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BAYAN PARTICIPATE IN WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr.Modi Juma AL Ghailani represents Bayan College and Mazoon College in 16th Annual Washington International Educational Conference

Bayan Campus: Dr. Modi Juma Al-Ghailani, representing Bayan College (BC) and Mazoon College (MC) 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.

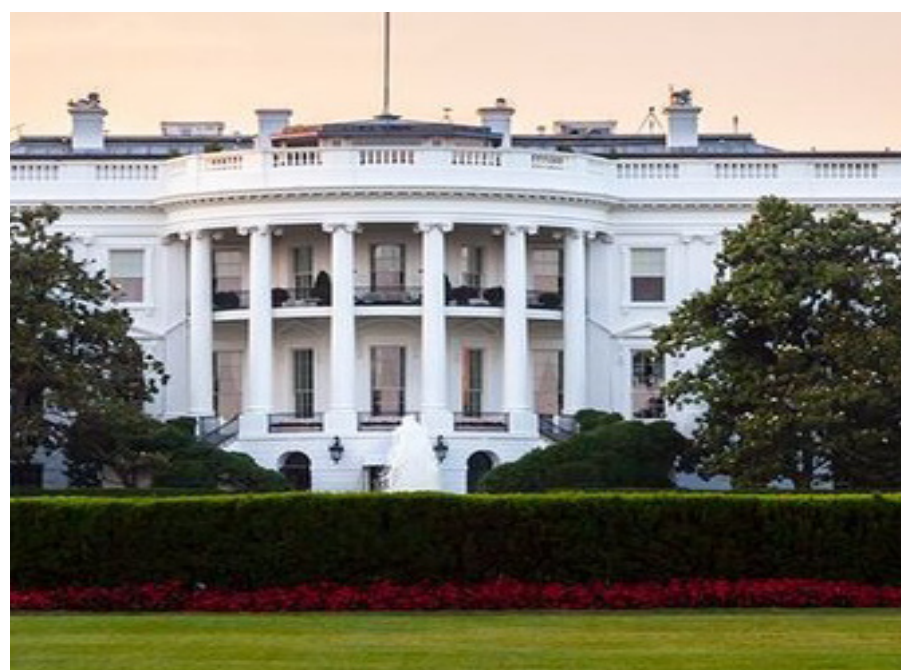
Among the universities and colleges functioning in Arab World it was only Bayan College and Mazoon College who took part in the 16th Annual Washington International Education Conference which bring together stakeholders in international education from Embassies, sponsoring organizations and universities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

merce 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 Im-

migration 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 Fed-

eral 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.

7TH GRADUATION DAY

Bayan College to conduct 7th Graduation Day on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. One hundred and twenty-four students are graduating this academic year from various majors like Broadcasting, Journalism, Public Relations and English Literature.

The ceremony will be conducted under the patronage of HE Sheikh Hamed Bin Hilal Al Maamari, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Heritage and Culture for Cultural Affairs at Mazoon College premises at Airport Heights- Seeb, Muscat.

PURDUE TEAM TO VISIT BAYAN

An four-member Purdue University team to visit Bayan College four one week from 24 February to 1 March. The annual visit will be facilitated in order to assess further developments in the academic and extracurricular activities of the college and to attend the 7th Graduation Ceremony to be held on 27 February, 2018.

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The team led by Dr. Richard Rupp, Chief of Staffs, Chancellor Office-Purdue University, Dr. Lisa Hopp, Dean and Professor, Nursing, Dr. Niaz Latif, Dean, College of Technology, Executive Director, Commercialization and Manufacturing Excellence Center(CMEC) and Dr. Raida Abuizam, Head- Department of Quantitative Business Studies, Professor of Operations Management Coordinator, Business Analytics Program will visit the college for the assessment.

Assessment of the curricular components such as teaching, learning, and evaluation, research extension, and consultancy, infrastructure facilities, student support system, and administration as well as innovative and best practices will be done by the team members.

