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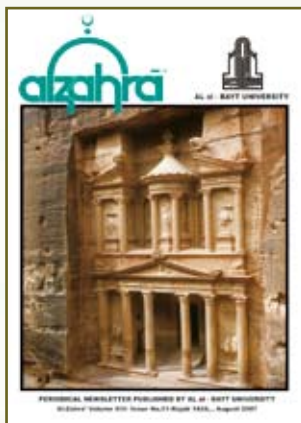
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From the President

“The Amman Message” is an ever-new subject that would never become obsolete or redundant.

His Majesty King Abdullah II has taken a forward-looking stand in focusing his vision on the universal core values of Islam and Islamic values rather than the particularistic components that have been taken out of context and used as a justification for extremism and violence.

We must implement the vision in our schools, universities, media and pulpits because these are key institutions that mold attitudes and behavior. Textbook studies are an important way to confront the ways in which each of the three monotheistic faiths depicts each other.

The media should also be held accountable for images they convey and the ways in which they contribute to either escalating or delegitimizing extremism. It is important for the media to report on positive initiatives, such as “The Amman Message,” as well as the many people of goodwill who are seeking to implement it.

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It is heartening to realize that “The Amman Message” is continuing to gain momentum, not only in Jordan and the Arab world, but in other Muslim and foreign countries as well. The concepts of Islamic tolerance and interfaith respect and understanding around the world which are inherent in “The Amman Message” have been well conveyed, communicated and grasped by Muslim communities worldwide. In Malaysia, for instance, “The Amman Message” prompted the introduction of the “Civilized Islam Initiative” or to use their specific terms: «Islam Hadhari.» In this context, Malaysia voiced its readiness to participate in international conferences as part of international and global efforts to isolate religious extremists and boost the global war against terrorism.

His Majesty King Abdullah II has put forth a vision of Islam that denies any legitimacy to terrorism and calls for Muslims to be, in His Majesty’s words, “full partners in the progress of humanity in our

age.” All true Muslims, of course, support that vision. Going public with such a vision takes courage and integrity. It is a duty on the part of true Muslim citizens to convert his words into actions that would prevent and resolve deadly conflict in the Middle East and around the world. I believe the road towards translating these words into actions is for all of us – Muslims, Christians, and Jews; Westerner and Easterner – to confront the contradictions in the interpretations of our sacred texts, our schools, our textbooks and our media and to rectify any biased interpretation that tarnish Islam and harm its image.

Nevertheless, and despite tense political relations at the international arena in the wake of the September 11 Attacks, I am glad to refer to the remarkable and ever-growing integration between the developing world and the developed world, and the rising importance of the developing world in shaping human history.

The lectures and

dialogues that convened at our campus on the occasion of the integration of Bulgaria and Romania within the EU, and the integration of Muslim minorities in Germany attest to a responsive attitude on the part of European representatives towards Islam and the Muslim nation. At the same time, Europe and other parts of the world are now convinced that Muslim countries have their say in remolding human history in a positive and constructive way. I strongly believe that this lenient attitude toward the Islamic nation is mainly due to the dissemination of the concept of “The Amman Message” amongst countries and nations worldwide.

AL al-Bayt University mission in continuing to revive “The Amman Message” should, and will indeed play an important role in shaping history. Our dedicated and concerted efforts are now needed more than ever before so that we can all remain faithful to our country and to our noble Muslim religion.

Commencement Exercises: A Promise to Serve the Country and Address its Needs



Prince Ra'ad presenting a graduate with his certificate



The Graduation of Students at the Master's and Higher Diploma Level

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Ra'ad Bin Zaid, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of AL al-Bayt University, and in the presence of University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi, the University graduated some 355 students at the Master's and Higher Diploma level.

After the Royal anthem and recital of the Holy Qur'an, Prince Zaid proceeded by giving his commencement address in which he urged students to use the experience and knowledge they acquired at AL al-Bayt University to make remarkable change in the country and in the region.

He congratulated students

on their achievement and paid tribute to the University's efforts in contributing to the educational march in Jordan.

Addressing the ceremony, President Al-Abbadi highlighted the University keenness on preparing a new generation of students who are well versed in Muslim teachings and are, at the same time, well attuned to their environment and to the civilization of the modern world. This has been made possible by combining and harmonizing modern scientific knowledge and methodology in teaching and research, on the one hand, and the requirements of belief and the clarity of vision, on the other.

At the end of the ceremony Prince Zaid presented graduates with their certificates.



...and The Graduation of Bachelor's Students



Al-Abbadi presenting a graduate with his certificate



Al-Abbadi presenting a graduate with her certificate

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi presented certificates to some 1084 graduates from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Prince Al-Hussein Bin Abdullah Faculty of Information Technology, and Princess Salma Bint Abdullah Faculty of Nursing.

On a later day, President Al-Abbadi presented certificates to some 1938 graduates from the Faculty of Educational Sciences, Faculty of Finance and Business Administration, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudence and Law, Bayt al-Hikmah (House of Wisdom) Higher Institute, The Higher Institute of the Earth and Environmental Sciences, and The Higher Institute for Islamic Art and Architecture.

On each ceremony, President Al-Abbadi reviewed the University past achievements and accomplishments and shed light on future plans and projects. Among others, he referred to the prospective JD one million new building for

the Hashemite Library, the JD 2.5 million for the new Student Activities Complex, the more than JD one million for a Liaison Office and a Center for Consultation, Technical and Community Service in the capital city Amman, in addition to JD 130,000 for shaded streets that link the University campus. In relation to faculty and students, he added, the University has plans to activate an Investment Fund with a view to realizing housing projects for academic and administrative staff members, as well as two separate dormitories for female and male students.

