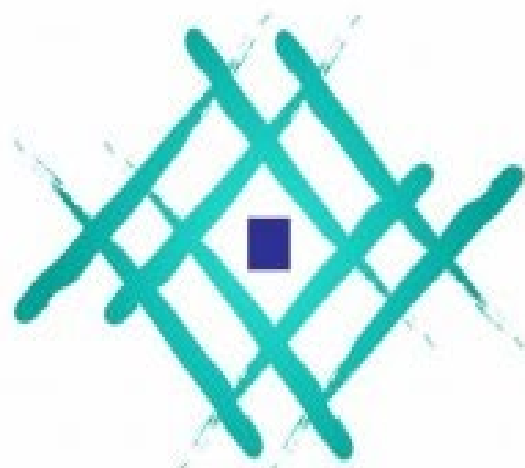


# University Report on SDG 17



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**17** PARTNERSHIPS  
FOR THE GOALS



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## SDG17: PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

### **Building Strategic Partnerships for Sustainable Development in Saudi Arabia: Qassim University's Role in SDG 17**

Sustainable Development Goal 17 (SDG 17) underscores the importance of partnerships and collaborations in achieving the entire spectrum of sustainable development goals. This essay explores Saudi Arabia's efforts in promoting partnerships for sustainable development and highlights Qassim University's role in fostering strategic collaborations to enhance SDG implementation.

#### SDG 17 in Saudi Arabia:

Saudi Arabia recognizes that addressing complex global challenges requires collaborative efforts that extend beyond national borders. The country has taken significant steps towards advancing SDG 17:

- **International Development Assistance:** Saudi Arabia has contributed to international development assistance, supporting various countries in achieving their sustainable development goals. This reflects the nation's commitment to global partnerships and solidarity.
- **Bilateral and Multilateral Engagements:** The country engages actively in bilateral and multilateral platforms to exchange knowledge, resources, and best practices. These engagements foster dialogue and cooperation on diverse issues, ranging from education and healthcare to economic diversification.
- **Investment in Sustainable Projects:** Saudi Arabia encourages foreign and domestic investments in sustainable development projects. These investments not only contribute to economic growth but also align with the broader agenda of achieving sustainable development.

#### Qassim University's Strategic Partnerships:

Qassim University, as a leading educational institution, plays a vital role in advancing the goals of SDG 17 through the establishment of strategic partnerships:

- **Public-Private Collaborations:** Qassim University collaborates with private corporations to bridge the gap between academia and industry. These partnerships facilitate research, innovation, and technology transfer, fostering sustainable economic growth in line with SDG 17.
- **Government and NGO Engagements:** The university engages with governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to address societal challenges collectively. By pooling expertise and resources, these partnerships amplify the impact of projects related to education, healthcare, and community development.
- **International Academic Alliances:** Qassim University forges partnerships with universities and research institutions worldwide. These international collaborations enable knowledge exchange, joint research endeavors, and cross-cultural understanding, contributing to the global spirit of SDG 17.
- **Local Community Involvement:** The university collaborates closely with the local community to address its specific needs and challenges. This bottom-up approach ensures that development initiatives are relevant and sustainable, echoing the principles of SDG 17.
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem:** Qassim University nurtures an innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem by partnering with startups, incubators, and accelerators. This promotes the growth of sustainable businesses that align with the goals of economic prosperity and environmental responsibility.

### Challenges and Future Outlook:

Despite the progress made, challenges persist in building and maintaining partnerships for sustainable development. These challenges include resource disparities, coordination complexities, and aligning diverse agendas. However, Saudi Arabia's commitment to SDG 17 and Qassim University's proactive engagement suggest a promising future:

Sustainable development requires collaborative efforts that transcend geographical boundaries and sectoral interests. Saudi Arabia's dedication to SDG 17 reflects its understanding of the significance of partnerships in achieving holistic progress. Qassim University, through its strategic collaborations, demonstrates how educational institutions can serve as catalysts for positive change by fostering partnerships that contribute to the realization of sustainable development goals. As these partnerships continue to flourish, they pave the way for a more inclusive, equitable, and prosperous future for Saudi Arabia and the global community.

