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His Royal Highness Prince Dr. Faisal bin Mishaal bin Saud bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Qassim Region, sponsored the "Second International Scientific Meeting for Camels" under the slogan "Camels 2024: Sustaining Heritage", organized by Qassim University represented by the College of Veterinary Medicine, in conjunction with the Year of Camels 2024, in partnership with the Emirate of Qassim Region and the branch of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture in Qassim, on Sunday, October 3, 2024, which lasts for two days, in the presence of His Excellency the President of the University, Prof. Dr. Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Sharekh, and the university's vice-rectors. And heads of government agencies, with the participation of 20 local and international speakers and a group of specialists in the field of camels from 6 countries, at the Conference Center in the University City.

His Highness also witnessed the paragraphs of the ceremony, starting with the Holy Quran and the royal anthem, and watched a visual presentation talking about the Kingdom's interest in camels, and the university's efforts, in addition to introducing the meeting in its second edition, which aims to introduce the latest scientific and research developments in the fields of camel health, diseases and economics locally and internationally, in order to contribute to the development of this important economic wealth and to support the Kingdom's Vision 2030, as well as determining the nature and size of health problems facing investment in the camel sector, and developing plans and scientific recommendations to treat them.

After that, His Highness the Governor of Qassim Region was briefed on the accompanying exhibition, which contains 20 corners, including a corner for the College of Veterinary Medicine, the College of Agriculture and Food, the University Veterinary Hospital, and a number of participating entities and companies to display veterinary products and devices and guidance publications in the field of camels and their care, as well as toured the scientific poster exhibition with the participation of 53 scientific posters for faculty members and students interested in this field, and at the end of the celebration, His Highness honored the sponsors and partners of the organization.

During his patronage of the meeting, His Highness the Emir of the region directed the establishment of a comprehensive scientific center for camel research, to be one of the first centers at the level of Saudi universities, and to be a reliable scientific reference specialized in the field of camel research, and focuses on studying the various aspects related to camels, from the environmental, veterinary and health aspects, in addition to developing camel breeding practices, improving their breeds and reducing tampering with camels, as well as providing advanced studies and research that keep pace with the aspirations of the wise leadership and contribute to achieving the Kingdom's Vision 2030, which pays great attention to heritage. National and for the development of various sectors.

His Highness pointed out that the center will have close cooperation with a number of concerned authorities, most notably the Camel Club and the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, with the aim of enhancing national efforts in preserving the cultural and developmental heritage associated with camels, supporting farmers and breeders by providing them with the latest research and technologies, promoting scientific research in this field, and to be a scientific beacon that serves future generations and supports efforts to develop the camel sector.

His Highness the Prince of Qassim stressed that the university's launch of a postgraduate program to detect tampering with camels, and the launch of the camel center, will make this university a pioneer and unique scientific center for camel research at the level of universities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, appreciating the university's efforts to hold this meeting, which he recalled with him the past days when he attended in 1427 the first meeting, pointing out that holding it was an initiative that is the first of its kind at a time when there was no interest in camel science.

His Highness said: I was not surprised at the university, led by Prof. Dr. Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Sharekh, and all the colleagues who organized such a meeting to complement the past efforts, asking God Almighty to help them in everything related to camel research, and to cooperate with all concerned authorities, whether in the camel club or in the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, and all parties interested in this matter in order to serve this heritage on the occasion of the Year of the Camels, and to be hopefully Almighty the best help for everyone who cares about the affairs of Camels.

For his part, His Excellency the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Yousef Al-Saedi, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, stressed that organizing this meeting comes within a series of scientific initiatives and activities at the university, based on its mission and strategic objectives towards promoting research and development, exchanging knowledge between researchers, stimulating innovation, and building scientific networks between various researchers and scientific institutions, which enhances its contribution to the scientific community locally and internationally.

He added: Today, we highlight in the sessions of this meeting the camels as an important heritage that draws conscience for development, development, understanding what is new and unique, and coming up with recommendations that contribute to the development of this field for the benefit of humanity, in response to the directions of our wise leadership, supported by God, and in light of the unlimited national support from the rulers, may God protect and protect them, and as a contribution to national development, in conjunction with the Year of Camels 2024.