The team will also interact with head of the departments to discuss on admission process, student performance, research facilities, activities in departments, students and faculty achievements, research publications, and awards won by students and staff.

BAYAN COLLEGE CONDUCTS FIRE AND SAFETY TRAINING

Bayan College held its first episode of the Sustainable Development Program on Monday, February 12, 2018. The event was organized under the patronage of the Royal Oman Police.

Mr. Khalid Abdullah Al Maamari, a senior student of Bayan College, welcomed the dignitaries followed by an introduction by Dr. Nader S Fahim, In-Charge-Dean of Bayan College. Lt. Col. Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Abdullah Al Shajbi was the Chief Guest at the event. Lt. Col. Said Mohammed Al Baddai presided over the event as the Guest of Honor.

First Lieutenant Mohammed Ali Sulaiman Al Yahyai demonstrated the Heimlich Manoeuvre, a life-saving technique to revive people who choke on food or other ingested material. He also demonstrated child resuscitation process with active participation from the audience. Lt. Faisal bin Hamdan bin Ali Al Khatri, First Agent Abdul Aziz bin Sawalih bin

Mohammed Al Balushi and Agent Salim bin Issa bin Salim Al Badrani explained the concept of the fire extinguisher, the difference between extinguishers for different types of fire and the safest way to operate them.

A live demonstration was done on the college campus on the use of fire blankets and their effectiveness in controlling conflagrations in places like the kitchen. The students and staff benefited greatly from the event, gaining fresh insight into safety in the work place and at home.

Haya Haroun Al Husaini, one of the students of Bayan College proposed the vote of thanks. She appreciated the dedicated efforts of the team from the Royal Oman Police and the efforts put in by staff and students to make the event colorful and memorable. Bayan College looks forward to more similar events that would prove beneficial to the college community and the society as a whole.



Fire Drill conducted by ROP Officials for the students during the safety training programme.



FIRST EPISODE OF 'AL SABLA' RECORDING BEGINS



BAYAN CAMPUS: The Media Club successfully recorded the first episode of 'Al Sabla'. A program by the students for the students. The first episode invited the poets from the recent poetry show at Bayan College. The guests spoke about the importance of traditional Omani poetry and its significance in student activities.

They also stressed on the importance of student ac-

tivities as a whole and how they facilitate better growth in students. They concluded the show with advice they felt students could use and their future work as poets.

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The programme help students to cultivate more practical skills during their studies and help them to incorporate their ideas with lots of new experiments.

The platform will make

students efficient to work in the media industry while they graduate from Bayan College with diploma or bachelor degree.

Students are involving in this activity under the guidance and supervision of the media academic staff and studio manager.

Bayan College always try to make their graduates capable in doing practical work which help them to

compete in the media industry while they are searching jobs after graduation. The college give more importance for shaping their graduates to meet the requirement of media industry.

The first episode introduced Mr. Said bin Nasser Al Nahdi, a student at Bayan College as well as a success-

ful employee of the government sector. Mr. Al Nahdi highlighted various aspects in relation to his job and college life.

He mostly focused on the ideal balance between work life, his family and his studies. Mr. Al Nahdi urged students to use their time positively towards activities,

and devotion to completing study related tasks.

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The show also seeks to find the secrets to success and what advice the guests may have for the students, equipping them with an arsenal of ideas for their own success in the future. The show is made by the students, for the students.



Student Affairs Department Hosts Book Fair Attracts Students

The Al Tanwir Club, in collaboration with Alaa Library, and The Mind and Soul Book store, hosted the second edition of the Bayan College book fair in the Bayan College premises from Sunday, 11th of February to Thursday, 13th of February 2018.

The books included classic writers, such as Agatha Christie and Paul



lo Coelho; as well as other novels, stories and historical journals in both English and Arabic to cater to the multi-faceted student population of the college. The fair strove to celebrate reading culture and encourage students to engage in the act of reading.

