attended by Professor Mona bint Rashid Al-Zayani, Chairwoman of the Board of Directors, and Professor Muhannad Al-Fares, President of Gulf University. Professor Mona

was honored for her contributions to education and culture.

The university's booth attracted significant interest, providing visitors with information about its academic programs and educational opportunities. This participation underscores the university's commitment to supporting cultural initiatives and strengthening its role in the local knowledge community.



GU Renews Sponsorship Agreement with RAM Medical Centre

Gulf University has signed a healthcare sponsorship agreement with RAM Medical Center, aimed at enhancing the quality of medical care provided to the Gulf University Falcons team. The agreement includes comprehensive medical support such as regular check-ups, ongoing medical supervision, and the provision of advanced medical and sports equipment to ensure the play-

ers' safety and readiness during competitions. This collaboration reflects the university's commitment to supporting its sports activities and promoting the physical well-being of its students. It also underscores Gulf University's dedication to fostering community partnerships in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.





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GU Celebrates Academic Excellence across Colleges

Gulf University hosted a ceremony to recognize top-performing students from its faculties of Communication and Information Technology, Law, Business Administration and Finance, and Engineering. The President emphasized the importance of supporting academic excellence and fostering a creative and innovative environment. Students expressed gratitude for the recognition, attributing their success to hard work and dedication. This event reflects the university's commitment to promoting "Quality Education" and offering equal opportunities to all students, aligning with its efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.





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Engineering College Organizes its 24-25 Graduation Project Exhibition

featuring projects by engineering students and the first cohort from the University of Northampton programs, the university's strategic academic partner.

The exhibition included 29 projects: 21 in Interior Design Engineering, and 8 in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Interior Design Engineering students addressed themes such as industry, agriculture, technology, and AI, while others presented projects including smart robots and an Ice Machine prototype.

The exhibition reflects the university's commitment to applied learning and innovation, and its efforts to align education outcomes with real-world needs through sound international partnerships.





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Integrating AI in Education GU Launches Podcast Studio

The College of Communication and Media Technologies at the Gulf University has launched its podcast studio during the Arab Artificial Intelligence Forum, in collaboration with Times Higher Education. The studio represents a qualitative step toward empowering students to produce professional digital content using artificial intelligence technologies, within an applied learning environment that meets the demands of the modern

media market. Both the University President, Professor Mohannad Al-Farras, and the Dean of the College of Communication and Media Technologies, Dr. Sherif Badran, affirmed that this initiative comes as part of the university's commitment to integrating media education with future tools and providing a comprehensive learning experience that combines theory and practice.



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GU Receives Delegation from Ministry of Interior Affairs

As part of a visit that aims to explore opportunities for joint collaboration between the two parties within the framework of community partnership and support for national initiatives. During the meeting, held at the university's campus in Sanad, Several potential programs, activities, and events discussed during the meeting-most notably the organization of training courses and specialized workshops for ministry employees, contributing to the development of

their skills and enhancement of their professional competencies. The two parties also discussed mechanisms for exchanging expertise and strengthening institutional communication, in support of integration between educational institutions and security agencies. This collaboration aligns with national objectives to build strong and effective institutions capable of keeping pace with rapid and modern developments.

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GU Hosts Guest Speakers to Enrich Learning

As part of its ongoing commitment to academic excellence and community engagement, Gulf University continues to host esteemed guest speakers from diverse professional and academic backgrounds. These sessions offer students and faculty valuable opportunities to engage with thought leaders, explore current global issues, and connect academic theory with real-world practice. Recent talks have addressed topics such as international business strategies, cultural innovation, and

emerging technologies—enhancing the university's intellectual environment and encouraging interdisciplinary dialogue. These events not only broaden participants' knowledge but also foster practical skills and networking opportunities essential for career success.

Through these initiatives, Gulf University reaffirms its dedication to producing well-rounded graduates prepared to thrive in an evolving global landscape.





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GU Participates in Saudi Media Forum to Strengthen Ties with Industry and Support Talents

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Gulf University taking part in the Saudi Media Forum in February 20, 2025. The Saudi Forum aims to foster a dynamic media landscape by strengthening connections between local and global media communities, facilitating investment opportunities in the sector, and empowering talent to shape the future

of global media. By promoting professional exchange, commercial cooperation, and skill development, the forum plays a crucial role in advancing the industry. Our staff and students proudly participated in this significant event, engaging with industry leaders and gaining valuable insights into the evolving media landscape.