Al-Saedi explained that this meeting, which includes a group of scientists, expertise and cadres working in the fields of camels, with whom we meet to discuss and study, through 20 speakers and 53 scientific posters, and this meeting also covers 6 main objectives and axes of the most important economic and social challenges facing the camel sector, distributed over eight scientific sessions over two days, to discuss recent developments in the diagnosis of camel diseases and detection of tampering, modern techniques in camel breeding, international, clinical and surgical interventions in camels, as well as technology Camel products manufacturing and safety, camel breeding and care, and the socio-economic challenges they face.

He added: One of the most prominent achievements of this meeting is the announcement of a graduate program concerned with detecting tampering and cheating in camels, and also includes a scientific center specialized in detecting manifestations of tampering and cheating in camels that contributes to the rehabilitation and graduation of specialists in detecting the wrong practices to which this important heritage is exposed, and exercises the role of education and awareness in combating this tampering, stressing that this program and that center are two unique achievements that distinguish the university internationally as it is the first university ever to launch An academic program and a specialized scientific center concerned with combating tampering and cheating with camels because of its important economic and development dimensions.

Al-Saedi also thanked and appreciated His Highness the Emir of the region for his support and sponsorship of this forum, which comes under his guidance, as well as thanked His Excellency the President of the University for his support and follow-up, the university's vice-rectors and all its entities, the organizational and scientific committees, the organization's partners and sponsors, asking God Almighty that this forum achieves its goals and aspirations.

This meeting aims to develop a modern and future plan to increase the productivity of camels by identifying the latest research developments in the fields of treating the problems of infertility, genetic improvement, camel nutrition, manufacturing and safety of their products, in addition to identifying the results of research on the use of camels and their products and the possibility of using them in the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases, in addition to reviewing the economic and social aspects of camels and highlighting the role of camels as a popular and national heritage, and holding various exhibitions for companies and authorities related to the needs of camels and their products.

The Digital Government Authority honors the university for implementing the unified design system Platform Code

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His Excellency the Governor of the Digital Government Authority, Eng. Ahmed bin Muhammad Al-Suwayan, honored the university for its initiative in implementing the unified design system "platform code" within its digital platforms, which was received by His Excellency the Vice President for Business Development and Community Partnership, Dr. Majid bin Fadhi Al-Enezi, during the "Launches" ceremony, in the presence of His Excellency the Dean of the Deanship of E-Learning and Information Technology, Prof. Dr. Saleh bin Muhammad Al-Bahili, in Riyadh.

Qassim University applies the platform code as part of its commitment to unify the digital identity, and to provide an innovative user experience that facilitates access to services and information, in a

way that promotes sustainable digital transformation and is in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030, as the university continues its digital leadership by applying the platform code, unifying its platforms with an integrated digital identity and a design that reflects the best user experience standards, in order to provide more efficient and effective digital services to beneficiaries, keep pace with sustainable digital transformation, and achieve the university's strategic goals.

Qassim University is one of the first government agencies to implement the platform code, keeping pace with the strategic directions of the digital government by unifying its platforms and achieving a distinct beneficiary experience, with a digital identity compatible with the best standards.

His Highness the Prince of Qassim congratulates the university for its progress in the QS International Classification of Majors 2025

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His Royal Highness Prince Dr. Faisal bin Mishaal bin Saud bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Qassim Region, congratulated Qassim University on the occasion of entering the Master of Science in Finance program at the College of Business and Economics for the first time within the QS global ranking, achieving the first rank nationally and 151st internationally, and the MBA program progressed to achieve the second rank in the Kingdom, and the 201st place internationally.

His Highness praised the efforts of the President, leaders and employees of the university in achieving these achievements, stressing that this progress reflects the level of academic excellence that the university seeks to achieve, and contributes to strengthening the university's position at the local and international levels, in line with the objectives of the Kingdom's Vision 2030.