A student of the college expressed her surprise at the collection she encountered, "I saw many books that actually made me consider buying them. I didn't expect to see something I liked." It

pushed forward the interests of the faculty in inculcating reading as a habit rather than

a chore, and bringing students closer to books that may suit their varying tastes.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Under the auspicious of Dr. Modi Juma Al-Ghailani, Dean of Al-Bayan College and as part of the Professional Development Program activities, the Department of English Studies held a seminar on 09/11/2017.

Dr. Lina Ibrahim, HoD of the English Studies Department, presented a paper titled *Zaabalawi: Nostalgia or Search for Spirituality*.

The presentation was an attempt to answer whether Naguib Mahfouz, the author, meant the story as a search for the divine or as nostalgia for a beautiful past.

The presenter highlighted the changes that were taking place in the Egyptian society as it was moving rapidly towards modernization.

The characters presented demonstrated

how the society did in fact become a society that valued mate-

rial level to the spiritual level. The characters who repre-

were all very much involved in life here and now to the extent that

Music Composer. Here art symbolizes spirituality. Since we are now

turn lead the hero to his final destination, Sheik Wanas. It is while he is in the company of Sheik Wanas, unconscious that he finally meets Zaabalawi and for a short moment experiences content and happiness.

He experiences a pain-free moment, after which Zaabalawi disappears and he has to continue his quest.

Members of the Deanship, English Studies, Media and Foundation Departments attended the presentation.

Once the presentation was over the platform was given to the audience for Q.A. Dr. Safwat, Dr. Nader, Dr. Ansari, Mr. Mundua, and Ms. Melani asked some questions that triggered a constructive discussion with the presenter.



he moved far from the

sented the change that was taking place were Sheik Qamar the lawyer, the Book Seller and the Local Sheikh. They

they half-forgotten Zaabalawi.

Hope is regained when the heroes meet The Calligrapher and

with creative people Zaabalawi is remembered as a source of inspiration to both characters, who in their

CV AND INTERVIEWING SKILLS WORKSHOP

The college recently hosted a CV and Interviewing Skills workshop, conducted by Ms. Aisha Ba Omer, an employee of the Oman Telecommunications Company: Omantel. The workshop especially targeted graduating students so as to provide them with the necessary skills to face job situations in the real world.

The workshop especially focused on the preparation of professional CV with topics like what to include in one's CV (important certificates, achievements, etc.) and the correct language to be used when writing the same, in the case of job applications. The workshop concluded with pointers to use in a job interview: including before,



during and completion of the interview.

the principles and important guidelines were stressed like font style and size, CV Length, format, components, accuracy and contents of CV

Mr. Amer Saif Salim Al Kalbani graduating student said, "I learnt so much and I hope I can use these things when I apply for a job, hopefully in four months."

The rules of writing CV with

PRESENTATION APPROACHES AND METHODS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING

Dr. Mohamed Safwat Hassan, Head of the Foundation Department, Bayan College, gave a presentation about "Approaches and Methods of English Language Teaching." Dr. Mohamed commenced his presentation with a brief introduction about the status of the English language worldwide and the nature of language. Then he introduced four different approaches and methods of English language teaching.

The first and oldest method of English language teaching is the Grammar Translation Method. He shed light on its nature and main principles. This method focuses on two language skills: reading and writing, and neglects listening and speaking. It pays great attention to translation from and into the target language. The teacher and the students use their native language throughout the class time.

The second method is the direct method which is considered a rebellion against the Grammar Translation Method. This Method prohibits the use of the mother tongue in

teaching a foreign language. Translation is not allowed at all, instead, the teacher can use drawings, photos and real objects to show the meaning.

The third method is the

learning as a process of habit formation. According to this method, the purpose of language learning is to learn how to use the language to communicate.

is communication. This approach is a realistic one. In it, the target language is a vehicle for classroom communication, not just the object of study. Students are given an

merits and demerits, and that a clever teacher should select the method or approach that suits his students and the skill he needs to develop.

