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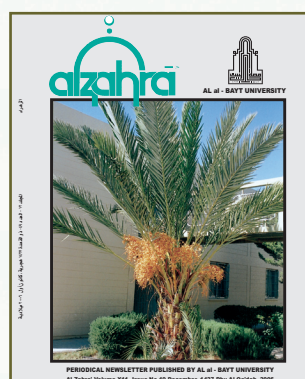
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From the President

Jordan marked on November 9, 2006, the first anniversary of the unprecedented suicide bombings that shook one of the most stable countries in the Middle East. While it is with a deep feeling of sadness that Jordanians remember the innocent lives that were lost, it is also with a renewed sense of determination that they are sparked to fight terror and terrorists and to bring to justice any person who commits these crimes in the name of Islam. As a matter of fact, Islam is not a mere religion of worship, but rather, it is a system of religious beliefs and an all-encompassing way of life, as well as source of a rich civilization of learning that has benefited mankind.

The bombings of last November brought Jordanians together, united them in their rejection of terrorism and made clear to them that the priority of each and every citizen lies in the stability of Jordan and in the protection of Islam and Muslims.

In fact, protecting Islam is a crucial and fundamental step towards protecting the Islamic nation and safeguarding Muslim communities worldwide.

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From the President

The whole region is passing through difficult times where ignorance, misjudgments, anti-Islam sentiments, and lack of understanding on the part of Western countries are challenging Islam and threatening its very existence, identity and civilization. Subsequently, we, as devoted citizens, true Arabs, and genuine Muslims are entrusted with an additional and tremendous responsibility towards our nation, towards the Arab world, and first and foremost, towards Islam.

The situation being thus, we are lucky in Jordan, that His majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein, guided by his vision, open-mindedness, wisdom and judicious leadership has kicked off the "The Amman Message" to serve as an authentic guide and reference to the true concept of Islam and to the lofty teachings it intends to communicate. In its major part, "The Amman Message" carries the banner of moderation in Islam and promotes tolerance and democratic pluralism, in addition to establishing distinctions between legitimate resistance and terrorism. We, in Jordan, believe that fighting terrorism entails more than security procedures and terrorist acts prevention. To the contrary, fighting terrorism is a never-ending battle for ideas that needs to be initiated by a dialogue of civilizations and among faiths, especially between the Arab and the Muslim world, on the one hand, and the West, on the other.

Islam is a religion of vibrant faith that brings comfort to people. It inspires them to lead lives based on honesty, justice, and compassion. Individuals and extremists who commit terror in the name of Islam

do not represent Islam and Islam is innocent from their action.

I would like to refer to a book entitled: The Spread of Islam in the World : A History of Peaceful Preaching, by Prof. Thomas Arnold which gives an authoritative history of the expansion of Islam through peaceful preaching and missionary activity. The book, written by a Western author, emphasizes Islam as a religion of peace and not terror.

Another book by another Western author Michael H. Hart, entitled: The 100 Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History ranks Prophet Mohammad first amongst the 100 persons cited in the book. If anything, the book attests to the author's understanding of the compassionate, benevolent and tender character of Prophet Mohammad (Peace Be Upon Him).

Extremists exist not only in Islam but in all faiths and religions as well. At the same time, freedom of expression does not mean harming others, or cursing them or underestimating them.

It is thus our duty to continue to spread "The Amman Message, which has already been translated into eight languages. These efforts will help in bringing home to people the concepts of freedom, democracy, human rights, justice and moderation as addressed in "The Amman Message" and will clarify the Islamic underpinnings of respect for religions and faiths, tolerance, delight in human life, shunning violence, and repudiating extremism, intransigence and exaggeration.

I am confident that each of us at AL al-Bayt University is ready to assume this responsibility and to work towards the prevalence of a bright image of Islam and the Arab and Muslim nation.