## 17.2 Relationships with NGOs, Regional and National Government

Qassim University has a direct involvement with NGOs, regional and national government to achieve the best vision of 2030 and collect the efforts to seek the sustainable goals. Furthermore, Qassim University aligned with the 2030's KSA vision and is working on facing all the obstacles to reach the future goals.

### 17.2.3 Does your university as a body participate in international collaboration on gathering or measuring data for the SDGs?

#### Qassim University renews its cooperation with Huazheng Agricultural University of China

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/139> [1]

Qassim University renewed the service contract with Huazheng Agricultural University in China, where the contract was signed on behalf of His Excellency the President of the University, Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Saleh Al-Wasil, Vice President for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, and from the Chinese side, the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Ding Xuxin, in the presence of Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman Abakhail, supervisor of international cooperation, Dr. Khaled Al-Harbi, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Abdullah Al-Suhaim, Vice Dean of the College and a number of employees of Huazheng University.

The two sides discussed the prospects of cooperation between the two universities and important issues in the agricultural aspect of the two countries and ways to benefit from this close relationship in developing the research, scientific and academic aspects in the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine.

For his part, Dr. Al-Wasil stressed the importance of activating this contract and preparing a timetable for the activities and programs required to be implemented during the two-year contract period,

pointing out that the university is interested in activating international cooperation with the most prominent prestigious universities in various medical, engineering, agricultural and other fields, hoping that this agreement will achieve the desired goals.

The supervisor of international cooperation at the university, Dr. Abdul Rahman Abalkhail, stressed that the depth of cooperation and interaction between the two universities in the first version of the contract encouraged the renewal of cooperation between them, stressing that cooperation with distinguished universities in various fields will reap many benefits from the university that would develop the academic, research and scientific aspects, appreciating His Excellency the President of the University and the university vice-rectors for their support for the process of international cooperation. He pointed out that the cooperation between the two universities includes holding training workshops and allowing university students to complete their postgraduate studies at Huazeng University, in addition to activating the student exchange program between the two universities in addition to conducting joint scientific research.

It is noteworthy that the university delegation was briefed on a number of research centers within Huazeng University, and they also visited the Saudi Cultural Attaché in Beijing, during which they met with the Cultural Attaché, Dr. Saleh bin Ibrahim Al-Qassumi, and a number of the attaché's employees, in which they discussed the conditions of scholarship students and ways of communication with Chinese universities to enhance academic relations and how to benefit from them in the academic, scientific and research aspects.

## [Dr. Ibrahim Al-Omar signs a cooperation agreement between the university and Michigan State University, USA](https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/70)

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/70> [2]

Includes developmental and advisory aspects of the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine

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The Vice President of the University, Prof. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Omar, signed a cooperation agreement with Michigan State University, which was represented by the Vice President of the University, Professor John Yoat, last Thursday morning, 30/4/1436 AH corresponding to 19/2/2015 AD at the university's headquarters in East Lansing.

The contract between the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine at the university and its counterpart, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Michigan, includes many advisory and developmental aspects of the programs, academic units, curricula and human cadres in the college, in addition to the aspect related to academic accreditation through reviews of all college programs and its various units and periodic reports.

The signing ceremony was attended by the delegation of Qassim University, represented by the General Supervisor of the International Cooperation Department, Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Muhanna

Abalkhail, the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Khalid bin Bani Al-Harbi, and the Vice Dean for Quality and Development, Dr. Abdullah bin Suleiman Al-Suhaim, in addition to a number of employees of the College of Agriculture at the University of Michigan.

\* Dr. Luana Simon: Universities are united by optimal values and we are happy with the ambitious partner who makes the difference

The Vice President of the University, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Omar, and the university delegation met with the President of Michigan State University, Professor Luana Simon, before the signing ceremony, where she welcomed them and presented an overview of the University of Michigan, expressing her happiness with such a partnership, which she hoped would be fruitful.

The head of the university delegation also reviewed the most prominent achievements of Qassim University and its faculties and departments before the two sides exchanged commemorative shields between them.

For her part, the President of the University of Michigan confirmed in a press statement that international universities usually share optimal values among themselves, and this is one of the directions they undertake as educational institutions.

She went on to say: We are always at the University of Michigan looking for a good partner, especially partners who aspire to make a difference with regard to important issues in this century and urgent to the societies of the world, and this is what we have seen from Qassim University.