The audience consisted of members of the English Studies, Foundation, and Media departments. They showed a great interest in the topic. Towards the end of the presentation, 15 minutes were allotted for Q.A.

and consequently there may be misunderstanding among people regarding what they read or listen to. The presenter elaborated that a translator is more concerned with ideas and concepts than the literal meaning of a certain word or phrase. Another participant said that it is better to be exposed to the language in its own country. The presenter commented that it is a good idea but not a realistic one as it is approximately impossible to send thousands of learners abroad to learn a foreign language for social and financial purposes. A third participant raised the issue of the more appropriate for teaching the target language: the native or non-native speaker. The presenter explained that it would be more realistic if a well-qualified non-native speaker of the language would be more appropriate for teaching a foreign language for financial, ethical and cultural considerations.

The presenter concluded the session by thanking the audience for their attendance and fruitful comments.



Audio-Lingual Method or the Military Method. This method is based on Behaviourism that considers language

Finally the presenter introduced the Communicative Approach, which is based on the belief that language

opportunity to express their ideas and opinions.

Dr. Mohamed concluded that every method has its own

session. One of the attendants spoke about the little use of teaching translation because languages are not identical

SELF-DEFENCE WORKSHOP ON KARATE

Security, especially in this day and age present a topic of constant concern amongst many. It is this belief that led to the hosting of the Self-defence workshop at Bayan College. The workshop was presented by Mr. Farid Bin Mohammed Al Shehibi, a Karate Black Belt since 1982. The workshop was meant to spread awareness on the importance of self-defence; moreover, to make its practice a part of one's daily routine especially when going out alone for shopping or other activities.

The workshop mainly focused on women's safety and various ways she can defend herself when faced with a potential attacker. Mr. Farid expounded on these ways through two cases that he presented during the course of his talk; and how a student must react when faced with a similar situation.

Taking collective action formed a major part of the workshop and students discussed various ways in which

they could help their fellow individuals in dangerous situations. Mr. Farid brought his workshop to an end with a

correct behaviour in the case of a problem.

"Because of the skills I learnt over the course of this

to protect myself if faced with an attacker, but Mr. Farid showed me that anyone, no matter how big or small, can

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video based on real events that focused on vigilance, prudence, opportunity and

workshop I now feel more confident in my abilities. I always thought I was too small

defend themselves if done rightly," said a now more confident student.

Cinema Club Launched in BC

On Monday, the 29th of January, Bayan College officially recognised the 'Cinema Club' of Bayan College: A club for drama and artistry in the theatre scene. In accordance with this, the club organised a presentation highlighting its main goals and objectives, and introducing its main head and members. The club aims to give a stage for students who want to exercise their potential in theatre and performing arts. An excited student stated, "I finally have a stage for my acting. I always wanted to take part in theatre and I am glad that I can now finally be a part of it."

Film club is very important considering a media college. Here students interact on new dramas and new art movies and even performance are the future goals of the club. The club will conduct various screening and review sessions.

The club will organise workshop inviting expert from the industry.

WORKSHOP CONDUCTED ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS & INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

General Requirements Unit (GR U) and Career Guidance Centre (CGC) jointly organized a workshop on Monday, 19 February, 2018 at Mini Multi Hall in Bayan College. The workshop was on Entrepreneurship skills & Interpersonal skills. Mr. Joseph Thampan delivered the presentation to the students of GR Unit. Mr. Thampan has been a LOTS coach with Scandinavian leadership and has been helping individuals, teams and organizations in achieving success through LOTS approach. He has also undertaken various speaking and coaching assignments across the world

which includes Berlin, Norway, Vienna, Istanbul and Dubai etc.

Mr. Thampan focused on the important factors that make a successful entrepreneur. He looked in to the ex-

of his presentation he focused on inter personal skills and how it plays an important role in building a successful individual and a business man. He looked into some theoretical and practical aspects of inter-

prompted discussion on various issues.

Mr. Haneesh Kumar, HoD of GR Unit gave the welcome speech and introduced the speaker to the audience. Dr.Nader, Dean In charge of

Bayan College spoke about the importance and relevance of the topic in the Omani context. Mr. Hamza Juma Al Ghailani expressed the gratitude of the college community to Mr. Joseph Thampan by presenting him with a memento. Mr.