American Official Briefed on Islam's Lofty Message

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office Mr. Warren Cosky from the Centre of Religious Freedom of the US State Department.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed issues pertaining to human rights and religious freedom in Jordan. In answering a question about AL al-Bayt University projects in encouraging the promotion of human rights and religious freedom, President Al-Abbadi referred to "The Amman Message" and its role in boosting principles of forgiveness, brotherly relations and tolerance amongst people regardless of differences in their religious faiths or beliefs. He lauded, in this regard, the wise directives issued by His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein to members of the commission entrusted with formulating "The Amman Message," with a view to warding off Muslim image tarnishing, promoting a proper understanding of the faith which honors all human beings, and providing common ground amongst people of different faiths. "The Amman Message" defines the term "terrorism" which is totally and



Al-Abbadi presenting the guest with the University shield

categorically rejected by the Muslim faith, Dr. Al-Abbadi added. Thus, in its major part, the "The Amman Message" is an enlightening campaign not only in the Arab and Muslim world, but in the world at large. He regretted the fact that the true concept of Islam is sometimes not clear amongst Muslim minorities residing in the West.

President Al-Abbadi referred to Jordan's long-standing concern with dialogue amongst religions, given the importance of this sort of dialogue in fostering mutual understanding, peace, justice and mutual enrichment between and among followers of different faiths. He stressed that people who are deeply rooted in their own religious traditions are more capable of conserving and preserving the rights of

fellow humans. Abiding by the principles and teachings of Islam is a commitment on the part of the human being towards his Creator; and it is a sacred commitment that is not founded on worldly or transitional interests. Hence, in societies where such a commitment is not found, or in times when people abandon their faith in God, a remarkably high rate of crimes towards women and children are recorded, and an increasingly high rate of vandalism and theft incidents are noticed. Hence, mutual understanding, rapprochement and respect of others is needed to serve as a common ground for people's behaviors and manner of conduct.

He cited the contribution of some institutions operating in the Kingdom in this regard, like the

Royal Academy for Islamic Civilization Research (Al Albait Foundation), which has been preoccupied, over the past years, in organizing more than 30 open dialogues between followers of the Muslim and Christian faiths covering the various sects and denominations in both religions. Such dialogues even addressed social issues; family, women and children; as well as international relations. Proceedings of these dialogues have been compiled and published in books kept within the holdings of the Foundation's library for documentation and future reference.

Answering a question about means of communicating the content of "The Amman Message" to the local, regional and international communities, Dr. Al-Abbadi cited conferences, symposia, media and school and university curricula as effective means of bringing home to all people the concept of this message. He referred to ongoing efforts on the part of the Jordanian Ministry of Education in revising curricula in accordance with the correct and genuine teachings of Islam, with a view to informing the

youth generation of the lofty teachings of the Muslim faith. Jordan served as an example, in this regard, and some Arab countries followed suite in revising their curricula. He said that it is easy to misguide the young generation and to present them with false or distorted images about Islam, especially when it comes to Muslim minorities residing in the USA or the West. He noted that inauthentic reference books and material written about Islam is the main cause for promoting unjust campaigns and incorrect information about Islam.

Referring to Islam as a religion of tolerance, Dr. Al-Abbadi cited a story about Prophet Mohammad (Peace be upon him) when he allowed the Christians of Najran in his mosque in Madinah. When the time of their prayer was due, they prayed in the mosque towards the eastern direction. He said to his Companions: "Leave them (to perform prayer)." If anything, this incident is a witness of the noble character of Prophet Mohammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

Dr. Al-Abbadi stressed that it

is not easy for a good Muslim to abandon his faith. He highlighted the importance of informing Muslims about their faith. Islam, he added, categorically rejects terrorism which is associated with wrongful and unethical acts and practices. He said that those who commit such acts in the name of Islam are by no means true Muslims. He stressed the importance of utilizing the media in a sound, scientific manner, without weakness or emotional outbursts. This, he said, applies to all forms of TV programs, documentary films, references and curricula.

Dr. Al-Abbadi concluded the meeting by underscoring the need to understand Islam by consulting authentic Muslim sources that are written by acknowledged Muslim scholars. This also applies to Christianity where this faith should be understood by consulting authentic Christian sources that are written by acknowledged Christian scholars.

At the end of the meeting, President Al-Abbadi presented the guest with the University shield.

Russian Ambassador Explores Cooperation



Al-Abbadi receiving the guest in his office

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office His Excellency Mr. Alexander Ivanov-Galitsin, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Jordan, accompanied by the Cultural Attaché at the Russian Embassy.