The ultimate objective is to transform the Mafrq city into a viable city that participates actively and effectively in all programs of training, community service and investment.

Certificates were distributed amongst students at the end of each ceremony which was attended by parents, invited guests, key officials and dignitaries.



Prince Ra'ad Bin Zaid Attends Viva Voce Examination of a Student With Special Need



In the presence of University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi, His Royal Highness Prince Ra'ad Bin Zaid, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of AL al-Bayt University, attended the viva voce examination of a Master's Thesis submitted by Qasem Nawwaf Al-Barri, a student with special need. The thesis tackled the appreciation level of Arabic Language amongst seventh grade students attending schools at the north-west badia region of Jordan. Chaired by Dr. Adeen Hamarneh, the viva voce committee comprised Dr. Yahia Shdeifat, Dr. Taha Dulaimi, and Dr. Ibrahim Zu'bi. At the end of the exam, the viva voce committee unanimously decided to award student Al-Barri the Master's Degree in Education.



The viva voce examination of the student

Some Eighty-Five Indonesian Students Receive Certificates



An Indonesian graduate

Under the patronage of University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi, some eighty-five Indonesian students from the Islamic School in Indonesia received their certificates of graduation after attending and successfully passing courses in Arabic for non-native speakers of the language organized by the University's Language Center.

In his address on the occasion, Dr. Al-Abbadi underscored the importance that the University attaches to Arabic language; the language of The Holy Qur'an.

He noted that the Islamic nation is nowadays facing serious dangers and challenges. Students are thus

expected to contribute to the welfare of their societies not only by means of the jobs they will assume, upon their graduation, but also by working hard to make Islam an ever bright Image that all non-Muslim countries are made aware of.

Also addressing the ceremony was Director of the Language Center Ali Rabba'i who highlighted in his address the role of the Language Center in teaching all the University Language Requirement courses. He said that the center also offers several credit courses in Islamic and European languages such as Turkish, Urdu, Persian, Spanish, Italian, German, French, and Russian. The center is also distinguished

locally and internationally for its success in teaching Arabic for Speakers of Other Languages through its specially-designed cultural and linguistic programs.

In her thank you note address, the International Affairs Officer at the Islamic School in Indonesia voiced her appreciation to AL al-Bayt University for the high-quality program they have offered in Arabic language and Arab and Islamic culture and civilization.

At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Al-Abbadi presented some eighty-five students with their certificates in the presence of the Vice-Presidents and Director of the Language Center.

Abbadi Represents the University in International Conferences



Al-Abbadi Attends Indonesian Conference on Iraqi Reconciliation

At the invitation of His Excellency Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi attended the International Conference of Islamic Leaders for Reconciliation in Iraq.

The conference, attended by prominent clerics from Islam's Shiite and Sunni sects, was held at the Presidential Palace, Bogor, Indonesia on April 3 & 4, 2007.

The meeting aimed at realizing total reconciliation among the Iraqi Muslim nation by promoting Islam as a religion of peace.

Nine countries, including Iraq, and the Organisation of the Islamic Conference were represented, although none of Iraq's key Islamic leaders attended.

The event was hosted by

the Indonesian Government and the country's two largest Islamic organizations, the Nahdlatul Ulama and Muhammadiyah.

Delegates from Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria, Pakistan, Malaysia and host Indonesia attended the conference.

.... Attends Colloquy on Islam in Cairo

At the invitation of President of Al-Azhar University/ Cairo, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi took part in the colloquy which convened at al-Azhar University to discuss issues pertaining to civilization challenges encountering the Muslim Nation (Umma).

..... Attends Conference in Cairo to Discuss Islam and Globalization

President Al-Abbadi also attended the 19th Meeting of the Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Cairo. The meeting discussed problems

encountering the Muslim world in light of the social and cultural dimensions of globalization.

Dr. Al-Abbadi's participation was in response to an invitation he received from His Excellency Minister of Awqaf (Islamic Affairs) / Egypt.

Seventy-seven Muslim and thirty-one non-Muslim scholars from eighty-eight countries and eight Islamic organizations attended the conference.

.... And..... Attends Symposium in Kuwait

President Al-Abbadi was in Kuwait from April 28 – 30, 2007 during which he took part in a symposium on Waqf (Endowment) Issues.

An invitation was extended to Dr. Al-Abbadi by Dr. Khalid Al-Mazkour, Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Symposium to attend this symposium.

President Al-Abbadi Elected Vice-Chairman of the

President Al-Abbadi took part in The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) which convened its 18th Session in Putrajaya, administrative capital of Malaysia, from 9 to 14 July 2007. The opening session was held under the patronage of Malaysia's Prime Minister Dato Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who delivered the inauguration speech. H.E. Sheikh Saleh Bin Hamid, Chairman of the Shura Council in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in his capacity as the Chairman of the IIFA Council, and H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al-Habib Belkhouja, Secretary-General of IIFA and Representative of the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), also made opening statements.

The ten sessions of this meeting were dedicated to research papers

presented by eminent scholars and jurisprudential experts coming from the four corners of the globe to address jurisprudential issues and contemporary challenges facing Muslims, including Islamophobia and the poverty alleviation campaign in the Muslim world.