Govind proposed the vote of thanks to the guest speaker and expressed the desire to have more similar interactive events in future.



amples of some of the successful entrepreneurs in Oman and around the world and the key factors that made them successful. In the second part

personal skills. The workshop was very interactive with students raising lots of questions related to entrepreneurship and interpersonal skills which

Presentation on "The Relevance of Shakespeare in the 21st Century"

Under the auspicious of Dr. Modi Juma Al-Ghailani, the respected Dean of Al-Bayan College, Halban, Sultanate of Oman, and as part of the Professional Development Program activities, the Department of English Studies, headed by Dr. Lina Ibrahim, held a seminar on Thursday 09/11/2017 in which Mr.Haneesh Kumar (Department of English Studies) gave a presentation on "The Relevance of Shakespeare in the 21st Century"..

Shakespeare is something that can be studied or read in isolation and enjoyed.

If we look into the contribution of the playwright to film industry it is amazing. Shakespeare remains the most filmed writer with around 1200 movies adaptations made based on his plays. His plays were adapted to different languages and at different period which shows the relevance of his plays in different cultural contexts and different periods.



Mr. Kumar highlighted the contributions of William Shakespeare in different areas of study ranging from philosophy and psychology to politics and public speaking. Shakespeare's plays offers something new every time it is read or while seen performed on stage.

Most of the timeless themes included in his writings are relevant to us because they represent how we feel even though they were written many years ago. We share the emotions and desires and problems that are discussed in the play and it is these themes and emotions that connect us to Shakespeare's play in the 21st Century. A detailed analysis of the play Julius Ceaser was also done.

Shakespeare's contribution and influence on English Language is another area that Mr. Kumar looked into. Shakespeare has contributed more than 3000 words and phrases to enrich the language. The passages and quotes from

Even though there were no women actors and women were not considered as that important during Shakespeare's period, it did not prevent Shakespeare from creating powerful women characters like Lady Macbeth and Viola. In that sense Shakespeare is a trend setter for the modern writers. The last point discussed was the bard's contribution to theatre.

In the discussion session that followed most of the participants agreed that they use Shakespeare and his quotes in areas like International politics speech writing etc. the discussions were lively and vibrant and most of the participants were involved.

All Bayan College teaching staff headed by Dr. Lina Ibrahim, Head of the Department of English Studies, and heads of other academic departments: Media and Foundation Studies enjoyed and actively participated in the seminar.

SPORTS WEEK CONDUCTED

In accordance with the 'Physical Activities Week for Private Higher Education Institutions' in Association with the Ministry of Health; Bayan College hosted a two day workshop on the 10th and 13th of December, 2017.

The event on the 10th was presented by Dr. Amal Al Siyabi, from the Ministry of Health. She discussed a variety of topics that included the importance of physical activity, different types of physical activity and it's importance on mental and respiratory health, the dangers of inactivity and its damage on your body, and other diseases.

This workshop mainly targeted the importance in

raising awareness to the significance of physical activity,



as well as educating people in the same. This workshop was

followed by a presentation by Mr. Mohammed Al-Olayan,

a coach from "name" on the 13th of December.

Mr. Olayan especially focused on the importance of physical activity in children and the many diseases that could spread out of the lack of physical activity. He further suggested good nutritional habits and the importance the role sports has in the upkeep of the body.

"I suddenly want to pick up a football and go out and play with my friends. I realised how much I need it." said a student in attendance of

the workshop.

BC Conducts Student Orientation for Spring 2017-2018

The Department of Academic Advising Centre and Student affairs, in association with the Student Advisory Council, recently held an orientation for the students (both old and new) on the 22nd of January, 2018. The orientation began with the introduc-

tion of the Student Council President and the various members. They gave a warm welcome to the students for a new semester and introduced the challenges and new environment of college life.

The session especially focused on the preservation of

the academic levels and maintaining their CGPA through studies and keeping in touch with their Academic Advisor. They were further oriented on the various facilities the college had to offer, as well as the many clubs and activities in which students were en-

couraged to participate.