Luana Simon also pointed out that the participation of others is not through short-term individual projects, but through partnerships that are diverse in energies and capabilities and extend for a long time and sensing the outstanding issues of the world, not only local issues that we must go beyond and this is the real value of such strategic partnerships that must be done so that everyone learns from the other.

\* Dr. Al-Omar: Partnership with a world-renowned university is a qualitative addition to enrich and develop programs and curricula

The Vice President of the University, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Omar, spoke after the signing ceremony in a press statement to the media, in which he considered that the partnership with a prestigious university globally such as the University of Michigan, USA, is an important step in a series of steps taken by the university in this direction, hoping that the partnership between the faculties of agriculture in the two universities will achieve the desired goals and that this will benefit the college's march, students and employees in general.

He added: "International cooperation at the university is an important strategic goal that the university is keen to support in order to raise its level and document it through signing agreements and alliances, building important partnerships, and consolidating them in the scientific, academic and research fields."

He also stressed that international cooperation between international universities - at the present time - is one of the most important cultural and knowledge standards by which the development of societies is measured, and the extent to which the services of educational institutions rise to high levels of global competitiveness in the tracks of science, knowledge and research.

He noted the interest of the Ministry of Education in supporting various aspects of international knowledge and cultural cooperation between Saudi universities and their counterparts from international scientific institutions in various sciences and knowledge, through the establishment of

the General Administration for International Cooperation within its general structure and supporting it with various human, material, and technical capabilities in order to build bridges of cooperation with various countries of the world distinguished by knowledge. And focusing on distinguished international universities in the world, appreciating His Excellency the President of the University for his care and support for everything that would improve the university's march.

\* Dr. Abalkhail: International cooperation with international institutions achieves academic, scientific and research addition

The supervisor of the Department of International Cooperation and Scientific Societies at the university, Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Abdullah Al-Muhanna Abalkhail, pointed out that the Department of International Cooperation is making great efforts to develop international cooperation activities between the university and its counterparts around the world, specifically with universities that can achieve scientific, research and academic addition in general.

Dr. Abalkhail said that the Department of International Cooperation seeks to achieve a number of goals by building bridges of cooperation between Qassim University and international scientific institutions in a way that contributes to achieving the university's vision, in addition to developing mechanisms for scientific cooperation with distinguished universities with the aim of developing and continuously updating the university's programs and curricula, and working to enhance opportunities to benefit from international agreements in the educational fields. This is what this agreement seeks with the University of Michigan in America for the benefit of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine.

\* Dr. Al-Harbi: Our goal is to study the current situation of the Faculty of Agriculture and submit an integrated development proposal

The Dean of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Khalid bin Bani Al-Harbi, pointed out that the agreement with a prestigious university such as the University of Michigan comes within the framework of the college's desire to study the current situation of the college and submit an integrated development proposal through a field visit to a team of specialists in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Michigan to the college during the next period, pointing out that the agreement includes a number of positive aspects for the college through the establishment of training courses for faculty members and technicians. In addition to seeking to enhance cooperation in participating in joint scientific research between faculty members in the two colleges by identifying aspects and areas of research interests and reviewing proposals and funding opportunities for these researches and publishing them.

Many aspects of development, consulting, quality and academic accreditation, hoping to achieve the desired goals, God willing, in order to upgrade the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine at the university.

\* Dr. Al-Suhaim: The agreement includes a review of study plans, curricula and all academic aspects

The Vice Dean of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine for Quality and Development, Dr. Abdullah Al-Suhaim, explained that the cooperation with the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Michigan includes reviewing study plans, curricula and all academic aspects of the programs in a way that contributes to achieving comprehensive and international quality standards, and this comes within the framework of the college's efforts to develop curricula and programs, and thus achieve quality and academic accreditation in the near future, God willing.

\*Views

- The university delegation received great attention and hospitality from University of Michigan officials from their arrival at East Lansing Airport until their departure from Washington in preparation for their return home.
- The University of Michigan, represented by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, held a dinner party last Thursday evening in one of the state hotels in celebration of the university delegation, attended by a number of college leaders.
- The delegation's visit included a field tour that included visiting many of the university's academic and investment projects and the most prominent landmarks of the state, including the Islamic Center in Michigan.