President Al-Abbadi informed the Russian guests about the policy of moderation and tolerance adopted by the University which enabled it to successfully accommodate students of some 31 different nationalities on its campus. He highlighted the role of the carefully selected and well-designed curricula which concentrates on fundamental issues in Islamic creed and teachings. He also briefed the guests on the importance the University attaches to the teaching of Arabic language along with other European languages and languages of the Muslim nations as well.

The two sides explored possibilities of cooperation between AL al-Bayt University and counterpart universities in the Russian Federation, especially in relation to the exchange of students and faculty members.

The meeting was attended by Vice-President for Academic Affairs Ahmad Alawneh, and Vice-President for Islamic Affairs "Mohammad Hisham" Sultan.

Italian Cultural Attaché Discusses Language Cooperation



Discussions with the Italian Cultural Attaché

University

President Abdel Salam

Al-Abbadi received in his office on November 15, 2006, the Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of Italy in Amman.

High on the agenda of their discussions were preparations on the part of the University to receive Italian students, during the summer, to attend an intensive language in Arabic at the University's Language Centre.

Means and ways of further cementing cultural and educational relations between AL al-Bayt University and Italian institutions of higher education, via the good offices of the Italian Embassy in Amman, were also discussed.

At the end of the visit, President Al-Abbadi presented the Italian guest with the University shield in appreciation of his efforts in supporting the Italian language program offered by the University's Department of Modern Languages, over the past years.

Vice-President for Academic Affairs Ahmad Alawneh, and Vice-President for Islamic Affairs "Mohammad Hisham" Sultan attended the meeting.

An E-Academy in the Pipelines

Prospects for the establishment of an Electronic Academy within the campus of AL al-Bayt University were explored at the University on November 15, 2006.

The prospective academy was discussed during the visit conducted to the University by a delegation from the Economic and Social Association for Retired Servicemen and Veterans Corporation in Jordan, and Technology World Company in Kuwait.

Once established, the academy will implement investment projects in line with legislations and rules stipulated by Islamic Shari'a (law), with a view to rendering services for the welfare of humanity.

The meeting provided an opportunity for President Al-Abbadi to brief the guests on the strides made by the University in the field of computer and communication technologies and e-learning via its Prince Al-Hussein Bin Abdullah Faculty of Information Technology, Faculty of Finance and Business Administration and Computer Center. He referred to ongoing efforts to automate the University's various services and to offer a number of its courses, particularly courses in



Part of the visit

Islamic Jurisprudence and Law, in an electronic form.

Members of the visiting team voiced their optimism that this e-academy would build on the University's progress in the field of educational technologies.

Present at the meeting were Vice-President for Academic Affairs Ahmad Alawneh, and Vice-President for Islamic Affairs "Mohammad Hisham" Sultan.

For the Record

Technology World Company is a managing company guiding a group of technology companies with innovative technologies, solutions and services targeting Kuwait and Middle East countries' markets. Based in Kuwait, Technology World Company and its subsidiary companies provide leading-edge IT and technology driven solutions in the fields of commerce, education, health and oil through professional services, software development, information portals and

system infrastructure design and development that meet today's needs for web based integration and communications. Along with this, the total solution also includes backward integration through a technology enabled working environment under the principles of Integrated Facility Management and forward integration of internet services so as to ensure reliability and flawless operations. This also includes creation by design, harnessing of knowledge through a central hub resulting in knowledge management systems through the E-Learning medium.

Technology World Company provides its subsidiary companies with guidance and support at all levels - management, business strategy, technology, marketing, public relations, business intelligence and financial management.

A Conference on Moderation to See the Light

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received on November 1, 2006, Mr. Muthana Hanouti from the Life for Relief and Development and Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and discussed with him ways and means to introduce the true image of Islam, which is based on moderation and tolerance.

The two sides also discussed arrangements for an international conference on moderation to be held between November 17-19, 2007 in Washington,



Part of the visit

with a view to reinforcing the concept of moderation and drawing up standards of control. President Al-Abbadi, who is also the State's Adviser for Islamic Affairs, called for cooperation to achieve cultural dialogue between

and among different nations.

He briefed Mr. Hanouti on the University's role in rejecting violence and its Arabic language programs for foreign students to improve inter-cultural dialogue.