The ten themes that the conference addressed are as follows: (1) Characteristics of the Civilizational Approach in Islam; (2) Development of Human Resources in the Muslim world; (3) Role of Zakat Charity in Combating Poverty by Taking Advantage of Jurisprudential Interpretations; (4) Islamophobia Challenges; (5) Sharia Objectives and their Role in Deriving Sharia Rules; (6) Determining the Age of Majority and its Impact on Religious Responsibility (Taklif);

(7) Rights and Duties of Muslim Women; (8) Temporary Possession Contracts; (9) Right of Easement and its Modern Application to Common Property; and (10) Contemporary Medical Issues, including Actions that Invalidate Fasting, Pre-Surgery Waiver of Consent, and Cosmetic Plastic Surgery.

The Closing session - devoted to the adoption of the resolutions and recommendations of this meeting and the reading of its Final Communiqué - was convened with the participation of H.E. Dato Abdullah Zin, Minister of Islamic Affairs, Malaysia. During that session, President Al-Abbadi was nominated Vice-Chairman of the IIFA Council

... and Al-Abbadi Awarded IDB 2006 Prize in Islamic Economics

International Islamic Fiqh Academy in Malaysia

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi was awarded the Industrial Development Bank (IDB) Prize in Islamic Economics for the year 1427H (2006), in recognition of his outstanding efforts in this field. The Prize was presented to Dr. Al-Abbadi during the 32nd Annual Meeting of the IDB Board of Governors, which convened in Dakar, Senegal, on June 29, 2007.

The President of the IDB Group, Dr. Ahmed Mohammad Ali, congratulated Dr. Al-Abbadi for this great achievement and, especially, for his active services for the cause of Islamic economics.

IDB established the Prize in the year 1408H (1988) with the aim to recognize, reward and encourage outstanding work in Islamic economics, banking and finance.

In the last 20 years, 28 researchers, bankers, economists and institutions have been awarded the IDB Prize annually.

The Prize Selection Committee, which was composed of many prominent personalities from different parts of the world outside IDB, conducted its meeting in late March and selected the IDB Prize winner for 1427H (2006) in Islamic economics. These meetings were chaired by Prof. Abdul Rahman Yousri of Alexandria University.

"The Committee has taken into consideration the final report of the Screening Committee and appreciated all the names which were short-listed. After a thorough discussion, the Committee decided unanimously to recommend the award of the IDB Prize for 1427H (2006) in Islamic economics to Prof.

Abdul Salam Al-Abbadi," said a statement issued by IDB.

"Dr. Al-Abbadi exerted distinctive and continuous efforts in promoting Islamic economics besides his efforts in Islamic Da'wah and public services. His research output in the field of Islamic economics is impressive and diversified in addition to his academic contribution, especially, his book on the ownership in Islamic Shari'ah which is considered one of the best sources on the subject," the citation said.

Earlier, Dr. Al-Abbadi shared the State Appreciation Award in Social Sciences for 2006 in relation to his research entitled: "Studies in Contemporary Islamic Thought" during the award ceremony that was organized by the Jordan Ministry of Culture.

Faculty of Finance and Business Administration Honors President Al-Abbadi

The Faculty of Finance and Business hosted a celebration on August 8, 2007 in honor of University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi who has been awarded the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Prize in Islamic Economics for the year 1427H (2006).

In his address on the occasion, President Al-Abbadi called for optimum investment in Islamic Economics by means of devising appropriate and relevant infrastructure, tools and modern systems.

Referring to the Islamic Development Bank, the awarding source of the prize, Dr. Al-Abbadi said that the bank is an international financial institution established in pursuance of the Declaration of Intent issued by the Conference of Finance Ministers of Muslim Countries held in Jeddah in Dhul Q'adah 1393H, corresponding to December 1973. The Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Governors took place in Rajab 1395H, corresponding to July 1975, and the Bank was formally opened on 15 Shawwal 1395H corresponding to 20 October 1975.

This Multilateral Development Bank (MDB), he said, is established to foster the economic development and social progress of its member countries and Muslim communities in non-member countries in



accordance with the principles of Shari'ah (Islamic Law).

The present membership of the Bank, President Al-Abbadi said, consists of 56 countries. The basic condition for membership is that the prospective member country should be a member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, pay its contribution to the capital of the Bank and be willing to accept such terms and conditions as may be decided upon by the IDB Board of Governors.

The functions of the Bank are to participate in equity capital and grant loans for productive projects and enterprises besides providing financial assistance to member countries in other forms for economic and social development. The Bank is also required to establish and operate special funds for specific purposes including a fund for assistance to Muslim communities in non-member

countries, in addition to setting up trust funds. The Bank is authorized to accept deposits and to mobilize financial resources through Shari'ah compatible modes. It is also charged with the responsibility of assisting in the promotion of foreign trade especially in capital goods, among member countries; providing technical assistance to member countries; and extending training facilities for personnel engaged in development activities in Muslim countries to conform to the Shari'ah.

Referring to the prize, Dr. Al-Abbadi said that he has received this merit in appreciation of his efforts in supporting Islamic Economics and the distinctive and in-depth research he conducted in the field. He referred in particular to his book on Property in Islamic Shari'ah which remains an authority and reference in the field.

In his address, Dean of the Faculty of Finance and Business Adnan Abu Al-Haija noted that the prize awarded to President Al-Abbadi is to be added to the record of his outstanding and meritorious services to the cause of Islamic Economics and the cause of Islam and Islamic nation in general.

