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AOU and President Win Gold and Diamond Awards from HBC – Saudi Arabia

The Arab Open University won the Gold Award from the Harvard Business Council (HBC) for its institutional excellence, efficient operations, and ability to create sustainable impact beyond academia into community and development roles. Its President, Dr. Ali Al-Shahrani, received the Diamond Award for Executive Innovation, recognizing his outstanding leadership, tangible institutional contributions, and innovative achievements. These honors highlight the university's commitment to governance, a culture of high performance, and driving institutional transformation based on sustainability and integration, reinforcing its position as a leading educational and developmental institution in the region.



Meeting of the Board of Trustees No. (44) –Headquarters

The Board of Trustees of the Arab Open University held its 44th meeting in Bahrain on 18 December 2025, chaired by Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal Al Saud. The meeting focused on reviewing strategic development and expansion projects across several Arab countries and assessing the university's key achievements during the past period. Discussions also addressed enhancing the university's strategic plan to strengthen its academic standing and developmental mission in line with contemporary changes in higher education, while emphasizing the role of the Board's distinguished members in guiding the university's humanitarian and educational objectives.



Dr. Najma Taqi Honored as Most Inspirational Bahraini Leader in Education in the Middle East – Bahrain

Dr. Najma Taqi, President of the Arab Open University in Bahrain, was awarded the Most Inspirational Bahraini Leader in Education during her participation in the Business Fair Middle East. This recognition celebrates her distinguished leadership in higher education and her impactful role in enhancing the university's presence and the quality of its academic outcomes.

New International Academic Achievement for the Arab Open University – Headquarters

The Faculty of Language Studies has received full international accreditation from the French Accreditation Authority (HCERES) for five years without any conditions, following an eight-month evaluation process. An international committee from France, Italy, and Sweden praised the quality of the faculty's performance and programs. The accreditation covers the Bachelor's programs in English Language and Literature and English Language, Literature, and Translation. The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Aziz Thabit, expressed his gratitude to the university leadership and faculty staff for their support and cooperation in achieving this accomplishment.



AOU Celebrates World Children's Day and Founder's Day – Oman

The university concluded its celebrations for World Children's Day alongside Founder's Day under the patronage of Dr. Khadija bint Ali Al-Salmiya, Director General of Private Schools. Private schools participated with student activities aimed at raising awareness of children's rights and promoting values of care and responsibility within the community.





AOU Hosts Delegation from the College of Basic Education – Kuwait

The university, led by Dr. Salah Al-Hammadi, welcomed a delegation from the College of Basic Education at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, headed by Dean Prof. Mubarak Al-Hajri. The meeting focused on enhancing academic, administrative, and student cooperation, exploring joint programs, and exchanging experiences in cultural, volunteer, sports, and community initiatives.



AOU Concludes Harvard-Based Executive Leadership Program – Saudi Arabia

The university concluded a specialized executive leadership program for academic and administrative leaders, led by Prof. Nicola Paulo and based on Harvard's leadership methodology. The program focused on adaptive leadership, effective communication, and decision-making in complex institutional environments, enhancing participants' capacity to drive change and create lasting organizational impact.



AOU Hosts Discussion on "Proposed Digital Authority Law and Its Impact on Entrepreneurship and Innovation" – Lebanon

The university's Entrepreneurship Center held a panel discussion featuring MP Dr. Razi Al-Hajj, lawyer Charbel Shbeir, and Dr. Sara Saidani. The event brought together legal experts, policymakers, and public and private sector representatives to examine the emerging legislative framework and its effects on entrepreneurship and innovation in Lebanon.



International Conference on Bridging Horizons – Jordan

Prof. Tahrir Hamdi, President of the Arab Open University in Jordan, inaugurated the International Conference on Bridging Horizons: "Multidisciplinary Innovations in Education, Business, Technology, and Social Sciences," held in collaboration with Abu Dhabi University at Rotana Hotel, Amman, attended by distinguished experts, officials, and dignitaries, highlighting innovation and cross-disciplinary collaboration.



AOU Honors Senior Citizens on Founder's Day – Bahrain

As part of its Founder's Day celebrations honoring HRH Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Arab Open University organized a special event to honor senior citizens, reflecting the founder's values of respect and appreciation for this valued group and highlighting their ongoing role in serving the community.



Deans of Academic Programs at the Main Campus Monitor University Examinations – Kuwait

To ensure the highest standards of quality in the examination process, the Deans of the Faculty of Language Studies, Prof. Aziz Thabit; the Faculty of Computer Studies, Prof. Mohammed Sayed; and the Faculty of Administrative Studies, Dr. Jarah Al-Mansour, conducted an inspection tour of several classrooms during students' midterm exams. During their visit, the deans reviewed the organization of the exams, the readiness of the classrooms, and the procedures in place to ensure compliance with the university's approved academic regulations.



AOU Participates in First Arab Women Researchers Forum – Oman

Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Rahma bint Ibrahim Al-Mahrouqi, Minister of Higher Education, Research, and Innovation, several researchers from the Arab Open University took part in the First Arab Women Researchers Forum held at Al Buraimi University for two days, organized by the National Commission for Education, Culture, and Science (ALECSO) and the Ministry of Higher Education.