Cooperation with Kuwaiti University Explored



Discussions with the Kuwaiti University delegation

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on November 27, 2006, Mr. Abdel-Rahman Saleh Muhailan, President of the Gulf University for Science and Technology in Kuwait.

The two sides explored the exchange of expertise and consultations with direct bearing on Economics, Banking and Financial Studies, and Information Technology in compliance with Islamic Shari'a (law).

During the meeting, President Al-Abbadi briefed the guest on the University's programs which are oriented towards creating the well-rounded personality of the Muslim who is well prepared scientifically and religiously, at the same time.

The meeting was attended by a team from the Economic and Social Association for Retired Servicemen and Veterans Corporation in Jordan.

At an Invited Lecture at Al-Qura Cultural Forum Al-Abbadi Clarifies Concept of "The Amman Message"

On November 28, 2006, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi delivered a lecture on: "The Amman Message," at the invitation of Al-Qura Cultural Forum in Jordan.

In his lecture, President Al-Abbadi noted that "The Amman Message" aims at clarifying the humane, tolerant and peaceful principles that the religion of Islam is based upon, which denounce all forms of aggression, terrorism or mischievous acts and behaviors.

Dr. Al-Abbadi referred to recent developments on the international arena which prompted the Hashemite Monarch to



Part of the lecture

oversee the publication of this message with a view to repelling assaults that aimed at tarnishing the true image and noble teachings of Islam.

Referring to the good news that "The Amman Message" was translated into eight languages, President Al-Abbadi noted

that each and every Muslim should shoulder the responsibility of spreading this message and contributing to the enhancement of the image of Islam worldwide.

Dr. Mohammad Bani Salameh, Professor of Political Sciences at the Yarmouk University, moderated the lecture.

University Students Hear a Lecture on Stonehenge Code Jordanian Physician Unveils Mystery of Stonehenge Civilization

The Jordanian Astronomical Society (JAS) on Thursday organized a scientific lecture for students of Astronomical and Space Sciences at AL al-Bayt University. The lecture was entitled with the Stonehenge Code and hosted the Jordanian physician Imad Al-Qayyam who outlined a number of facts and results based on his precise anatomical findings in the human body, explaining the mechanism of living of the Stonehenge civilization, which existed in Britain and is competing to be one of the new 7 wonders. Qayyam also revealed the relation between the astronomy physics and the human body anatomy, which forms a scientific revolution in the 21st century concepts. He also outlined a number of results he came up with in his scientific research presented to be published in the California-based scientific magazine 'Plus 1'.

The Italian Cultural Week at AL al-Bayt University



Part of the celebration

Al al-Bayt University witnessed on November 15, 2006, the inauguration of the Italian Cultural Day which was organized by the University's Language Centre and Department of Modern Languages in collaboration with the Italian Embassy in Amman.

In his remarks, the Italian Cultural Attaché pointed out that this event is considered as vital for the dissemination of Italian language and culture and subsequently the construction of bridges of mutual understanding between students of both cultures.

On his part, President Al-Abbadi drew attention to the significant role of the cooperative relations between the University and Italian universities in enriching students' cultural background.

Events of the day included the screening of Italian documentary films showcasing aspects of Italian culture, tradition, civilization, touristic attractions, etc.

The event was attended by the Vice-Presidents, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Director of the Language Center, Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, and a large number students especially those studying Italian.

Majali Appointed Vice-President for Administrative Affairs



Dr. Majali

Dr. Jihad Majali has assumed his duties in October, 2006 as Vice-President for Administrative Affairs.

Dr. Majali holds the Ph.D. Degree in Literary Criticism from Manchester University /United Kingdom in 1988. He holds the M.A. in Literary Criticism from the University of Jordan, in 1985 and the B.A. in Arabic Language and Literature, also from the University of Jordan in 1980.

Before joining AL al-Bayt University, Dr. Majali was faculty member in the Department of Arabic Language and Literature at Mu'ta University/Jordan and Dean of its College of Arts for two separate intervals.

His research interests are in Literary Criticism, Classical and Modern Arabic Literature, and Orientalism.



Senior Appointments

KEY ADMINISTRATORS

Dr. Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi
- President.