## The University Wins the Blackboard International Award for Excellence in Leading Change for the Year 2022

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2771> [3]

The university, represented by the Deanship of E-Learning and Distance Education, received the Blackboard International Award in "Excellence in Leading Change for the Year 2022", from the Blackboard Global Foundation in the United States of America, which is awarded to institutions that have developed their practices related to e-learning and educational technologies in a way that contributes to improving learning outcomes, student performance or academic progress, as this award is classified as the highest international awards in the field of e-learning and educational technologies, for universities and educational institutions that have used Blackboard solutions. In educational innovation through non-traditional initiatives that help develop the university educational environment to achieve measurable results on the scope of university teaching and learning.

Qassim University was chosen to receive this award in recognition of the university's contributions to developing and modernizing the mechanisms of using and employing e-learning system tools in improving the educational process and solving the obstacles associated with it through innovative non-traditional solutions based on Blackboard system tools, which contributed to increasing the efficiency of learning and developing its delivery mechanisms.

For his part, the Dean of the Deanship of E-Learning and Distance Education, Dr. Saad bin Mubarak Al-Dosari, explained: "This award aims to support innovation and excellence in the community of e-learning practices through the Blackboard system worldwide, by studying the practices and experiences of many international universities in the United States, Europe, Asia and Africa, and selecting and honoring the best of those experiences during the year.

Al-Dosari added, "The most prominent developmental contributions of the university, through which it was nominated for this award, were the employment of the e-learning management system in graduate studies to facilitate communication methods between the professor and the researcher, and the use of learning management system tools in the implementation of academic advising programs for students, as well as the establishment of electronic platforms through the Blackboard system to provide and manage various student activities, whether cultural, scientific, social, artistic, religious, and other activities.

He pointed out that the university has been active in providing platforms dedicated to providing electronic tests for all college students on the Blackboard system, integrating electronic library



services on it to provide electronic library services to university employees on the Blackboard platform, as well as providing virtual platforms for faculties of human medicine in the form of virtual educational medical clinics open to each specialty, in addition to allocating electronic platforms for educational communication for each college through the Blackboard system, and enabling colleges to communicate quickly and comprehensively with all their students through this system.

Al-Dosari said that the university has worked to provide electronic platforms through the applications and tools of the Blackboard system to hold discussions of the scientific research plan "Seminar", discuss scientific theses (PhD - Master), employ the system's tools in organizing various educational events "scientific seminars, learning forums, scientific conferences", and use its various applications in providing programs and training courses remotely, in addition to establishing electronic platforms for holding meetings of committees, departments and college councils, and employing its tools in providing direct live technical support services to students. And professors, and the availability of the techniques of this system in the service of the community by providing all educational and training services to the local community through the tools of the system, and the university is distinguished by its pioneering experience in developing and teaching full-level courses through the Blackboard system.

## The University Signs Two Cooperation and Understanding Agreements within its Participation in the International Conference on Education

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2740> [4]

On Tuesday, 9/10/1443 AH, the University signed two cooperation and understanding agreements with the National Center for E-Learning, where a representative of the University signed His Excellency the Vice President for Educational Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Al-Sharekh, and a representative of the Center, the Director General, Dr. Abdullah Al-Walidi, on the sidelines of the university's participation in the International Conference and Exhibition for Education in Riyadh.



The agreement aims to harmonize the university's programs with the professional certificates of the "Maken" initiative, and to develop cooperation between the two parties in the field of e-learning and training, and professional development, as the center offers the "Maken" initiative to university students enrolled in programs related to e-learning and training in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with the aim of enabling them to obtain professional certificates (foundation level) issued by the center to promote the development of human capabilities in accordance with the changing work requirements, to achieve excellence in performance that will reflect positively on raising Confidence in the practices of the entities for e-learning and training.

The university also signed a memorandum of understanding with the Prince Sultan Center for Defense Studies and Research with the aim of cooperating in the fields of research development and consulting, where the university was represented in the signing by the Vice President for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Prof. Dr. Ahmed Al-Turki, and the Director General of the Center, Dr. Sami Al-Humaidi, in order to enhance joint cooperation between the two parties, as the areas of joint

cooperation include the development of research and studies in the fields of specialization for both parties, as well as the design and presentation of training programs, human resource development, and cooperation in the field of cooperative training for students. Distinguished.