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Law Dean Highlights Academic Roles at Restorative Justice Conference

Prof. Firas Mohammed, Dean of the College of Law at Gulf University, attended the Restorative Criminal Justice Conference on January 26, 2025, at the Gulf Hotel in Manama. Organized by Bahrain's Public Prosecution, the event gathered legal experts to discuss restorative justice's role in human rights and sustainable development. Prof. Firas praised Bahrain's alternative legal measures and emphasized the importance of academic collaboration in advancing justice and legal reform across the region.



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To Enhance Legal Education GU Signs MoU with Daman Law Firm

Gulf University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Daman Law and Legal Support Office to enhance practical training for law students, promote research, and organize legal events aligned with market needs. This collaboration reflects both parties' commitment to providing top-notch legal education and contributing to the development of human resources in the legal field.

Innovation & Sustainable Tech Solutions Competition

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GU Hosts 'Innovation and Sustainable Technology Solutions' Competition

The College of Engineering at Gulf University held the “Innovation and Sustainable Technology Solutions” competition on Thursday, April 10, 2025, aiming to foster creative thinking and promote practical solutions to environmental challenges. The event provided a platform for students to present innovative projects addressing sustainability through modern technology. Participants showcased their ideas before a panel of judges and expert speakers in the fields of technology and the environment, receiving valuable feedback to enhance their projects. The top 20 projects—selected for their creativity and commitment to sustainable practices—qualified for the final stage, reflecting students’ strong dedication to building a more sustainable future. This initiative is part of the College’s ongoing efforts to support student-driven innovation and encourage the development of technological solutions that contribute to both environmental protection and community advancement.





GU Partners with Al-Jishi Group to Equip Future Engineers

Gulf University is advancing its efforts to bridge the gap between academic learning and workforce demands through a strategic collaboration with Al-Jishi Group, led by Chairman Mr. Nawaf Al-Jishi, who also serves as President of the Bahrain Society of Training Institutes. This partnership focuses on developing the practical

and professional skills of students from the College of Engineering, emphasizing knowledge exchange with the industrial sector. The initiative aims to enhance hands-on training, increase employment opportunities, and prepare graduates to contribute effectively to Bahrain's evolving economy.



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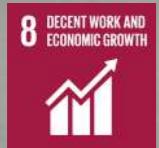
CMT Dean Represents GU at 2025 Global Forum on AI Journalism

Dr. Sherif Badran, Dean of the College of Communication and Media Technologies at Gulf University, took part in the fourth panel of the AI Journalism World Forum (AIJWF 2025), held at the American University of Sharjah, under the title:

“Generative AI and More Innovative Media Models.”

Dr. Badran discussed the role of generative AI in advancing media practices, stressing the need to integrate such technologies into media education to prepare students for the digital future.

His participation reflects Gulf University's commitment to advancing its academic presence and contributing to global discussions on innovation and knowledge exchange.



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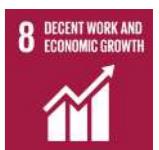


Media plays a role in shaping economies through technological advancements

Dr. Sharif Badran, Dean of the College of Communication and Media Technologies at Gulf University, took part in the 3rd Arab Forum for Economic Development in Sharjah, where he spoke on the role of digital media in attracting foreign investment and boosting economic appeal.

He highlighted how digital media shapes national image and conveys economic performance, enhancing investor confidence. Badran also chaired a session on successful Arab models that align media and economic policies, emphasizing the forum's role in uniting perspectives.

Gulf University's participation underscores its commitment to development issues and its efforts to empower faculty in shaping future policies regionally and globally.



Ms. Faraj Represents GU at 'Jahzeen' Forum in Dubai

As part of Gulf University's efforts to stay at the forefront of digital marketing trends, Afrah Faraj, a faculty member, represented the university at the "Jahzeen" forum in Dubai. The event gathered digital marketing and content creation professionals to discuss the latest strategies and tools.

Afrah shared insights on the role of data analytics in optimizing marketing campaigns, em-

phasizing its ability to drive informed decisions, enhance customer experience, and boost content engagement.

Master's student Muath AlOmari also attended, benefiting from the discussions and gaining practical insights into digital marketing. Afrah concluded by thanking the organizers of "Jahzeen" for bringing together regional talents to explore data-driven marketing trends.