They concluded by wishing the students a great semester. "I am excited to start my new semester as a college student. It is so different from school, I hope I do well." said an eager student. Students are urged to bring up any is-

suues or queries with the student affairs department.

Whilw mentioning the CGPA rule, the importance of tracking performance from the beginning of semester and meeting respective instructors, advisor and AAC if any difficulties occur was

specifically mentioned. Each non-academic and academic departments were briefed in detail.

Importance of attending student activities held in the college every Monday was also stressed for the new academic students.

Bayan College Advisory Committee discusses promoting the College's performance

BAYAN: Bayan College Advisory Committee, which encompasses elites of the Omani media, has held its 2018 first meeting on February 21, Wednesday to discuss the ways to promote the College's performance.

The Acting Dean, Dr. Nader Samy, gave a brief about the College's outstanding achievements during the last years especially after moving to the new campus.

Then Dr. Fahdil Mohsen enumerated the Media Department's accomplishments like issuing Bayan Post two versions in Arabic and English, the TV and Radio Studio, and adding some courses like Omani Media and Media Code to be taught in Arabic. This

is in addition to MA program in Journalism and

Center to train students and have them ready to

merge into the labor market. The Advisory mem-

bers have also praised the College training posts produced by the College students.

They also stressed the role of colleges like Bayan College and other universities to take their part in directing the students to follow up the modern technology in media areas to be well qualified comprehensive journalists, and be able to overcome the challenges that may face journalism, especially the paper journals.

The Advisory Committee has invited all the media institutes to draw agreements with Bayan

College to facilitate the students join for practical training.

The Committee has also called for formulating the Parents Committee to act as a channel between the College and the parents to be well oriented with their children's progress, and the College's decisions and development.

At the end of the meeting, the Advisory Committee members visited the Studio, the Editorial Room, the library, and the Supporting Services which Bayan College provides for the students.



Media, and another for BA in Visual Communication.

The members of the Advisory Committee stressed the importance of guiding and following up the graduates in the labor market, and hosting them later to convey their experiences to the present students.

They also called for coordination with the Ministry of Media's Training



Journalism Club Conduct Workshop on Press Release Writing

Bayan College hosted a press release workshop on January 10, during student activity hour, especially focused on the public relations and journalism students. The workshop was presented by Mr. Saif bin Suleiman Al-Muzaini, former editor of the Al Shabiba Newspaper.

He sought to cover many

topics including press releases for daily news coverage, good writing style, and accuracy of the news, templates and models to be used, and so on. Students enjoyed a thorough representation of the life of an editor.

BC student, Ayoub Al Riyami, stated how he found the session extremely informative



and well put, "I will definitely use these skills in the future. It was so helpful," he said.

Press Release writing is very important while practicing Media as a profession. While practising media profession

press release writing skills need to be developed whether in Public Relations profession or Journalism Profession

"The programme was very helpful to clarify various doubts with an expert person who has lot of experience in media industry", added Ayoub

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Bayan Attend Annual Celebration in SQU

In response to the Ministry of Media's invitation, Dr. Nader Samy, Bayan College's Acting Dean, accompanied by Dr. Abhishek, Media HoD, and many of the students went to attend the Media Annual Celebration at SQU. The Ministers of Media, and Culture and Heritage have honored a big number of the outstanding national and international

journalists and media men of different specializations. A

short part of one of His Majesty's speeches, in which He



stresses the importance of the Omani media and its role in enhancing the friendship and cooperation relationships with the international family, has been shown. This was followed by a play with the title "Ahd / Pledge" to convey the positive role that can be played by the neutral media in spreading the culture of peace and love in the world society. Then the Minister of Media began to declare the Ministry's accomplishments during the past year. The celebration ended at 10 pm.