The ceremony was attended by faculty members, students and invited guests.

University Rejoices Over Petra's Inclusion Amongst New Seven Wonders of the World



The rally celebrating Petra announcement as one of the New Seven Wonders of the World

AL al-Bayt University rejoiced over Petra's selection as one of the "New Seven Wonders of the World," celebrating its victory with rallies that toured the campus. Students chanted songs and danced folkloric dances in honor of this monumental city.

At the end of the rally which was attended by Vice-President Ahmad Alwaneh, speeches were delivered by Dr. Jihad Majali, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs; and Dr. Khalil Hajjaj, Dean of Student Affairs paying tribute to this long over-due recognition of the rose-red ancient city.

Petra came in second behind the Great Wall of China in a massive global online poll and phone campaign in which more than 100 million people chose the world's top architectural marvels among 20 entries. The contest was launched by the Switzerland-based NewOpenWorld Foundation — a group that aims to promote cultural diversity by supporting, preserving and restoring monuments.

Brazil's Statue of Christ the Redeemer, Peru's Machu Picchu, the Chichen Itza Pyramid

in Mexico, Rome's Colosseum and Taj Mahal in India are also among the "New Seven Wonders of the World," announced late Saturday at a gala ceremony in Lisbon, Portugal.

Petra — most recently popularized by the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" — is known for its dramatic tombs and temple facades, including one that served as a church during Byzantine times. The city's inhabitants, Nabataean Arab nomads, carved the structures into the soft sandstone some 2,000 years ago. The rose-red rock city was hidden behind an almost impenetrable barrier of rugged mountains for centuries until it was rediscovered by Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burchhardt in 1812.

It was officially listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985.

Public and private companies in Jordan pulled out all the stops to ensure Petra's victory with a huge advertising campaign, and even the country's royalty lent its support. Ads flooded cell phones, radio, television and newspapers in the final hours before the con-

test's Friday deadline, while Jordan's ruler, King Abdullah II, and Queen Rania led rallies to garner the needed votes.

Jordan's Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Osama Dabbas led an official delegation to Lisbon to receive the award at a star-studded declaration ceremony that included British actor Ben Kingsley and American pop singer/actress Jennifer Lopez.

The event was broadcast live on screens set up on hilly Amman's highest point, the Citadel, as well as at Petra's striking Treasury, the site's signature monument.

Jordan Television ran continuous programming from Petra, where thousands gathered to hear the results and enjoy a night filled with Arabic music and traditional dancing.

On the following day of Petra's selection, Jordanian Prime Minister Marouf al-Bakhit presided over a conference in the ancient city entitled "Petra, the Center of Human Culture" to honor its new title.

The Great Pyramids of Giza, the only surviving structures from the original seven wonders of the ancient world, kept their status in addition to the new seven. The campaign for the new seven wonders was begun in 1999 by Swiss adventurer Bernard Weber, with almost 200 nominations coming in from around the world. The list of candidates was narrowed down to 21 by the start of 2006, including Egypt's Pyramids.

Cooperation Prospects Discussed with Visiting Turkish Ambassador



Al-Abbadi receiving the Turkish guests in his office

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on May 3, 2007, His Excellency the Turkish Ambassador to Jordan. He was accompanied on this visit by the Cultural Attaché at the Embassy.

During the meeting, the two sides explored boosting bilateral cooperation between and among universities from both countries, by means of conducting training workshops and exchanging student and faculty visits. The University's program's in Islamic Shar'ah (law) and Fiqh (Jurisprudence) as well as its program in Arabic for Non-native Speakers of the Language were of particular interest to the Turkish guest.

During the meeting, President Al-Abbadi briefed the Ambassador on the ob-

jectives of the University and its philosophy which combines modern scientific knowledge with the teachings, concepts and principles of Islam and its lofty mission and teachings.

He also briefed him on the courses offered by the University in Islamic Jurisprudence and Law which are intended to deepen students' knowledge and appreciation of Arab and Muslim heritage.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Jihad Majali, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs; Dr. Ali Rabba'i, Director of the Language Center; Dr. Mohammad Al-Arna'out, Acting Dean of the Center for Islamic World Studies; and Dr. Hind Abu-Sha'er, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

Solidifying Links with Kuwait



Part of the visit of the Kuwaiti Cultural Attaché

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on June 21, 2007 Dr. Hamad Saleh Al-Du'a'ij, Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of Kuwait in Jordan.

The visit provided an opportunity for the two sides to revise ongoing collaboration between the academic institutions of both countries, via the good offices of the Embassy of Kuwait in Jordan.

The admission of new Kuwaiti students to the various programs offered by the University was on the agenda of discussions.

University to Work Hand-in-Hand with Jum'a Al-Majid Heritage and Culture Center in the United Arab Emirates to Preserve Manuscripts



The signing ceremony of the agreement

A delegation from Jum'a Al-Majid Center for Culture and Heritage in the United Arab Emirates, chaired by its General Director Dr. Mohammad Yasser Amer, called at AL al-Bayt University on July 17, 2007, where they were received by Dr. Jihad Majali, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs.

Briefing the guests on the University programs and philosophy, Dr. Majali referred in particular to the recent establishment of the Center for Islamic Heritage Revival within the University campus. This center, he explained, is intended to conserve and preserve Islamic heritage and civilization, and most importantly, to inform the successive generations about the substantial contribution of Islamic civilization to

the various fields of knowledge and science.