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Boosting Students' Skills Educational Visit to UK Enhances Learning Experience

Gulf University organizes an educational trip to the United Kingdom, with the participation of students from the Bachelor's programs in Advertising and Digital Marketing, and Communications and Media Technologies, as well as students from the Master's programs in Media and Human Resource Management, within the University of Northampton programs. The trip aims to enhance students' academic skills and connect their specializations to real-world practices and the global job market,

through visiting our strategic partner at their main campus of the University of Northampton, participating in specialized academic workshops, and holding meetings with faculty members. The visit provides students with an opportunity to explore the latest global practices in their respective fields and expand their academic and professional knowledge, aligning with Gulf University's vision of graduating qualified talents capable of competing in regional and international labor markets.





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GU Participates in 2025 Emirates Airline Festival of Literature

College of Communication Students participate in the 2025 Emirates Airline Festival of Literature, featuring workshops and seminars that enhance their academic and professional skills while strengthening their understanding of contemporary literature and modern media.

This participation reflects the university's commitment to providing an educational environment that combines knowledge with practical experience, preparing a generation ready to navigate cultural and media advancements, and equipping them for a dynamic media job market, with opportunities to interact with prominent figures in literature and media.



MBA Students Participate in Saudi Arabia's Digital Transformation Forum

MBA students from Gulf University took part in the Digital Transformation Forum held in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, under the patronage of HRH Prince Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and organized by the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development.

The forum provided students with valuable exposure to regional best practices in digital transformation and a platform to connect academic learning with real-world insights.

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GU Organizes 'Draw your Story' Art Workshop

Gulf University organized an art workshop titled "Draw Your Story", led by renowned Bahraini artist Abbas Al-Mousawi. The event aimed to inspire students to express their stories through art and highlight their creative talents.

The workshop included three categories: canvas painting, pottery painting, and wall

painting, offering participants an interactive and competitive artistic experience. At the end of the workshop, winners were honored and valuable prizes were awarded.

This initiative reflects Gulf University's commitment to fostering creativity and developing students' artistic skills in a supportive and engaging learning environment.

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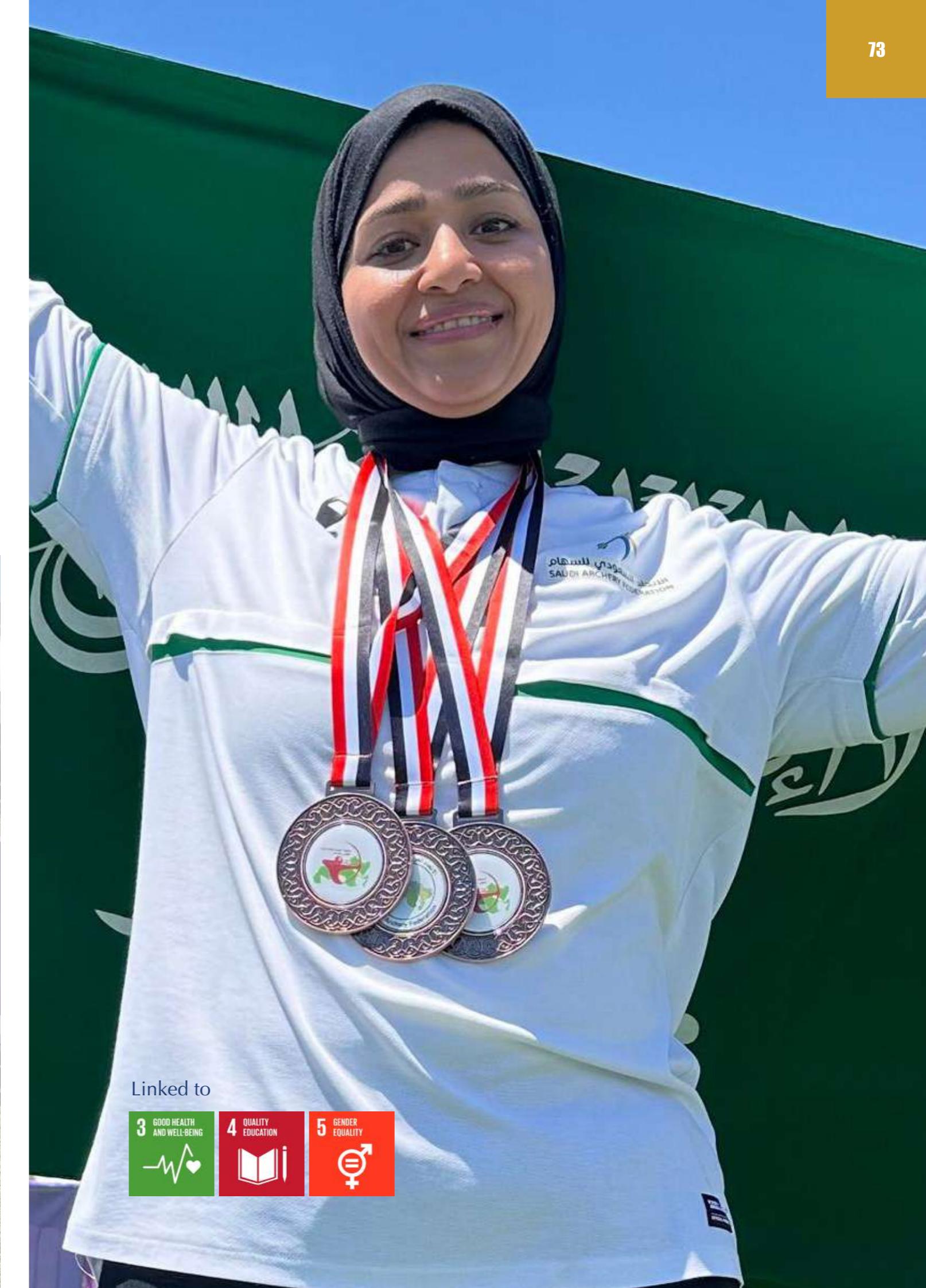
Master's Students Shine with 3 Bronze Medals at Arab Archery Championship