QA Department Holds Workshop on Writing Commentary

Quality Assurance Department conducted workshop on how to write commentary for each criteria in preparation of the process of writing Bayan College's self-study report. Different series of orientation sessions are conducted to sensitizing the stakeholders on quality assurance in the college. The session brought together all faculty and staff

The session also reminded three main topics related to academic accreditation system in Oman, preparations for writing the college's self-study report and the method used in the analysis of the college performance.

Ms. Rejni Jeffrey, head of QA Department briefed the participants on the commentary writing, saying that the college has recently taken the necessary steps to write the self-study report to be submitted in August 2018 to the Omani Authority for Academic Accreditation (OAAA), which will send a panel to the college in December of the same year to discuss the report with the college.

She also said that the college passed the first stage of the accreditation in February 2013 after an OAAA team

visited the college over three days to discuss the overall performance of the college with its various stakeholders, including board of directors, trustees board, teachers, students, and staff.

She also added that QA Department seeks, through such sessions, engaging different parties in its own activities and listening to their feedback to get better results in this regard.

"As explained in the session, while writing the commentary each indicator of specified criteria allotted have to be addressed covering all aspects in the college", added Ms. Rejni.

QA Associate, Dr. Ansari stressed the importance of following ADRI quality cycle in assessing the various activities done in the college which was explained in the orientation session. He also added that the seminar stating that similar sessions will be organized in the coming weeks.

The session was also very interactive with the Q&A Session and sample commentary writing practice session where everyone participated. The session was highly appreciated.

OMREN DELEGATION VISITS BC

A delegation from the Research and Educational Network (OMREN) took time off their busy schedule on Monday, 12th February, 2018 to pay a visit to Bayan College in Hallban campus.

The delegation was led by the OMREN Director Dr. Abdulmonem Al Kharusi.

Oman Research and Educational Network (OMREN) is a research based educational organization under The Research Council (TRC) with the mandate to enrich research and education collaboration, improve research capacity and to achieve sustainability in Oman.

The purpose of the visit of OMREN team to Bayan

College was to sensitize the academic staff of the College on the key activities of OMREN and on the benefits academic institutions get through accessing OMREN networks that are

of existing infrastructure, high broadband width and federated access to resources and knowledge. Other benefits include; increased negotiation power and influence as well as in-

to transform Oman into a knowledge-based economy..." Dr. Abdulmonem explained.

He said that through subscribing to OMREN, Bayan College stands to benefit in using platforms such as eduroam which is an educational platform for researchers around the world and Internet2 which is a platform that can be used to network universities around the world particularly for research collaborations and experience sharing.

The Acting Dean of Bayan College Dr. Nada Sammy thanked the OMREN dele-

gation for the sensitization on OMREN activities and said that academic networking and research collaborations are some of the key 21st century activities for academic institutions.



linked to their data center.

According to Dr. Abdulmonem, some of the benefits academic institutions get through subscribing to OMREN membership are; optimized use

increased collaboration and experience sharing.

"... Academic institutions such as Bayan College can connect, collaborate and innovate in support of the National Strategic plan

Morning's with Bayan

The Media Club has officially recorded their first episode of the Bayan College in-house talk-show, 'Bayan Morning' on the 30th of January 2018. The talk show will focus on conducting inter-

views and inviting creative dialogue from various personalities who are successful in their field of work.

The show also seeks to find the secrets to success and what advice the guests may

have for the students, equipping them with an arsenal of ideas for their own success in the future. The show is made by the students, for the students. The first episode introduced Mr. Said bin Nasser

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GRU IN COALITION WITH CLINIC CONDUCTS 'SAVING LIVES'-AWARENESS PROGRAMME

General Requirement Unit (GRU) in Coalition with Clinic of Bayan College organizes first aid awareness program for the students 'Saving Lives' in Multi Hall. The programme was presented by Mrs. Nirmala Shetty, General Requirement Lecturer and Mr. Hatim Abdisalaam, Bayan Student and working in Oman LNG. Around 100 students attended the programme.

The program started with an introduction by the Head of GR Unit, Mrs. Rejni who spearheaded this awareness program for the students. She spoke about the importance of First Aid and how it saves lives before the medical help arrives.