His Excellency the President of the University receives the directors and representatives of a number of government agencies in the region to enhance community partnerships
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His Excellency the President of the University, Prof. Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Sharekh, received yesterday morning, Wednesday, October 20, 2024, a number of directors and representatives of government agencies in the Qassim region, with the aim of strengthening community partnerships, in the presence of His Excellency the Vice President for Financial and Technical Affairs, Dr. Muhammad bin Abdul Rahman Al-Sawi, His Excellency the Vice President for Educational Affairs, Dr. Fahd bin Suleiman Al-Ahmad, and His Excellency the Vice President for Business Development and Community Partnership, Dr. Majid bin Fadhi Al-Enezi, at the main headquarters in the university city.

His Excellency the President of the University and the directors and representatives of government agencies in the region were also briefed on the "Strengthening Partnerships" exhibition, and its scientific and applied innovations, various products, and student participation on community initiatives, as the meeting aims to introduce the university's initiatives and community services in the scientific and applied fields and promote them with various authorities in the region.

The university aims to enhance community participation between it and its surroundings and coordinate to serve the community with the concerned authorities of the university in implementing community programs and activities, contributing to raising awareness among the community, and contributing to achieving the strategic objectives of the university.

The University Signs a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Saudi Logistics Academy

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The University, represented by the Applied College, signed on Sunday, October 13, 2024, a memorandum of cooperation with the Saudi Logistics Academy, during the activities of the Global Logistics Forum (GLF24), organized by the Ministry of Transport and Logistics, and held under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud - may God protect him - at the King Abdullah Financial District in Riyadh.

The memorandum was signed by the CEO of the Applied College, Dr. Khalid bin Abdulrahman Al-Maiman, and the CEO of the Saudi Logistics Academy, Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulmohsen Al-Abdulkarim, as the memorandum aims to enhance cooperation in the fields of education and training, exchange experiences between the two sides to provide important community services, and participate in the rehabilitation and training of national cadres.

The MoU includes cooperation in many fields between the two parties by sharing best practices and experiences in developing national cadres in logistics and supply chains, in addition to enabling graduates of the "Logistics and Supply Chain Management Program" at the Saudi Logistics Academy to complete their studies in e-learning programs at the university.

The areas of cooperation also include understanding between the two parties in providing training for short courses and executive programs for leadership development, with the aim of qualifying and developing national cadres in both parties, through the signing of a separate agreement, as well as the exchange of data, information and statistics resulting from the implementation of this memorandum.

The University Signs Contracts for the Implementation of Evaluation Studies to Adopt 17 Academic Programs with the Education and Training Evaluation Commission

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His Excellency the President of the University, Prof. Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Sharekh, and His Excellency the President of the Education and Training Evaluation Commission, Dr. Walid bin Muhammad Al-Saleh, witnessed on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, the signing of contracts for the implementation of evaluation studies for the accreditation of (17) academic programs of the university, as part of the framework agreement for the university's programmatic accreditations to accredit 92 academic programs, signed by His Excellency the Executive Director of the National Center for Academic Accreditation "Etimad", Prof. Dr. Muhammad bin Saleh Bashmakh, and His Excellency the Vice President for Educational Affairs, Dr. Fahd bin Sulaiman Al-Ahmad, in the presence of the deans of the concerned colleges and representatives of the Deanship of Development and Quality, at the authority's headquarters in Riyadh.

Where the programs that signed their contracts came from the College of Sharia in the bachelor's programs: Bachelor of Readings, Bachelor of Sharia, Master of Regulations, PhD programs: Creed program, Fundamentals of Jurisprudence program, Sunnah and its sciences program, and from the College of Applied Medical Sciences Bachelor of Optometry program, and Public Health program, and from the College of Pharmacy Bachelor of Pharmacy program, and from the College of Computer a number of bachelor's programs, namely Bachelor of Computer Engineering, Information Technology Program, Computer Science Program, Master's programs, Computer Science Program, and Cybersecurity and Information Technology program, the College of Art and Design has a Bachelor of Fashion Design program, and a Master of Fashion Design program.