Sara Al-Janabi, a Master's student at Gulf University, achieved a remarkable sporting accomplishment as part of the Saudi national team at the 14th Arab Archery Championship, held in Hammamet, Tunisia, with the participation of athletes from over ten Arab countries.

Al-Janabi delivered a strong competitive performance, earning three bronze medals,

reflecting her high-level skills and dedication, alongside the continued support for developing archery as a national sport.

Gulf University takes pride in this outstanding achievement and reaffirms its commitment to supporting students in balancing academic excellence with success in regional and international arenas.



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Representing GU Students Al-Hazza Wins Football League 2nd Division

Saud Al-Hazzah a student at Gulf University, played a key role in Al-Budaiya Club's victory in the 2024–2025 Bahrain Second Division League, under the Bahrain Football Association. Al-Hazza, on loan from Al-Najma Club, contributed significantly to the team's success with strong performances throughout the season.

This milestone highlights his ability to excel both academically and athletically, embodying Gulf University's vision of supporting student achievements across all fields.



To Promote Inclusion and Empowerment GU Signs MoU with Blind Friendship Society

Gulf University students took part in the Youth Achievements Bahrain Festival on Feb 20-21 at Marassi Galleria Waterfront! The students proudly showcased their projects developed through the INJAZ Company Program, connecting with the public and potential investors. Industry experts also shared valuable insights, boosting students' entrepreneurial skills and innovation.

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GU Promotes Entrepreneurship to Empower Ideation and Inspire Future

Gulf University celebrated Entrepreneurship Week under the theme “Empowering Ideas, Inspiring Leaders, Leading Change”, hosted by the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center in collaboration with UNIDO. The week launched with “Entrepreneur’s Day”, showcasing success stories from Bahraini entrepreneurs and engaging students in interactive workshops on innovation, entrepreneurial thinking, and startup creation. Among the highlights was the workshop “Your First Steps Towards Entrepreneurship” led by Mr. Essa Al-Dosari, which guided students through essential steps for launching a

business — from ideation to planning and overcoming challenges. Additionally, the university hosted an inspiring seminar titled “Success Stories of Bahraini Women in Entrepreneurship”, where pioneering Bahraini female entrepreneurs shared their journeys, highlighting the unique role of women in business and the supportive environment in Bahrain. With events like the GU Expo, Women Entrepreneurs’ Day, Shark Tank simulation, and dynamic panel discussions on leadership, AI, and fintech, the week not only encouraged innovation but also empowered students to become confident future leaders in entrepreneurship.



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GU and Isnad Partner to Expand Field Training and Graduates Employability

Gulf University held collaborative discussions with Esnad Project Management Company to enhance student training and employment opportunities in the real estate sector. The meeting focused on developing structured field training programs and exploring direct employment channels for graduates, aiming to align academic outcomes with industry demands. This initiative reflects GU's commitment to bridge the gap between education and the labor market, ensuring students are well-prepared for real-world professional challenges.



