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## HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal Attends the Honouring of the Winners of the Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development and Discusses Development Partnerships with the Armenian Government – Headquarters

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Arab Gulf Programme for Development (AGFUND) and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Open University, attended the ceremony honouring the four winning projects of the 27th Prince Talal International Prize for Human Development, dedicated to the theme "Affordable and Clean Energy," one of the Sustainable Development Goals, with total prize money amounting to USD 1 million. The ceremony was held in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, under the patronage of H.E. President of the Republic of Armenia Vahagn Khachaturyan, on the sidelines of the 17th Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (COP17Armenia). It was attended by HM Queen Sofía of Spain, a member of the Prize Committee, along with a number of officials and international figures. The prize reaffirms AGFUND's commitment to supporting innovative development initiatives and promoting sustainable solutions that contribute to improving quality of life and empowering communities. On the sidelines of the visit, HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal met with the Prime Minister of Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan, the Minister of Finance, Vahe Hovhannisyan, and the Minister of Economy, Gevorg Papoyan. The meetings explored prospects for economic and development cooperation and opportunities to expand partnerships in education, microfinance, and entrepreneurship, based on the importance of investing in people as a fundamental pillar of sustainable development and creating broader opportunities for individuals and communities.





## Chairman of the Arab Open University Board of Trustees Visits Arabian Gulf University to Discuss Joint Cooperation – Headquarters

HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Arab Open University Board of Trustees, visited Arabian Gulf University in Bahrain, accompanied by Prof. Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Zakari, President of the Arab Open University in the Arab World, and Mr. Humam bin Jraid, CEO of AGFUND. The visit focused on strengthening academic and research cooperation, exchanging expertise, and supporting higher education and sustainable development.

# AOU in Bahrain Celebrates the Graduation of Its 18th Bachelor’s Cohort and 8th Master’s Cohort






AOU in Bahrain held a graduation ceremony for the 18th cohort of bachelor’s degree graduates and the 8th cohort of master’s degree graduates, comprising a total of 399 graduates. The ceremony was attended by H.E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Juma, Minister of Education and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Higher Education Council; HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Arab Open University; Prof. Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Zakari, President of the Arab Open University in the Arab World; and a number of officials, academic and administrative staff, parents, and invited guests. The ceremony took place at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre. On this occasion, H.E. the Minister of Education expressed his deepest gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, and HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for their generous support and continued commitment to advancing education in the Kingdom of Bahrain.






**Arab Open University in Bahrain Celebrates the University's Founder's Day in Collaboration with UNIDO – Bahrain**

The Arab Open University in Bahrain, in collaboration with UNIDO ITPO Bahrain, celebrated the University's Founder's Day in honour of the late Prince Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and his lasting developmental legacy. Held under the theme "A Vision Rooted in Legacy and Leadership Shaping the Future," the ceremony was attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Aljawhara bint Talal, senior education officials, university representatives, partners, and entrepreneurs.



**AOU Bahrain Welcomes U.S. Ambassador to Explore Academic and Technology Initiatives – Bahrain**

AOU welcomed H.E. Stephanie L. Hallett, U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain, as part of its partnership with the U.S. Embassy. The visit included an overview of the American Corner's activities and educational and cultural exchange programmes, as well as tours of the university's artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and robotics laboratories.



**AOU Signs MoU with Al Seeb Wilayat Health Office to Promote Health Awareness - Oman**

AOU in Oman signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Al Seeb Wilayat Health Office to strengthen community partnerships and cooperation in health, awareness, and academic initiatives. The agreement includes organizing health awareness campaigns and programmes, providing training and community engagement opportunities for students, and sharing the expertise and resources of both parties.




**AOU Hosts IEEE Oman Student and Young Professionals Conference 2026 - Oman**

AOU in Oman, in collaboration with the IEEE Oman Section, organized the IEEE Oman Student and Young Professionals Conference 2026, featuring three competitions in scientific posters, robotics, and cybersecurity to promote innovation and enhance young people's technical skills.




**President of the Arab Open University in the Arab World Meets with AOU Bahrain Staff - Bahrain**

During his visit to the Arab Open University in Bahrain, Prof. Mohammed bin Ibrahim Al-Zakari, President of the Arab Open University in the Arab World, met with academic and administrative staff to review the university's key achievements, ongoing development initiatives, and future strategic directions.




**AOU Kuwait Wins First and Third Places in the 2026 University Programming Championship - Kuwait**

AOU in Kuwait secured first and third places in the 2026 University Programming Championship, organized by the American University of Kuwait, competing against 47 teams from 10 universities. This achievement highlights AOU students' programming skills, logical and creative thinking, and problem-solving abilities. Congratulations to our talented students.



**AOU Kuwait Participates in AI Research and Publishing Workshop and Exhibition - Kuwait**

The Arab Open University in Kuwait participated in the workshop and exhibition titled "The AI Journey from Information Retrieval to Publishing," organized and hosted by the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research. The university was represented by Dr. Issa Al-Harbi, Dean of the Faculty of Computer Studies.




**Annual Meeting to Review Performance and Strengthen Institutional Development – Oman**

The Arab Open University held its annual management review meeting to assess achievements for the 2025–2026 academic year, chaired by Prof. Mohammed Al-Badi, President of the University, and attended by its staff. The meeting discussed the key achievements of various departments and reviewed their efforts to achieve institutional objectives, enhance performance, and promote continuous development.



**AOU Oman Students Achieve Top Places at the 7th Military Technical College Scientific Week - Oman**

AOU Oman's Faculty of Computer Studies students won second place in the drone competition and third place in the Cybersecurity Capture the Flag (CTF) competition, demonstrating their technical skills and competitiveness in advanced technology.



**Arab Innovators and Creators Conference Opens in Oman Under the Slogan "Inspiring Innovation… Prosperous Development" - Oman**

The Arab Open University in Muscat inaugurated the Arab Innovators and Creators Conference under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Saif bin Abdullah Al-Hadabi, President of the Research and Innovation Authority. Held under the slogan "Inspiring Innovation… Prosperous Development," the three-day conference brings together a distinguished group of innovators, experts, and researchers from Oman and abroad.



**AOU Egypt Discusses Digital Media and Content Creation - Egypt**

The Faculty of Mass Communication hosted a seminar on digital content and technological developments, highlighting innovation, credibility, emerging digital media trends, and challenges facing young media professionals.