Dr. Ahmad Alawneh - Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. "Mohammad Hashem" Sultan - Vice-President for Islamic Affairs.

Dr. Jihad Majali - Vice-President for Administrative Affairs.

Faculty Deans

Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudence and Law

Dr. Kahtan Douri, Acting Dean

Dr. Eid Al-Husban, Acting Vice-Dean

Dr. Amer Adnan Al-Hafi, Acting Chairman - Department of Foundations of Religion.

Dr. Mohammad Ali Smeiran, Acting Chairman - Department of Jurisprudence and its Foundations.

Dr. Samer Dalal'ah, Acting Chairman - Department of Law.

Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

Dr. Hind Abu-Sha'er, Acting Dean

Dr. Hasan Khamees Al-Mullakh, Acting Vice-Dean

Dr. Zaid Khalil Al-Quralleh, Acting Chairman - Department of Arabic Language and Literature.

Dr. Khalil Ibrahim Al-Sagheer, Acting Chairman - Department of English Language and literature.

Dr. Adnan Abdul-Hameed Kathem, Acting Chairman - Department of Modern Languages.

Dr. Mousa Ahmad Bani Khaled, Acting Chairman - Department of History.

Faculty of Science

Dr. Ihsan Mahasneh, Acting Dean

Dr. Adnan Jurn, Acting Vice-Dean

Dr. Mohammad Ibrahim Sarhan, Acting Chairman - Department of Physics.

Ra'ed Ahmad Ghanem, Acting Chairman - Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Jum'a Al-Shakhanbeh, Acting Chairman - Department of Biological Sciences.

Dr. Hayel Bataineh, Acting Chairman - Department of Mathematics.

Faculty of Finance and Business Administration

Dr. Adnan Abu Al-Haija, Acting Dean.

Dr. Salem Saffah Al-Oun, Acting Vice-Dean.

Dr. Ziad Mohammad Smadi, Acting Chairman - Department of Business Administration.

Dr. Jamal Adel Sharairy, Acting Chairman - Department of Accounting.

Dr. Hayel Ajmi Jameel, Acting Chairman - Department of Finance and Banking.

Dr. Ziad Mohammad Smadi, Acting Chairman - Department of Public Administration.

Dr. Marwan Samman, Acting Chairman - Department of Financial and Business Economics.

Princess Salma Bint Abdullah Faculty of Nursing

Dr. Insaf Sha'ban, Acting Dean

Prince Al-Hussein Bin Abdullah Faculty of Information Technology

Dr. Adnan Smadi, Acting Dean.

Dr. Mohammad Ali Al-Okour, Acting Assistant to Dean.

Dr. Akram Aref Mustafa, Acting Chairman - Department of Computer Science.

Dr. Ma'moun Rabab'ah, Acting Chairman - Department of Information Systems.

Dr. Ibtisam Faris Mashaqbeh, Acting Chairman - Department of Educational Computer.

Faculty of Educational Sciences

Dr. Yahya Shdeifat, Acting Dean

Dr. Awatef abu-Sha'er, Acting Vice-Dean

Dr. Maisoun Taala' Zu'bi, Acting Chairman - Department of Educational Sciences.

Dr. Mamdouh Hayel Srour, Acting Chairman - Department of Curricula and Instruction.

Deanships

Deanship of Academic Research

Dr. Salah Mahmoud Jarrar - Acting Dean

Dr. Husam Mahmoud Al-Naser, Acting Vice-Dean.

Dr. Ahmad Mousa Bataineh, Acting Director of the Conferences and Academic Symposia Section.

Deanship of Graduate Studies

Dr. Salah Mahmoud Jarrar - Acting Dean

Dr. Mohammad Yaseen Rahahleh, Acting Vice-Dean.

Deanship of Student Affairs

Dr. Khalil Hajjaj - Acting Dean.

Dr. Ali Al-Olaimat, Acting Vice-Dean.

Higher Institutes' Deans

Dr. Ali Shar'ah, Acting Dean, Bayt al-Hikmah (House of Wisdom) Higher Institute.

Dr. Rizek Nimer Sha'ban, Acting Dean - The Higher Institute for Islamic Art and Architecture.