GU Participates in Health Ministry's 'Walk & Talk' Initiative

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Gulf University organized the "Walk & Talk: Steps Toward Success" event at Zayed City Park as part of its efforts to promote physical well-being and strengthen student-advisor relationships. The initiative brought students and their academic advisors together for a group walk that encouraged both health-conscious habits and open dialogue in a relaxed, informal setting. The event allowed students to receive academic guidance, share their concerns, and gain motivation while enjoying a positive, energetic atmosphere. This initiative reflects GU's holistic approach to student success, integrating mental, physical, and academic support into a community-driven environment.

GU and Ministry of Interior Co-Host 'Together Towards Comprehensive Awareness' Exhibition

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In collaboration with the Ministry of Interior, Gulf University hosted a Security and Safety Awareness Exhibition under the theme “Together Towards Comprehensive Awareness and Sustainable Safety.” The event featured expert-led workshops and informative sessions that focused on enhancing individual and community safety, alongside showcases of the latest safety technologies and emergency response strategies. This initiative reflects the university's ongoing commitment to building a culture of safety, awareness, and sustainability across campus and within the wider community.





GU and Ministry of Works Collaborate on Infrastructure and Student Development

As part of the cooperation agreement between Gulf University and the Ministry of Works, a university delegation paid an official visit to the ministry to review key developments in infrastructure and road sector projects. The visit featured an introductory meeting where both parties exchanged insights on traffic improvement initiatives, explored challenges, and discussed innovative solutions. Special attention was also given to training and development opportunities for GU students, reinforcing the university's dedication to sustainable development and strategic partnerships with national institutions.

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GU Hosts Sign Language Workshop to Promote Inclusion

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Gulf University's Community Engagement and Continuing Education Center (CECEC) organized the "Sign and Shine" workshop in collaboration with the Anamel Sign Language Team, focusing on the basics of sign language and effective communication with the deaf and mute community. The workshop, led by Dr. Mona Fakhr with active participation from student Salma Al Asfour, emphasized the values of inclusion, accessibility, and equal opportunities for all. The session fostered a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by individuals with hearing impairments and encouraged participants to become advocates for a more inclusive society.



Through its society commitment: GU Honors Slavic Culture in Bahrain

The Bahraini-Russian Friendship Society, in collaboration with Gulf University and the Russian community in Bahrain, and with support from the Russian Embassy, organized a cultural event to mark Slavic Literature and Culture Day. Held at Gulf University's auditorium, the event was attended by H.E. Mr. Alexey Skosyrev, Russian Ambassador

to Bahrain, along with diplomats, faculty, students, and members of the Russian community. The program featured a proverb art competition, an Arabic calligraphy workshop, and an art exhibition—highlighting the spirit of cultural exchange and mutual understanding. The Society affirmed its commitment to strengthening cultural ties and promoting collaboration through arts and literature.

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GU Faculty Empower Community through Hands-On Training and Academic Outreach

Gulf University continues to strengthen its community engagement through a series of professional training sessions and academic outreach activities designed to support skill development and lifelong learning. Recent initiatives included a workshop on effective presentation skills for public sector employees, emphasizing visual design, content organization, and confident delivery. Additionally, a training course on social media content management was offered to enhance participants' abilities in digital marketing and online engagement. Media students and young entrepreneurs also benefited from a practical session on the fundamentals of social media adver-

tising, focusing on innovative strategies and audience targeting. Further supporting media education, a course on media writing for public relations helped participants refine their communication skills to meet professional standards. As part of its outreach efforts, the university hosted a school visit aimed at introducing high school students to its diverse academic programs and offering guidance on future educational opportunities. These programs reflect Gulf University's ongoing dedication to serving the broader community through education, training, and professional development.





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Through Unity, Giving, and Engagement GU Celebrates Spirit of Ramadan

In celebration of the holy month, Gulf University hosted a series of meaningful events that reflected the values of unity, generosity, and community. The university held a multicultural Ramadan potluck Iftar, where faculty and staff shared traditional dishes from their home countries, fostering cultural appreciation and awarding the best entries through community voting. Extending

the spirit of giving, GU also organized an Iftar initiative to distribute meals to those in need, with active participation from both students and faculty. Additionally, GU students proudly took part in the national “Ramadan Universities Challenge – Bahrainuna,” demonstrating teamwork and creativity in a vibrant, faith-inspired competition.





GU Hosts Traditional Ghabga Gathering for Staff and Students

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Youth and Experts Together for a Promising Future

Gulf University students Sharifa Mohammed Al-Jowder and Abouzar Mohammed Jassim were honored with the Excellence Award for their outstanding research contributions.

This achievement highlights Gulf University's dedication to empowering students in research and innovation.