During the meeting, the two sides voiced their interest in reaching an agreement of cooperation, paving the way for the prospect of greater cultural and scientific cooperation between both institutions.

Later, an agreement was reached and signed by President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi, on behalf of AL al-Bayt University; and by Dr. Mohammad Yasser Amer, on behalf of Jum'a Al-Majid Center for Culture and Heritage.

In its major part, the agreement provides for the exchange of manuscripts, books and periodicals, and the exchange of faculty and students with a view to exchanging expertise. It also includes the mounting of joint conferences

and training workshops on topics of common interest. Most importantly, and under this agreement, the two sides are to join efforts in terms of printing valuable and rare books and manuscripts and preserving these manuscripts for the benefit of future generations. Of particular interest are those manuscripts with direct bearing on Arab and Islamic heritage.

The signing ceremony was attended by Vice-President Ahmad Alawneh, Vice-President for Administrative Affairs Jihad Majali, Dean of Graduate Studies and Academic Research Salah Jarrar, and Director of the Center for Islamic Heritage Revival Hassan Al-Mullakh.

For the Record:

The Jum'a Al-Majid Center for Culture and Heritage was set up in April 1991 in line with the vision of its President His Royal Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan. The idea to start the center dates back to 1988.

Since then, all cultural material has been collected and categorized, special-

ized officials appointed, the organizational structure set up and the regulations laid down. The center is financed by permanent endowments from its founder and President Jum'a Al Majid.

In 1993, the center started providing university students and researchers with services and access to all its materials and departments. Thanks to Jum'a Al Majid rendered finance, the center is a public, non-profit cultural and educational research institution.

The center aims at collecting and making available to researchers a wide range of materials in the social sciences on Islamic and Arabian Gulf studies.

It provides public access to Arab and Islamic thought, culture and heritage and collects and restores cultural works of the Arab-Islamic civilization. It collects Arab and Islamic manuscripts, whether original, photocopied, microfilmed and any other electronic formats.

At the same time, the center encourages study and research about the UAE in particular, and the Gulf area in general, cooperates with other cultural institutions and centers within the UAE and worldwide in the exchange of knowledge, and organizes symposia, exhibitions and scientific meetings.

Azerbaijan Ambassador Calls at University



Discussions with the Azeri Ambassador

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi discussed with the Azeri Ambassador to Jordan Elman Arasli, on June 19, 2007, scopes of cooperation between Jordan and Azerbaijan, mainly in the education field.

During the meeting, the two sides explored the possibility of enhancing academic links between AL al-Bayt University, on one side, and counterpart academic institutions and universities at Azerbaijan, in terms of faculty, student and publication exchanges, and the mounting of joint academic activities, on the other.

Cooperation between AL al-Bayt University's Higher Institute for Islamic Studies, and counterpart centers at Azerbaijan figured high on the agenda of their discussions.

President Al-Abbadi and Ambassador Arasli pledged to follow up on the points discussed in this meeting for the welfare and benefit of students and faculty from both countries.

At the end of the meeting, the Azeri Ambassador praised Jordan's educational accomplishments, and stressed the need to enhance cooperation between the two countries in the educational domain.

Advisor to Indonesian President Briefed on University Lofty Mission



Discussions with Advisor to Indonesian President

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on March 10, 2007, His Excellency Mr. Shahab Al-Alawi, Advisor to the Indonesian President, and the accompanying delegation.

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.

He also informed the guest on the recent establishment of the Center for Islamic Heritage Revival, which is intended to conserve and preserve Islamic heritage and civilization, and most importantly, to inform the successive generations about the substantial contribution of Islamic civilization to the various fields of knowledge and science.

He highlighted the role played by the University Language Center in organizing tailor-cut courses in Arabic and Arab culture and civilization which benefited large numbers of students from the Muslim world.

Badia Discussion With Sharifa Zain Bint Nasser



Discussions with Sharifa Zain Bint Nasser

In her capacity as Consultant and Member of the Board of Trustees of the Hashemite Fund for Jordanian Badia Development, Sharifa Zain Bint Nasser called at AL al-Bayt University last April, 2007, where she was received by University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi.

The highlight of their discussions were means and ways of reviving the badia region and developing the local environment while addressing the socio-economic problems of the people of these underdeveloped regions.

Dr. Al-Abbadi briefed the guest on the University efforts in this domain and the projects that were carried out in the region which turned the University campus and its suburbs into real oasis.

Mafraq Governor Mr. Khalid Abu Zaid accompanied Sharifa Zain Bint Nasser on this visit.

American Educationalists Briefed on Islam



Discussions with the American educationalists

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi received in his office on May 17 2007, an educational delegation from the United States of America comprising Dr. William Saches, Dr. Peter Mclean, and Dr. O'Conner Dagley.

The meeting provided an opportunity for Dr. Al-Abbadi to inform the guests about the true and genuine principles of Islam. The Amman Message, he said, is a genuine reference that explains the true concept of Islam as a religion that rejects terrorism and calls for peace and tolerance.

He added that all open-minded intellectuals and scholars share the responsibility of clarifying the correct notion of Islam and shedding light on its bright image which impacted a large number of cultures and civilizations throughout the ages.

President Al-Abbadi emphasized the University's concern in initiating a dialogue of culture between and amongst people and institutions worldwide that is based on mutual understanding, mutual respect and mutual tolerance.