## The University Signs Two Memorandums of Understanding with King Saud and Saudi Electronic University

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2735> [5]

Yesterday, Monday, 8/10/1443 AH, the University signed two memorandums of understanding for joint cooperation on the sidelines of its participation in the International Conference and Exhibition on Education, organized by the Ministry of Education during the period from 7 to 10 Shawwal 1443 AH, at the Riyadh International Convention and Exhibition Center.



His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, and His Excellency Prof. Dr. Badran Al-Omar, President of King Saud University, signed a memorandum of understanding between the two universities to strengthen the bonds of cooperation in the fields of research and management of the research process between the two universities, and coordination between the two parties to facilitate and support joint work between researchers and joint research teams in various scientific fields with the possibility of funding research of common interest by the two parties according to the agreement between them, and allowing each party to benefit from the capabilities of the other party according to the regulations. Organization.

His Excellency the President of the University also signed a memorandum of understanding with Her Excellency the President of the Saudi Electronic University, Prof. Dr. Lilak Al-Safadi, with the aim of cooperation in the scientific, educational, training and professional, cultural and technical development fields at the International Conference and Exhibition for Education at the Saudi Electronic University, where this memorandum aims to frame cooperation projects and initiatives between the two universities and employ their capabilities and expertise in order to achieve their common interest in the scientific, educational, training and professional, cultural and technical development fields.

## The University Signs an Agreement with King Khalid University to Enhance Cooperation in the Fields of Quality and Academic Accreditation

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/2704> [6]

His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, witnessed on Wednesday, 29/7/1443 AH, the signing of a cooperation agreement with King Khalid University, with the aim of enhancing fruitful cooperation between the two universities in all fields of quality and academic accreditation to benefit from the expertise and capabilities available at Qassim University.



The agreement was signed by His Excellency the Vice President for Planning, Development and Quality, Prof. Khalid Bani Al-Harbi, along with Prof. Dr. Marzan bin Awadh Al-Shahrani, Vice President of King Khalid University for Development and Quality, in the presence of His Excellency the Vice President for Educational Affairs, Dr. Muhammad Al-Sharekh, the Vice President for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, the Dean of the Deanship of Development and Quality, Dr. Bandar Al-Mutairi, Dr. Salem Al-Qarni, Dean of Development and Quality at King Khalid University, and Dr. Yasser Asiri, General Supervisor of Agreements and Partnerships at King Khalid University.

The terms of this memorandum include enhancing fruitful cooperation between the two universities in advisory services, training services, quality and institutional and program academic accreditation, as well as benefiting from performance indicators, preparing external benchmarking and other areas of cooperation between the two parties.

## Qassim University signs a cooperation agreement with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

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Includes developmental and advisory aspects of the Faculty of Pharmacy at the university

Qassim University signs a cooperation agreement with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

The Vice President of Qassim University for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Saleh Al-Wasil, signed a cooperation agreement with the College of Clinical Pharmacy

American. American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)

Which was represented by the President of the College, Professor Mike Maddox, at the college's headquarters in Kansas, USA.

The contract between the College of Pharmacy at Qassim University and its counterpart, the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, includes many advisory and developmental aspects of programs, academic units, curricula and human cadres in the college, in addition to the aspect related to academic accreditation through reviews of all college programs and its various units and periodic reports.

The signing ceremony was attended by the delegation of Qassim University, represented by the General Supervisor of the International Cooperation Department, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Muhanna Abalkhail, the Dean of the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Mansour bin Saleh Al-Shraideh, the Vice Dean for Educational Affairs, Dr. Majid bin Muhammad Al-Jarallah, and Mr. Abdullah Al-Muqbel, the supervisor of financial and administrative affairs in the International Cooperation Department, in addition to a number of employees of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

The President of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy received the delegation of Qassim University at the college's headquarters before the signing ceremony, where he welcomed the university delegation and gave them an overview of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and its communication with educational bodies and pharmaceutical organizations around the world and the partnerships it built with them, expressing his happiness with such a partnership, which he hoped would be fruitful.

The head of the university delegation also reviewed the most prominent achievements of Qassim University and its faculties and departments before the two sides exchanged commemorative shields.

For his part, Professor Mike Maddox confirmed in a press statement that the American College of Clinical Pharmacy is looking for a good partner, especially partners who aspire to make a difference with regard to important issues in this century that are urgent to the societies of the world, and this is what we have seen from Qassim University.