Dr. Adnan Harahsheh, Acting Dean - The Higher Institute of the Earth, Environment and Space Sciences.

Dr. Hanna Sabat, Acting Dean - The Higher Institute

for Astronomy and Space Sciences.

Dr. Mohammad Dughmi, Acting Dean - The Higher Institute of Islamic Studies.

Dr. Hasan Khalmee Al-Mullakh, Acting Dean - The Centre for Islamic Heritage Revival,

Dr. Mohammad Al-Arna'out, Acting Dean - The Center for Islamic World Studies,

Centers' Directors

Dr. Ali Rabba'i - Director - The Language Center.

Dr. Mohammad Al-Ma'ani - Director - The Computer Center.

Dr. Hani Akhu-Rashideh, Director - The Center for Consultation, Technical and Community Services.

Dr. Sulaiman Al-Qadiri, Director - Center for Faculty Development.

Units' Directors

Dr. Adnan Harahsheh - Director - The Strategic Environment and Water Resources Unit.

Dr. Elayyan Jalloudi, Director - Omani Studies Unit.

University Marks Anniversary of November 9, 2005 Terrorist Attacks in Amman



Part of the march

With a deep sense of sadness, AL al-Bayt University students held a march on November 9, 2006 , to mark the first anniversary of the tragic bombings of three Amman hotels which claimed the lives of some 60 people.

In an improvised address, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi noted that in remembering the innocent lives that were lost that day, each and every individual should be sparked with a renewed determination to fight terror and terrorists wherever or whoever they are.

The tragic events of the bombings of three hotels in Amman, he added, united Jordanians in their rejection of terror and abhorrence for all those who perpetrate or support terror regardless of their origins or beliefs. At the same time, the anniversary should remind each and every Jordanian of the lofty message of Islam which denounces extremism and terrorism and calls, instead, for tolerance and peace.

Organized by the Department of Modern Languages of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities



The inauguration session

First Francophone Conference Addresses interculturalism in the Teaching of French as a Foreign Language

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi underscored the efforts exerted by AL al-Bayt University, ever since the early years of its inception, to construct bridges of rapprochement and communication between and among world cultures and civilizations.

President Al-Abbadi

was addressing the First Francophone Conference which convened at AL al-Bayt University on November 29 – 30, 2006 under the title: "Interculturalism in the Teaching of French as a Foreign Language." He briefed attendants on the University's language programs in the various Arabic, European and languages of the Muslim nations.

In her address on the occasion, Dr. Hind Abu Sha'er, Dean of the Faculty

of Arts and Humanities said that teaching students a foreign language may provide them with the edge to succeed in their life and to facilitate genuine interaction with others.

Referring to the theme of the conference, Dr. Abu Sha'er said that it is not easy to dissociate a language of its cultural context. It is thus adequate to say that a person who speaks good French is well versed in the French culture. Educationalists

and educators attach great importance to cultural knowledge in foreign language teaching because this knowledge facilitates the grasping of the language and mastering it in a relatively short span of time. Indeed, to learn a language is not limited to knowing how to conjugate a verb, or to write a statement, but rather, knowing people's habits, culture and civilization; all of which are essential components of the overall learning process of this language.

On behalf of the University Francophone Agency, Mr. Olivier Garrot addressed the inauguration session and commended this cooperation with AL al-Bayt University which will bring peoples of two cultures close together.

Attendees addressed the following three themes during the various sessions of the conference:

1. The Role of Cultural

Knowledge in the Good Use of the Foreign Language. Cultural knowledge helps learning a foreign language and using it efficiently and correctly. The difference between a person who has a good knowledge of a language and a person who is capable of appropriately using this language, lies in the fact that the first possess a good grammatical use, whereas the second masters a good contextual use.

2. The Interaction Between Teacher, Learner and Method of Teaching French as a Foreign Language

To teach students the language of a culture that is different from theirs can have its negative and positive effects at the same time. What occurs in the classroom is by no means limited to teaching and training. Other situations of explicit and implicit communications occur

between the teacher and the students which, subsequently, require a mutual comprehension. Is it possible to make a method adapted to learning of a given culture? Is it necessary to make a method to teach only the culture? Is it necessary to teach the culture through the language, or the language through the culture? The various papers submitted to this conference were intended to address these questions.