At the end of the meeting, members of the visiting delegation voiced their admiration of the sterling efforts that are being exerted by AL al-Bayt University in disseminating to worldwide communities the bright image of Islam as a culture, civilization and religion.

The Second Scientific Day of Princess Salma Bint Abdullah Nursing School



The Scientific Day of the Faculty of Nursing

Deputizing for Her Royal Highness Princess Muna, Chairman of the Jordanian Nursing Council, Senator Ruwaida Ma'ayta opened the Second Scientific Day of Princess Salma Bint Abdullah School of Nursing which took place on April 19, 2007, under the theme: "Nursing in Jordan: Reality and Ambition."

In his address on the occasion, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi noted that the establishment of a Nursing School at AL al-Bayt University translates the vision of His Majesty King Abdullah the 2nd, with regard to the modernization of the learning process and the provision of quality education at the various levels and stages in Jordan. As a matter of fact, His Majesty has articulated his ambition and concern that present and future generations of the Jordanian family be provided with the means to pursue specialized education and true learning, particularly in the very curial fields of services that directly touch on human's life. Of course, nursing is one of the most human and humane professions in health care.

Dean of Princess Salma Bint Abdullah School of Nursing Insaf Sha'fan highlighted in her address the School's programs, philosophy and mission, all of which are based on the merging of professionalism, public protection and the provision of high quality nursing, hand-in-hand with the provision of attentive nursing and health care services.

Activities of the Day included the discussion of a number of research papers that tackled issues pertaining to in-patient clinic care and catching contagious diseases, continuing education, nursing care for the elderly and helping them to cope with chronic diseases, job satisfaction, hereditary diseases and pregnancy complications, etc.

A number of health institutions and universities were present on that Day.

The Scientific Day of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities



The inauguration of the Scientific Day

On May 20, 2007, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities (FAH) celebrated its second Scientific Day.

In his inaugural address on the occasion, University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi paid tribute to FAH's contribution to the cultural and intellectual movement in Jordan.

FAH Dean Hind Abu Sha'er gave an address in which she reviewed the achievements and accomplishments of FAH over the past year. She noted that FAH is now linked to the website of the Faculties of Arts and Humanities Association which groups some 70 Faculties of Arts and Humanities from across the Arab world.

A number of lectures, poetry recitals, plays and exhibitions were on the agenda of the activities of that Day.

The Scientific Day of the Faculty of Educational Sciences



The Faculty of Education celebrates its scientific day

On behalf of University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi, Vice-President Ahmad Alawaneh opened the inauguration session of the Faculty of Educational Sciences (FES) Scientific Day which convened on May 13, 2007.

FES Dean Yahya Shdeifat noted in his address on the occasion that FES is an academic community, which is linked closely to the wider community through close cooperation with schools and other educational organizations. Preparing people to teach and guiding future generations are the most important responsibilities that a university can assume. FES is deeply aware of its responsibility. It, thus, adopts the most modern and most recent methods of teaching and guidance.

Later, Vice-President Alawneh opened the educational exhibition which was held on the sidelines of the Day featuring teaching aids produced by students for children.

**The Scientific Day of
the Higher Institute
for Islamic Art and
Architecture**



The inauguration of the Scientific Day

University President Abdel Salam Al-Abbadi opened on May 6, 2007 activities of the Higher Institute for Islamic Art and Architecture (HI-IAA) Scientific Day.

President Al-Abbadi outlined in his address the need to expand, vertically and horizontally, programs offered by HI-IAA with a view to realizing the vision of His Majesty King Abdullah Bin Al-Hussein to enrich the academic and architectural life in the Kingdom.

HI-IAA Dean Rizek Sha'ban presented in his address a strategic plan for HI-IAA and the programs it intends to offer to respond to the ever-increasing housing and construction needs in the country.

Later, President Al-Abbadi opened an architectural exhibition prepared by students on the sidelines of the activities of that Day.

Al-Abbadi Lectures on "The Amman Message and Enlightening Thought"



Al-Abbadi delivering his lecture

At the invitation of the Jordan Higher Youth Council, and as part of the activities of the Second Training Course for students attending the various Jordanian universities, University President Abdel

Salam Al-Abbadi delivered a lecture on "The Amman Message and Enlightening Thought."

"The Amman Message," Dr. Al-Abbadi said prompted the emergence

of the so-called 'Civilized Islam Initiative in Malaysia' and 'the Moderate Islam Initiative in Kuwait.'

He explained the concept of the message which aims at presenting Islam as a moderate and tolerant religion that discards all forms of extremism and terrorism. He called on students to shoulder the responsibility of disseminating this message with a view to preserving Islam from biased and irrational judgments.

A question and answer period ensued at the end of the lecture.

Investment Tools and International Capital Markets

At the initiative of Farah and Sagheer Company for Financial Investment (FSCFI), the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences organized a lecture on: "Investment Tools and International Capital Markets."

Director General of FSCFI Sameer Farah and specialists from the company gave this lecture which aimed at orienting students on investment in foreign markets and means of analyzing selling and buying processes in these markets.

Some thirty-five students and faculty members from the Department of Finance and Banking attended this lecture.

Arab Thought Debated at University

Former Ambassador Khaled Obeidat was guest of the University Bayt al-Hikmah (House of Wisdom) Higher Institute last May, 2007 during which he delivered a lecture on: "Arab Thought;" similar to the title of the new book he published.