He also pointed out that the participation of others is not through short-term individual projects, but through various partnerships in energies and capabilities that extend for a long time that enables the development and implementation of plans in the field of developing pharmaceutical education and its fields, and this is the real value of such strategic partnerships that must be done so that everyone learns from the other.

After the signing ceremony, the Vice Dean of Qassim University for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Saleh Al-Wasil, made a press statement to the media in which he considered that the partnership with a prestigious college globally, such as the American College of Pharmacy, is an important step in a series of steps taken by the College of Pharmacy at Qassim University in this direction, hoping that the partnership between the two colleges will achieve the desired goals and that this will benefit the college's march, students and employees in general.

He added: International cooperation at Qassim University is an important strategic goal that the university is keen to support in order to raise its level and document it through signing agreements and alliances and building important partnerships, and consolidating them in the scientific, academic and research fields.

He also stressed that international cooperation between international universities at the present time is one of the most important cultural and knowledge standards by which the development of societies is measured, and the extent to which the services of educational institutions rise to high levels of global competitiveness in the tracks of science, knowledge and research.

He noted the interest of the Ministry of Education in supporting various aspects of international knowledge and cultural cooperation between Saudi universities and their counterparts from international scientific institutions in various sciences and knowledge, through the establishment of the General Administration for International Cooperation within its general structure and supporting it with various human, material, and technical capabilities in order to build bridges of cooperation with

various countries of the world distinguished in knowledge and focus on distinguished international universities in the world, appreciating His Excellency the President of the University for his care and support for everything that would advance the university's march.

The supervisor of the Department of International Cooperation and Scientific Societies at the university, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman bin Abdullah Al-Muhanna Abalkhail, pointed out that the Department of International Cooperation is making great efforts to develop international cooperation activities between the university and its counterparts around the world, specifically with universities that can achieve scientific, research and academic addition in general.

He said: The Department of International Cooperation seeks to achieve a number of goals by building bridges of cooperation between Qassim University and international scientific institutions in a way that contributes to achieving the university's vision, in addition to developing mechanisms for scientific cooperation with distinguished universities with the aim of developing and continuously updating the university's programs and curricula, and working to enhance opportunities to benefit from international agreements in the educational fields, which is what this agreement seeks with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy for the benefit of the College of Pharmacy at Qassim University.

The Dean of the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Mansour bin Saleh Al-Shraideh, pointed out that the agreement with a prestigious college such as the American College of Clinical Pharmacy comes within the framework of the college's desire to study the current situation of the college and submit an integrated development proposal through a field visit to a team of specialists during the coming period, pointing out that the agreement includes:

- Assist in the development and restructuring of the departments of the college.
- Training faculty members in different disciplines.
- Exchange of experiences in the development of academic work fields.
- Provide the necessary expertise and reports in the field of academic accreditation.
- Review curricula and teaching methods.
- Enhancing cooperation in participating in joint scientific research between faculty members in the two colleges.
- Providing admission to fellowship and residency programs for teaching assistants, lecturers and college scholarships.
- Providing admission to master's and doctoral programs for teaching assistants, lecturers and college scholarships.
- Assist in the development of master's and doctoral programs that the college wishes to offer.

He hoped that the desired goals would be achieved, God willing, in order to upgrade the College of Pharmacy at Qassim University.

The Vice Dean of the College of Pharmacy for Educational Affairs, Dr. Majid bin Muhammad Al-Jarallah, explained that cooperation with the American College of Clinical Pharmacy includes reviewing study plans, curricula and all academic aspects of the programs in a way that contributes to achieving comprehensive and international quality standards, and this comes within the framework of the college's efforts to develop curricula and programs, and thus achieve quality and academic accreditation in the near future, God willing.

## The Minister of Education witnesses the signing of a cooperation agreement in medical education between Qassim and Shaqra Universities

<https://www.qu.edu.sa/content/news/350> [8]

His Excellency the Minister of Education, Prof. Dr. Ahmed bin Muhammad Al-Issa, witnessed the signing of a memorandum of cooperation in medical education between Qassim University and Shaqra University on Thursday morning at His Excellency's office at the Ministry's headquarters in Riyadh.

The agreement was signed by His Excellency the Rector of Qassim University, Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, and His Excellency the Acting Rector of Shaqra University, Dr. Adnan bin Abdullah Al-Shiha.