3 The Use of Authentic Documents as Support in the Teaching French as a Foreign Language

What is an authentic document? Can one find authentic documents that can well be adapted to each level of learning? How can authentic documents be inserted in the classroom? Is it necessary to take into account the cultural censures? Answers to these questions were provided by the research papers submitted by panelists on this occasion.

Workshop Addresses Students with Speech Disorders



Part of the workshop

In cooperation with the Committee of Our Lady of Peace Centre which is affiliated with the Latin Patriarchate in Jordan, AL al-Bayt University Center for Consultation, Technical and Community Services held a workshop on November 16, 2006, entitled: "Language and Speech Disorders Amongst School Students and their Relationship with Academic Difficulties and Progress."

Working papers which were discussed provided information for speech-language pathologists about the most effective ways to develop communication skills in the class setting and at home, as well as opportunities for speech-language pathologists who

practise the profession to interact and exchange work experiences.

In their addresses on the occasion, Director of the University Center for Consultation, Technical and Community Services Dr. Hani Akhu Rashideh, and Chairman of Our Lady of Peace Committee Majdi Dayyat highlighted the importance of this workshop in terms of raising the community's awareness about speech disorders that greatly affect communication skills, cause psychological problems such as aggressiveness, or lead to the inability to communicate and use language properly.

The workshop was attended by Bishop Salim Sayyegh, faculty members and invited guests.

For the Record

Our Lady of Peace Centre aims at Increasing people's awareness to the crucial problem of individuals with special needs in Jordan, their right to a decent life and equal treatment, respect and dignity.

The Center is a meeting point for seekers of human and national goals.

The center acts as the bridge that links and relates the citizens (Muslims and Christians) through providing chances for people to work together in achieving the goals of the center and helping the individual with special need and, hence, weakening and eliminating barriers between Muslim and Christian citizens

AL al-Bayt University and the Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture signed an Agreement of Cooperation on December 5, 2006 in the Field of Training and Continuing Education.



The signing ceremony

Under this Agreement of Cooperation, and in its capacity as a regional centre for training in the northern area of the Kingdom, AL al-Bayt University is to prepare training courses for personnel from the Ministry of Agriculture on topics pertaining to ICDL, TOEFL, etc.

AL al-Bayt University is to look into the provision of adequate classrooms, labs, and other logistics that would ensure the smooth running of this training.

The Agreement of Cooperation was signed on behalf of AL al-Bayt University by its Vice-President for Administrative Affairs Dr. Jihad Majali, and on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture by its Assistant to the Under Secretary for Projects and Agricultural Extension Eng. Qassem Irsheidat.

A Memorandum of Understanding Provides for the Provision of Technical Support to the Civil Service Consumer Corporation



The signing ceremony

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was reached between AL al-Bayt University and the Civil Service Consumer Corporation on November 6, 2006. Under this MOU, AL al-Bayt University pledges to provide technical support and administrative consultation for the Civil Service Consumer Corporation to help it compete for King Abdullah Award for Distinction in Government Performance.

AL al-Bayt University will also organize training courses for staff members from the Civil Service Consumer Corporation to upgrade their performance, to constantly improve their competitiveness, and to help them embody excellence and implement best practices in order to compete effectively.

The MOU was signed on behalf of AL al-Bayt University by its President Dr. Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi, and on behalf of the Civil Service Consumer Corporation by its Director General Mahmoud Abu-Hazeem.

Inauguration of Arabic Language and the e- Instruction of English Language



Al-Abbadi inspecting the language labs

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi stressed on October 10, 2006, the University's concern to construct channels of cooperation with universities worldwide. President Al-Abbadi was addressing the inauguration class of the Arabic for Non-native Speakers of the Language tailor-cut program which the University's Language Centre organized in respect of a group of Malaysian, Turkish, British, Chinese, Bulgarian, Thai and German students.

He called on students to make the most of their time at the University with a view to mastering the various skills of Arabic.

President Al-Abbadi also inaugurated the electronic instruction of English language, the first of its kind in Jordan. The project, implemented by staff members from the Department of Modern Languages transformed instruction materials online and facilitated language instruction in an electronic form via computers and language labs.