In his lecture, Dr. Obeidat explained the relation between the intellectual and the governing authority in the country and the paramount problems and complexities encountering Arab Thought in light of rapid and emerging changes and developments at the social, cultural and political arenas worldwide. He referred to the Hashemite Monarchy's support to the intelligentsia and intellectuals in Jordan, the thing which gave this strata of society a high level of freedom of expression compared to other Arab countries.

The lecture was moderated by Dr. Mohammad Miqdad, Chairman of the UNESCO Chair for Democracy and Human Rights at AL al-Bayt University.

Educational Reforms During the Reign of His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein



Abu Qdais addressing education reforms in Jordan

Under-Secretary of the Jordanian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research Mohammad Abu-Qdais gave an invited lecture at the University on "Educational Reforms During the Reign of His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein."

In his lecture, Dr. Abu Qdais cited some of these reforms which included the introduction of Information and Computer Technologies in the teaching/learning process, the emphasis on quality assurance as a measurement criteria for the various operations, and linking the opening of new specializations to market need and employability prospects.

A question and answer period ensued at the end of the lecture.

The lecture was attended by the Vice-Presidents, deans of the various faculties, faculty members and students.

Islam and the Environment Addressed in a Lecture

Last June, 2007, Engineer Hayel Al-Omoush, President of the Environment Society in the Mafrqa Governorate gave a lecture at the University on "Islam and the Environment."

In the lecture which he delivered at the invitation of the Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudence and Law, Engineer Al-Omoush noted that there are hundreds of verses in The Holy Qur'an that call on believers to reflect on the wonders of nature and to consider the perfect balance in which Allah maintains the natural world. In that, mankind's responsibility is to maintain this balance through wise governance and sound personal conduct.

Jordan, he stressed, has a strong record in terms of environmental protection. He referred in this context to the efforts of the Jordanian Government to maintain high levels of environmental protection and to prevent any danger to human, animal, or plant life or health.

Fines are now being imposed on any attempts at causing harm to the environment by individuals or institutions, no matter whether this behavior is intentional or not. He confirmed that protecting the environment is a shared responsibility on the part of each and every citizen to maintain a healthy environment for future generations.

The lecture was moderated by Dr. Anas Abu Ata and attended by Faculty Dean Kahtan Douri, faculty members and students.

Open Dialogue on Arab-European Relations



Discussions of Muslim integration in Germany

On July 10, 2007, the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences organized an open dialogue on: “Difficulties Encountering Arab-European Relations.”

Ambassador of the European Commission Delegation to Jordan Patrick Reynolds confirmed that EU relations with Jordan are governed by the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership that is implemented through the EU-Jordan Association Agreement and the regional dimension of the Barcelona

Process. Following the enlargement of the European Union, the EU launched the European Neighborhood Policy which is designed to give new impetus to co-operation within the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.

The objective of the European Neighborhood Policy is to share the benefits of the EU’s 2004 enlargement with neighboring countries in strengthening stability, security and well-being for all concerned. It

is designed to prevent the emergence of new dividing lines between the enlarged EU and its neighbors and to offer them greater political, security, economic and cultural co-operation.

The method proposed is to define, together with partner countries, jointly agreed Action Plans, covering a number of key areas for specific action: political dialogue and reform; trade and measures preparing partners for gradually obtaining a stake in the EU’s Internal

Market; justice and home affairs; energy, transport, information society, environment and research and innovation; and social policy and people-to-people contacts.

Ambassador of Bulgaria to Jordan cited Bulgaria's reforms and achievements which qualified it to join the EU.

First Secretary at the European Commission Delegation to Jordan pledged active support to Jordan, noting that given its reform measurements in all fields and domains, Jordan sets an example in the region.

.....Lecture on Muslim's New Experience with EU

On the occasion of Bulgaria and Romania joining the EU as members, the University Center for Islamic World Studies organized a lecture delivered by the Center's Director Dr. Mohammad Al-Arna'out entitled: "Muslim's New Experience with EU."

In his lecture, Dr. Al-Arna'out said that Muslims in Bulgaria date to very ancient times in History. He added that he expects the European Union to play an increasingly active socio-political role in this region by promoting investment, encouraging trade and implementing major infrastructure projects. Bulgaria's and Romania's role in the Black Sea region has grown considerably with their accession to the EU.

The successful socio-economic reforms and the achievements of each new member of the EU are an example and incentive for other countries wishing to join the Union.

A question and answer period was held at the end of the lecture which was moderated by Dr. "Mohammad Hashem" Sultan, Vice-President for Islamic Affairs.

.....and Roundtable Discussion on Muslim's Integration in Germany

In cooperation with

Goethe Institute, the University Center for Islamic World Studies organized on May 10, 2007 a roundtable discussions on: "Muslim's Integration in Germany."

Panelists discussed obstacles encountering this integration like the language and the recent stereotyped images associated with Islam and the Muslim world in the wake of the terrorist attacks in many countries worldwide.

Muslims are the largest religious minority in Europe, and Islam is the fastest growing religion. Europe's Muslim population is ethnically and linguistically diverse, and Muslim immigrants in Europe hail from a variety of Middle Eastern, African, and Asian countries, as well as Turkey. Over the last few years, European countries have stepped up efforts to integrate more fully their expanding Muslim populations. Recent terrorist acts in Europe have given further impetus to these initiatives.