The cooperation agreement includes the desire of Shaqra University to benefit from the excellence of Qassim University in establishing medical and health colleges, designing distinguished study plans and programs, following up the implementation of those plans and programs, and transferring those experiences to ensure the establishment and development of medical and health colleges at Shaqra University.

The memorandum of cooperation includes Qassim University designing programs and study plans for medical and health colleges, following up the implementation of those programs and study plans, providing educational services to cover the shortage of educational cadres and transferring expertise and experience, in addition to developing and training faculty members by holding training courses and workshops, providing advisory services regarding contracting with faculty members in medical and health colleges, and providing advisory services regarding equipment and laboratories needed by medical and health colleges to ensure Obtaining the best equipment and laboratories that serve the study plans and programs, as well as providing academic services to students of medical and health colleges during the establishment period, and providing advisory services in the field of academic management of medical and health colleges.

His Excellency the Minister of Education blessed this agreement, wishing Saudi universities success in order to contribute to building the human being of this generous country.

For his part, His Excellency the Rector of Qassim University, Dr. Abdulrahman Al-Dawood, indicated that Saudi universities have permanent partnerships to advance their academic and research career in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030 and the national transformation led by our wise leadership, pointing out that this agreement will contribute to the development of medical education outputs, stressing that the university is always happy and proud to provide its services in everything that contributes to the advancement of the country in various fields.

The Acting Director of Shaqra University, Dr. Adnan Al-Shiha, stressed that the agreements and partnerships between educational institutions are healthy scenes that contribute to supporting the process of university education in the Kingdom in line with Vision 2030, stressing that the excellence of health colleges at Qassim University and their use of experiential education contributed to our desire for the university to benefit from their rich experience, wishing that the agreement would achieve the desired goals.

It is noteworthy that Qassim University provides advisory services and studies to educational institutions and other bodies in various fields through the Institute of Studies and Consulting Services at the university.

## College of Pharmacy signs a service agreement with Virginia Commonwealth University

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university, represented by the College of Pharmacy, recently signed a service agreement with Virginia Commonwealth University, within the framework of the university's keenness to benefit from the expertise of the American University, the enrollment of teaching assistants and lecturers in the graduate program, and mutual cooperation between the two parties.

The agreement with the university, which ranks 17th among the universities of the United States of America in the specialty of pharmacy, includes many services in the training and education programs of teaching assistants and lecturers, namely: the Doctor of Pharmacy program, residency programs in pharmaceutical sciences, and fellowship programs in pharmaceutical sciences, where 5 seats will be offered for each program, and the contract also includes training at the American University and its affiliated hospitals, in addition to providing lectures and courses for undergraduate students, and specialized development programs for faculty members. Teaching, and it was also agreed to cooperate in the field of scientific research, and other areas of interest to scholars and researchers in the field of pharmacy.

The agreement signed between the two parties is valid for a period of 6 years, where the specialized residency programs are scheduled to be based on ambulatory care, critical care, infectious care, oncology and pharmacy systems, while the fellowship programs were agreed on clinical research, geriatric study, pharmacoeconomics research, products in the fields of health, and other areas agreed upon by the two parties in the future.

It is noteworthy that the College of Pharmacy at the university has recently obtained academic accreditation from the National Center for Academic Accreditation and Assessment, which aims to support the quality of educational institutions in the Kingdom, which included the Doctor of Pharmacy program of the college, which is the first government pharmacy college in the Kingdom to obtain this full accreditation until 2025, and it is also the first pharmacy college in the Kingdom that combines the American international accreditation certificate and the national accreditation of the Doctor of Pharmacy program, and this step came within the efforts of The university and its continuous endeavor to develop its cadres, and benefit from the expertise of major universities, in line with its future plans to develop educational content and raise the level of education in the Kingdom.

## Cultural Attaché in America: The university's agreement with a prestigious university such as Michigan is a positive step for the development of the Faculty of Agriculture

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He congratulated the university for its institutional accreditation. And thanks to her for informing the attaché. Saudi Cultural Attaché in America:

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Dr. Al-Issa: Coordination of agreements with the attaché avoids Saudi universities and authorities problems!!