The university is one of the universities that obtained full institutional accreditation for the second time from the "Etimad" Center of the Education and Training Evaluation Commission, and the university has 68 accreditations, including 53 accredited programs by the Commission and 15 academic programs accredited internationally.

The university works in cooperation with the authority in accordance with its mission and objectives to contribute to raising the quality and efficiency of education and training to the highest international levels, which contributes to achieving the goals of Saudi Vision 2030, and the objectives of the human capacity development program, which include targets for the programmatic accreditation of universities.

The university advances 200 places in the Times International University Rankings 2025

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The university advanced 200 ranks in the Times International University Rankings for the year 2025, according to the Times International University Rankings, achieving the rank of 601 globally, in a new achievement added to the university at the international level.

Over the past three years, Qassim University has made a significant leap in this international ranking, as it was able to advance 400 places in 2024 to reach the rank of 801-1000, compared to 2023, in which the university was ranked from 1201-1500.

The university was able to enter this classification in 2021 after competing in 5 main criteria, represented in teaching, research environment, quality of research production, association with industry and global orientation, which contained 18 sub-indicators, in which the university was distinguished compared to many universities that compete in this classification, and the university continues its progress in various major international classifications of universities, seeking to enhance its international position in a way that contributes to achieving the Kingdom's goals 2030.

The University Signs a Memorandum of Cooperation to Establish a Drone Systems Factory within the "Rafid" Program

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His Excellency the Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Mr. Bandar bin Ibrahim Al-Khorayef, witnessed the signing ceremony of a memorandum of cooperation between Qassim University and the United Defense Company, to establish an advanced innovative factory for the manufacture of unmanned aircraft systems within the university's territory, within the framework of the "Rafid" program launched by the Ministry, in the presence of His Excellency the President of the University, Prof. Dr. Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Sharekh, His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Council of Universities Affairs, Prof. Dr. Bassam bin Abdullah Al-Bassam, and His Excellency the Vice President for Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, Dr. Walid bin Saleh. Al-Battah, at the Ministry's headquarters in Riyadh.

The agreement was signed by the Dean of the College of Engineering, Prof. Abdulrahman bin Ibrahim Al-Attiyah, and the CEO of the company, Mr. Basem bin Abdullah Al-Muhammadi, in an effort to activate the cooperation agreement that was recently signed between the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources and the University.

The Rafed program aims to develop effective partnerships with a number of academic institutions, in order to enhance the benefit of innovations and research in the field of advanced manufacturing, especially in the promising sectors targeted in the National Strategy for Industry, and contribute to qualifying national capabilities in education, training, research, development and innovation.

[The University and the General Authority for Statistics sign a memorandum of cooperation to enhance partnership in the fields of statistics, research and training](https://qu.edu.sa/d_news/3582)

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Today, Wednesday, August 21, 2024, the University and the General Authority for Statistics signed a memorandum of cooperation with the aim of strengthening their partnership in the fields of statistics, research and training, where the agreement was signed by His Excellency the President of the University, Prof. Muhammad bin Fahd Al-Sharekh, along with His Excellency the President of the General Authority for Statistics, Dr. Fahd bin Abdullah Al-Dosari, in the presence of His Excellency the Vice President for Business Development and Community Partnership, Dr. Majid bin Fadhi Al-Enezi, at the Authority's headquarters in Riyadh.

The memorandum of cooperation included several tracks, including cooperation in developing and supporting academic programs specialized in statistics, providing external review of courses, as well as enabling researchers to use interactive maps in estimating and analyzing statistical data, in addition to exchanging statistical data and indicators and conducting statistical surveys, in addition to providing lectures, seminars and workshops in the field of statistics and common fields, and the agreement also included cooperation in the field of volunteer opportunities to serve the Qassim region, and providing cooperative and summer training opportunities for students University.

The memorandum comes as part of the university's endeavors to achieve its strategic goals, and to contribute to an influential and effective role in development work by building bridges of cooperation between it and government agencies in various sectors, keeping pace with the development witnessed by the Kingdom in all fields, as the university harnesses all its efforts to everything that would enhance the Kingdom's position, in order to achieve the goals of Saudi Vision 2030.