Al-Abbadi discussing ways to improve students' commuting to and from the campus with Director General of the Transport Regulatory Commission



The graduation of children attending the Day Care Center



The Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudence and Law marking Prophet Mohammad's Birthday Anniversary



The Language Center celebrating Jordan's Independence Day



Shaded streets on campus

No Comment

There
was a blind girl
who used to hate everyone ex-
cept her Boyfriend.....she always
used to say that I'd marry you if I could
see!!

Suddenly, one day someone donated her eyes.....and then
when she saw her Boyfriend.....she was astonished to see
that her Boyfriend was also blind.....

Her boyfriend then asked...WILL
YOU MARRY ME NOW? She simply
refused.....

AND as her Boyfriend walked away he said to her...
JUST TAKE CARE OF MY EYES!!

He was the one who donated her his eye!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Certain Simple Techniques to Cope with Our Increasingly Demanding Work-Styles

Suggestions	Benefits
Try not to use the intercom. Rather, walk to your colleagues and discuss matters.	Stretches your back, and leg muscles. Helps build rapport with colleagues. Relaxes your eyes and ears. Relaxes your neck.
Drink lots of water / liquids.	Will require you to walk to the rest room regularly. Good stress buster
Small meals at regular intervals	Keeps away acidity. Makes you walk to the cafeteria thus providing exercise.
Laughter is the best medicine	Hard works is good, but let us not lose our sense of humor. Learn to laugh for everything. Stress buster, good for face muscles and eyes. Sharpens thinking capabilities. Mainly, laughter is contagious.
20, 20, 20, 20 rule - Every <u>20</u> minutes, look at an object at least <u>20</u> meters away for at least <u>20</u> seconds. After that blink your eyes <u>20</u> times before you resume on the computer	Good for eyes, neck, back. You get to chose what object you want to look at!
Keep your feet firmly planted on the ground	Good for back, neck and leg muscles. Keeps Ego in check!
Use an external mouse (Laptop users). Rest your elbow where ever possible	Good for neck, back, arms, shoulders and wrist.
Ensure that your chair is adjusted to optimum height and the back-rest is adjusted to normal (rather than recline)	Good for back and neck.
Use speaker-phones for long calls (calls for more than 20 minutes)	Less stressful and enables more movement of the body.
Get it off you. Talk to someone about anything that bothers you.	All of us have stress. It is how we manage it. Make friends in office to whom you can open your heart out. Honest discussions very often provide answers to difficult situations.

Definitions

CONFIDENCE

Once, all village people decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all people gathered and only one boy came with an umbrella.....

That's Confidence.

TRUST

Trust should be like the feeling of a one year old baby when you throw him in the air, he laughs..... Because he knows you will catch him....

That's Trust.

HOPE

Every night we go to bed, we have no assurance to get up alive in the next morning but still we have plans for the coming day....

That's Hope.

KEEP CONFIDENCE...

TRUST OTHERS...

NEVER LOSE HOPE...

DRINK WATER ON EMPTY STOMACH

It is popular in Japan today to drink water immediately after waking up every morning. Furthermore, scientific tests have proven its value. For old and serious diseases as well as modern illnesses, the water treatment had been found successful by a Japanese medical society as a 100% cure for the following diseases:

Headache, body ache, heart system, arthritis, fast heart beat, epilepsy, excess fatness, bronchitis asthma, TB, meningitis, kidney and urine diseases, vomiting, gastritis, diarrhea, piles, diabetes, constipation, all eye diseases, womb, cancer and menstrual disorders, ear nose and throat diseases.

METHOD OF TREATMENT

1. As you wake up in the morning before brushing teeth, drink 4 x 160ml glasses of water.....interesting
2. Brush and clean the mouth but do not eat or drink anything for 45 minutes
3. After 45 minutes you may eat and drink as normal.
4. After 15 minutes of breakfast, lunch and dinner do not eat or drink anything for 2 hours
5. Those who are old or sick and are unable to drink 4 glasses of water at the beginning may commence by taking little water and gradually increase it to 4 glasses per day.
6. The above method of treatment will cure diseases of the sick and others can enjoy a healthy life.

The following list gives the number of days of treatment required to cure/control/reduce main diseases:

1. High Blood Pressure - 30 days
2. Gastric - 10 days
3. Diabetes - 30 days
4. Constipation - 10 days
5. Cancer - 180 days
6. TB - 90 days
7. Arthritis patients should follow the above treatment only for 3 days in the 1st week, and from 2nd week onwards - daily.

This treatment method has no side effects, however at the commencement of treatment you may have to urinate a few times.

It is better if we continue this and make this procedure as a routine work in our life.

Drink Water and Stay healthy and Active.

This makes sense... The Chinese and Japanese drink hot tea with their meals...not cold water. Maybe it is time we adopt their drinking habit while eating!!! Nothing to lose, everything to gain...

For those who like to drink cold water, this article is applicable to you.

It is nice to have a cup of cold drink after a meal. However, the cold water will solidify the oily stuff that you have just consumed. It will slow down the digestion.

Once this 'sludge' reacts with the acid, it will break down and be absorbed by the intestine faster than the solid food. It will line the intestine. Very soon, this will turn into fats and lead to cancer. It is best to drink hot soup or warm water after a meal.

A serious note about heart attacks: Women should know that not every heart attack symptom is going to be the left arm hurting.

Be aware of intense pain in the jaw line.

You may never have the first chest pain during the course of a heart attack.

Nausea and intense sweating are also common symptoms.

60% of people who have a heart attack while they are asleep do not wake up.

Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know the better chance we could survive...

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this mail sends it to everyone they know, you can be sure that we'll save at least one life.