Media Center:

The Cultural Attaché at the Embassy of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in Washington, Dr. Mohammed bin Abdullah Al-Issa, stressed the importance of coordination with the Attaché in the event of a desire to sign agreements and contracts for cooperation with educational institutions or others in the United States of America, pointing out that this would protect Saudi universities or other parties providing this type of partnership, pointing out that the Attaché studies these agreements very carefully through legal specialists to avoid any obstacles or material and other problems that may occur In it, Saudi institutions, whether governmental or private, stressing that this role is one of the aspects played by the Saudi Cultural Attaché as part of its duty towards everyone who represents the country in various fields.

This came in a press statement after meeting with the university delegation headed by the Vice President of the University, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Omar and his accompanying delegation, where Dr. Al-Issa praised the initiative of Qassim University in informing the attaché of the cooperation contract with Michigan State University of America before signing it, pointing out that the attaché is keen to provide aid and advice to Saudi universities and other sectors wishing to this type of cooperation with American bodies.

The Saudi Cultural Attaché praised the step of Qassim University in signing such an agreement with a prestigious university such as Michigan State University, which is one of the prestigious universities in the United States, pointing out that it is a good agreement and will serve the university, God willing, and provide the desired benefit to the programs of the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, academics and faculty members, congratulating the university for its achievements and developmental steps, which culminated in its institutional accreditation by the National Commission for Academic Accreditation and Assessment as the third Saudi public university. He wished Saudi universities more successes in light of the unlimited support that higher education institutions find by the wise leadership.

The meeting of the cultural attaché with the university delegation was attended by the assistants of the attaché and a number of employees of the attaché, and the delegation was also briefed on a



number of developmental steps in the attaché as a goal in serving male and female students, scholarship students and scholarship students in general.

## The University Signs 16 Program Academic Accreditation Agreements with the Education Evaluation Commission

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On Monday, 29/1/1443 AH, the University signed with the Education and Training Evaluation Commission, represented by the National Center for Academic Evaluation and Accreditation, 16 academic accreditation agreements for programs in bachelor's and postgraduate studies, at the headquarters of the Authority in Riyadh, in the presence of His Excellency the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Authority, Dr. Khalid bin Abdullah Al-Sabti, and His Excellency Prof. Dr. Abdulrahman bin Hamad Al-Dawood, President of the University, who congratulated all employees of the University on the occasion of this signature, asking Almighty Allah Almighty Almighty for success and repayment for all. The programmatic accreditation was signed by the Authority by His Excellency the Director of the National Center for Academic Evaluation and Accreditation, Dr. Saleh Al-Ghamdi, along with His Excellency the Vice President for Planning, Development and Quality, Prof. Dr. Khalid Bani Al-Harbi, and in the presence of a number of deans of the colleges concerned with the accredited programs, where the university pays great attention to quality standards and academic accreditation, and aims in its new strategic plan to accredit all university programs in 2025, in line with the new university system and the programs of the Kingdom's Vision 2030.

The programs for which the program accreditation was signed were as follows: from the College of Science program Bachelor of Biology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics and Operations Research, from the Faculty of Arabic Language and Social Studies, Master of Arts in Language Studies, Master of Arts in Literary Studies, Diploma in Teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers, from the College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, from the College of Architecture and Planning Bachelor of Architecture, and from Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences in Onaiza is a doctor, and from the Faculty of Engineering in Onaiza Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, and from the College of Applied Health Sciences in Al-Ras, Bachelor of Oral and Dental Health.

Accreditation is a certificate from an independent body - the National Center for Academic Evaluation and Accreditation - that the university's programs achieve and adhere to national and international quality standards, the most prominent of which is raising the quality of the outputs of the programs to meet the need of the labor market and the need of society and achieve the aspirations of the beneficiaries, national development programs and the vision of the Kingdom 2030, and these standards cover all the basic pillars that achieve the quality of inputs, processes and outputs, the most important of which are clarity of vision, strategic direction, governance standards, organizational structures, quality of courses and study plans and quality of production Research, scientific and satisfaction of beneficiaries with all services provided by the academic program, including facilities and equipment.

The National Center for Academic Accreditation and Evaluation "Etamad", one of the centers affiliated to the Education and Training Evaluation Commission, aims to support the quality, evaluation and

accreditation of higher education institutions and programs through an objective and transparent system and procedures, in order to enhance its place in the outputs of educational institutions and programs in the Kingdom locally and internationally.



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