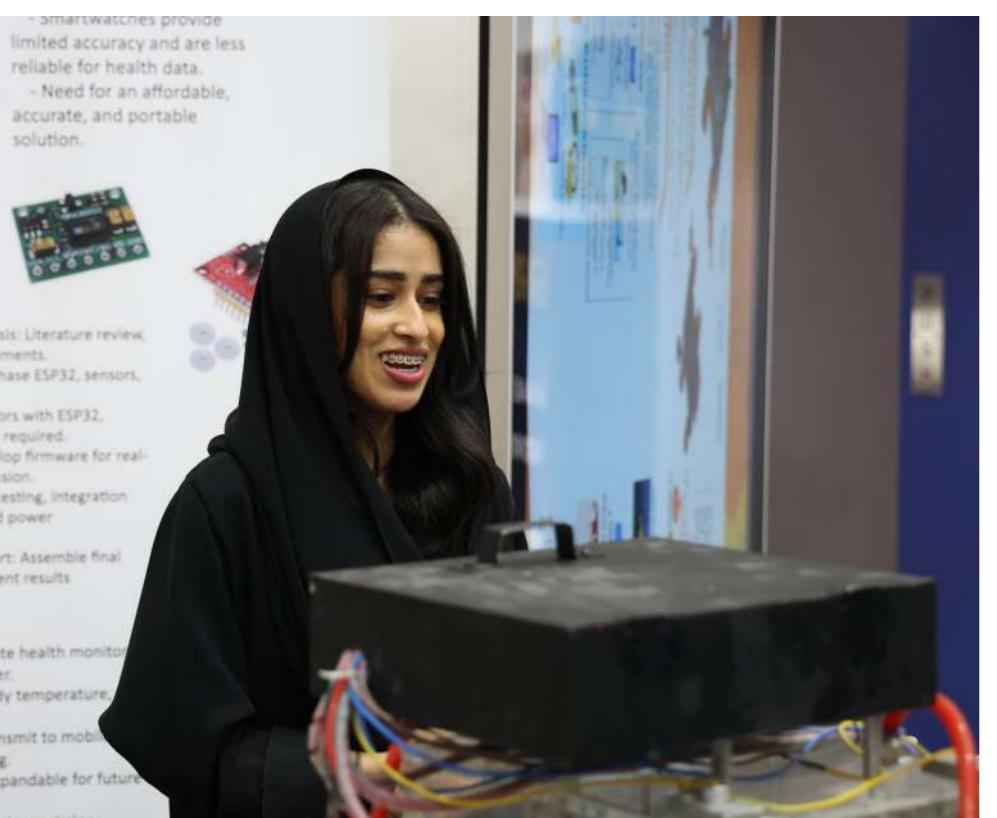
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GU Organizes its 5th Research Day with Huge Participation

Gulf University held “Research Day 2025” under the patronage of Professor Mona bint Rashid Al Zayani, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Board of Directors, with the presence of academic and professional figures, faculty, and students. The event reflected the university’s commitment to advancing research that meets societal and labor market needs.

The event featured keynote discussions, a student research exhibition, and recognition of outstanding researchers—reinforcing the university’s dedication to innovation and sustainable development.





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CMT Celebrates Its Master's Inaugural Cohort

The College of Communication and Media Technologies (CMT) at Gulf University recently celebrated a milestone by convening defense sessions for its inaugural cohort of master's candidates. During the 2024-2025 academic year, faculty members and external examiners evaluated a diverse range of theses that represented the culmination of years of rigorous study and scholarly inquiry.

Dr. Sherif Badran, CMT's Dean, commended the dedication of the students and the quality of

their work, emphasizing that the successful completion of these theses marks a significant step in the college's rapid development and commitment to advancing communication research in the region. The graduating students addressed a wide range of contemporary challenges, with their theses exploring sustainability practices in media production, innovative approaches to education via digital platforms, and the intersection of environmental advocacy and public communication.





Empowering Women Leaders GU Participates in Tamkeen– HEC Paris Leadership Program

As part of the partnership between Tamkeen and HEC Paris, the Accelerating Women's Leadership Program was held over five days to develop leadership skills in a dynamic environment, focusing on entrepreneurship, problem-solving, and team leadership. Shereen Murad, representing Gulf University, joined a group of inspiring women leaders from various sectors across the

Kingdom, gaining both theoretical and practical insights through an intensive learning experience. The program, part of the Executive Leadership Training Initiative launched by His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, offered daily sessions designed to equip participants with new leadership behaviors and tools for real-world application.



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