

Bayan College Participate in 16th Annual Washington International Education Conference

Dr. Modi Juma Al-Ghailani, Bayan College attended the 16th Annual Washington International Education Conference conducted by Washington International Education Council held at the University of California Washington, DC Conference Center on February 14 and 15, 2018.

Among the universities and colleges functioning in Arab World it was only Bayan College who took part in the 16th Annual Washington International Education Conference which bring together stakeholders in international education from Embassies, sponsoring organizations and universities from throughout the United States and Canada

“The conference enlightens with latest and most relevant information on the ethical recruitment and programming of international students and exchanges information that has contributed to the progress of international education around the world through different sessions”, said Dr. Modi Juma Al-Ghailani.

Dr. Modi also said that high profile delegates from Sultanate of Oman Ministry of Higher Education head by HE Dr. Abdullah Mohammed Al Sarmi, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Higher Education and delegates like Dr.Talal Al Balushi, Culture Attaché at the Sultanate of Oman Embassy in Washington also attended the conference.

Washington International Education Conference provides the latest information on the recruitment of international students, admissions and campus life, and which also gives access to key embassy officials and sponsoring agencies responsible for the placement of students.

“Expert speakers spoke on topics like trends in international education and representatives from Barton Carlyle, the Pew Research Centre the United States Department of Homeland Security the Department of State and the Department of Commerce provided the latest information”, said Dr. Modi.

Adding to that Dr. Modi also said that presentation on ‘Why international students fail, a language testing perspective’, by Puck Fernsten focusing on different points like comparison of major language tests and how to retain students for internationalization success was highly appreciative.

She also said that there were other speakers who presented on various topics like, ‘Engaging US Universities and Colleges in International Education and Development’, ‘Origins and Destinations of Foreign Students in the United States’, , ‘Indian Students and State of Higher Education in India’, ‘Trump Trends: How Immigration Changes are Affecting International Student Enrollment’, which was very informative.

During the conference, participants were escorted to embassies representing countries from across the globe and U.S. key Federal government partners including the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In addition, participants were given a platform to learn from highly regarded peers and research institutions that are committed to the study and implementation of international student recruiting and admissions.

“The conference were extremely helpful with most experienced and expert speakers which made all participants to be benefited with the

trends and issues, data and practical tips to manage international student program effectively”, added Dr. Modi Al-Ghailani.

Conference attendees included education and cultural attaches, university, college, independent school and language program administrators who oversee international university student recruiting and admissions and those who serve as liaisons to these students once on campus, Federal government representatives, and representatives from NGOs.

According to Washington International Education Council, over 480 colleges, universities, embassies, U.S. government departments and international organizations participated in the Washington International Education Conferences over the years. Colleges and universities have benefited obtaining the latest information about new programs that sponsor international students and the best way to reach students who are interested in pursuing higher education.