Commenting on the occasion, President Al-Abbadi noted that in response to the University's attempts to keep abreast of technological methods of education, the University has taken necessary measures to teach 25% of its courses on-line via the Internet and modern teaching technologies within a period of three years. In this vein, the traditional methods of teaching and instruction are to be modified in keeping with new methodologies adopted by reputable universities worldwide.

Both inaugural sessions was attended by Vice-President for Academic Affairs Ahmad Alawneh, Vice-President for Islamic Affairs "Mohammad Hisham" Sultan, Director of the Language Cente Ali Rabba'i, and faculty members.

Samples of Arab and Foreign Cultures Displayed on Campus



Al-Abbadi touring the exhibition

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi inaugurated on November 22, 2006 an exhibition organized by Arab and foreign students attending the University.

Held in cooperation with the Deanship of Student Affairs, the exhibition showcased samples of costumes, handicrafts, food, books, documentary films, and items sampling students' various cultures and civilizations.

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi escorted Ambassadors to countries participating in the exhibition on a tour of the various parts of the exhibition.

In a passing remark, President Al-Abbadi stressed the significance of holding such an exhibition which contributes to creating a delicate harmony between these students and the local community they live in.

Omani students performing their folklore dance



Newly-appointed Dr. Jihad Majali meeting with department directors



Al-Abbadi presenting Director of the Civil Service Consumer Corporation with the University shield after signing the joint MOU with the University

The opening of side alleys and walk streets for students within the University campus



The Department of admissions and Registration



Student celebration to mark the new academic year



Al-Abbadi presenting a student winning in sport activities with the championship cup

Fictitious fire practice





This is brilliant

$$1 \times 8 + 1 = 9$$

$$12 \times 8 + 2 = 98$$

$$123 \times 8 + 3 = 987$$

$$1234 \times 8 + 4 = 9876$$

$$12345 \times 8 + 5 = 98765$$

$$123456 \times 8 + 6 = 987654$$

$$1234567 \times 8 + 7 = 9876543$$

$$12345678 \times 8 + 8 = 98765432$$

$$123456789 \times 8 + 9 = 987654321$$

$$1 \times 9 + 2 = 11$$

$$12 \times 9 + 3 = 111$$

$$123 \times 9 + 4 = 1111$$

$$1234 \times 9 + 5 = 11111$$

$$12345 \times 9 + 6 = 111111$$

$$123456 \times 9 + 7 = 1111111$$

$$1234567 \times 9 + 8 = 11111111$$

$$12345678 \times 9 + 9 = 111111111$$

$$123456789 \times 9 + 10 = 1111111111$$

$$9 \times 9 + 7 = 88$$

$$98 \times 9 + 6 = 888$$

$$987 \times 9 + 5 = 8888$$

$$9876 \times 9 + 4 = 88888$$

$$98765 \times 9 + 3 = 888888$$

$$987654 \times 9 + 2 = 8888888$$

$$9876543 \times 9 + 1 = 88888888$$

$$98765432 \times 9 + 0 = 888888888$$

Brilliant, isn't it?

And finally, take a look at this symmetry:

$$1 \times 1 = 1$$

$$11 \times 11 = 121$$

$$111 \times 111 = 12321$$

$$1111 \times 1111 = 1234321$$

$$11111 \times 11111 = 123454321$$

$$111111 \times 111111 = 12345654321$$

$$1111111 \times 1111111 = 1234567654321$$

$$11111111 \times 11111111 = 123456787654321$$

$$111111111 \times 111111111 = 12345678987654321$$

How To Avoid Flu

Eat right! Make sure you get your daily dose of fruits and veggies.

Take your vitamins and bump up your vitamin C.

Get plenty of exercise because exercise helps build your immune system.

Walk for at least an hour a day,

Go for a swim,

Take the stairs instead of the elevator, etc.

Wash your hands often. If you can't wash them, keep a bottle of antibacterial stuff around.

Get lots of fresh air. Open doors & windows whenever possible.

Try to eliminate as much stress from your life as you can.

Get plenty of rest.



Sand and Stone

A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand:

Today my best friend slapped me in the face.

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone:

Today my best friend saved my life.

The friend, who had slapped and saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now, you write on a stone, why?"

The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your blessings in stone.