AOU Celebrates National Day with Northern Governor – Bahrain

As part of Bahrain's National Day and the King's Accession Day celebrations, the Arab Open University hosted a special event attended by Northern Governor Mr. Hassan Abdullah Al-Madani, University President Dr. Najma Taqi, students, alumni, staff, and their families. The governor extended his congratulations to His Majesty the King, the Crown Prince, and the Bahraini people.



AOU Concludes Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop in Partnership with Al Jabr – Oman

The university's Innovation, Technology Transfer, and Consulting Center concluded a workshop delivered by Al Jabr Company, aimed at supporting students in innovation and entrepreneurship. The workshop empowered participants to transform creative ideas into startup projects, enriching their knowledge and fostering a spirit of initiative and enterprise.



AOU Academics Serve as Judges in Absher Tuwaiq Hackathon – Saudi Arabia

To support technological innovation and data-driven AI solutions, university academics participated as judges in the Absher Tuwaiq Hackathon organized by Tuwaiq Academy under the Ministry of Interior. The event aimed to foster entrepreneurial ideas, empower young national talents, and evaluate participants' solutions for quality and innovation.



AOU Hosts First Aid Awareness Lecture in Collaboration with National Guard – Kuwait

In partnership with the National Guard Medical Services, the university organized a first aid awareness lecture for faculty, students, and staff. Trainer Rashed Juwaid covered essential first aid skills and emergency response procedures, emphasizing the importance of practical knowledge to protect lives and minimize health risks in urgent situations.



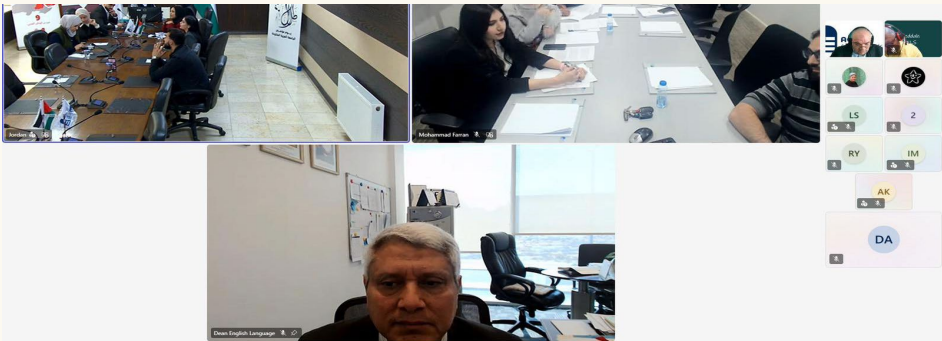
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The university organized a speech competition as part of its celebrations. Judges Rachel Karam, Rana Najjar, Elie Matta, and Dr. Sara Saidani listened to speeches from 12 students on themes of empathy and kindness and selected the winners.



AOU Hosts 2025 Graduation Elections and Gala Dinner – Lebanon

The university held its 2025 Graduation Elections and Gala Dinner under the theme “Celebrating Connections and Honoring Excellence” at the Middle East Training Center, attended by academic and social figures, alumni, and partners. The event featured speeches from Dr. Yara Abdullah, Dr. Ghadi Mokalled, and Lebanese national team captain Amir Saud, announced the Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Award for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, honored ten outstanding graduates, and elected Dr. Wael Amin Al-Deeb as President of the Arab Open University Alumni Association – Lebanon, celebrating unity, pride, and commitment to supporting graduates and future generations.



Students Compete in Two Intellectual Debates – Headquarters

Two student debates were organized by the Deanship of the College of Language Studies at the Main Headquarters, bringing together students from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Jordan. The debates addressed contemporary intellectual topics in a competitive academic atmosphere. The Egyptian team won the first debate, while the Jordanian team won the second, and the Dean of the College praised the students’ performance and the efforts of their coaches and judging committees in promoting critical thinking and constructive dialogue.



AOU Holds Annual Meeting Highlighting Achievements and Development Plans – Oman

The university held its annual meeting to review 2024–2025 achievements and the 2025–2026 academic plan, chaired by University President Prof. Mohammed Al-Badi. The session included academic and research presentations, in-depth discussions with staff, and recognition of employees for their continuous contributions to the university’s progress.



AOU Hosts Panel on Scientific Publishing Quality – Oman

The university participated in a panel titled “Enhancing the Quality of Scientific Publishing in Light of National Priorities” during the 12th Annual Researchers Forum. The session was chaired by University President Prof. Al-Badi, with contributions from Dr. Mohammed Al-Husseini and other academic experts, discussing publishing challenges, quality standards, and ways to improve research output.



AOU Participates in “Riyadh Volunteers” Initiative – Saudi Arabia

As part of its commitment to social responsibility and promoting a culture of volunteerism, the university joined the “Riyadh Volunteers” initiative in collaboration with the Riyadh Municipality. The initiative, held on International Volunteer Day, aims to enhance the urban environment and promote sustainability principles among students and staff.



Arab Open University Participates in Academia-Industry Gap Conference – Jordan

The university, represented by President Prof. Tahrir Hamdi, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Mufid Abu Mousa, Dean of the Faculty of Education, and Dean of Research Dr. Amjad Al-Sayouf, participated in the conference on bridging the academia-industry gap organized by the Higher Council for Science and Technology. The event was inaugurated under the patronage of Prince Hassan bin Talal and Princess Sumaya, with broad participation from Jordanian universities.