Next Mrs. Nirmala Shetty (certified first aid

trainer) the first presenter started by asking some questions about first-aid to the students, who very actively answered, saying it's the first help one can give to a person who has

talk about the importance of First aid. It is the assistance given to any person suffering a sudden illness or injury with care provided to preserve life, prevent the condition from wors-

formed by any layperson with some basic training and the willingness to do.

The next presenter Mr. Hatim Abdisalaam (student in Media) working in Oman LNG, gave an elaborate presentation on First aid using a dummy and performing CPR on it.

He also presented a power point presentation and gave a detailed talk in Arabic on how to administer first aid for unconsciousness, choking, bleeding, bleeding nose, poisoning and burns.

He also advised on how to handle people who meet with accidents.

The students were very keen to learn and actively participated in performing CPR and asked questions on different injuries and treatments.

The college nurse also

performed CPR and explained in medical terms how it works to save lives of people.

The program ended with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Rejni who highly appreciated the presenters

and acknowledged their dedication and sincerity. Members of Students affairs committee too acclaimed this initiative and said they look forward to many more creative enterprises in future.



'HOPE REMAINS IN LIFE' - AN INITIATIVE BY THE PR CLUB OF BC

Under the auspices of Dr. Saleh al Fahdi, President of the Qayyim Center; Bayan College (BC) represented by the Public Relations Group introduced a one day event and workshop titled, "Hope remains in life". This initiative was introduced in solidarity with cancer patients, and brought awareness in relation to the availability and completion of treatment for the same.

Additionally, it sought to recognise the Omani Cancer Society in Muscat, The Hamad Al Khairi Group and Vocalist, Makram Al Jabri for their support and promotion of the cause; as well as the "Will Never Forget You" initiative in honour

of Mr. Said Al Habsi, a cancer patient and the first Kidney Donor of the Sultanate.



The event started off with a monodrama to simulate the co-existence of cancer patients

with their disease. It brought to light the daily struggles and challenges of living with cancer and was received warmly

by the students. This drama was followed up with a workshop by Ms. Mona Al-Oufia,

employee of the Omani Cancer Society.

The workshop was aimed at introducing students to the symptoms of the disease. Moreover, it threw light upon the many achievements of the society since its establishment in the year 2000.

"It really opened my eyes to a lot of things about the disease. The workshop was very enlightening and the drama was especially interesting. I learnt a lot," said Ms. Al Zahra Al Fori, a student at Bayan College.

The event concluded with the students visiting the various presentations set up in the Bayan College Foyer and learning more about the disease.

Public Relations Club

representatives said that the initiation to conduct such programme was inspired from the increasing number of cancer patients in the society.

"Among the students it is very necessary to do awareness sessions especially considering a college where majority are youngsters and they need

to set a healthy lifestyle in order not to get into bad practice of having a bad lifestyle with all junk foods, which is one among the reason specified by experts in the world", added the PR Club representatives.

The PR Club also said that more programme are in their plan for this semester.



QA IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Quality Assurance Associate, Dr. Mohammed Quamruddin Ansari presented a seminar on the topic 'Quality Assurance in Higher Education Institutions' in Meeting Room.

Dr Ansari conducted seminar by specifying the importance of maintaining quality in higher education institutions through different aspects. Quality means something better than the others of the same kind. Quality doesn't happen automatically, it is a long drawn process consistently adhered to and monitored.

Quality assurance is a set of processes and policies which ensure that quality is purposeful, exceptional, transformative and accountable. HEIs should conduct a rigorous SWOT analysis to chart out its strengths & weaknesses; pinpoint its available opportunities & prepare for the impending threats.

To maintain and enhance the overall qualitative environment, HEIs must develop a mechanism of quality cycle based on ADRI- Approach, Deployment, Results and Improve-

ment. This quality cycle revolves around four questions: What is the purpose that needs to be achieved? (Approach), What are the resources which are being employed to achieve that purpose? (Deployment), What are the evidences to show the achievement of the purpose? (Results) and How are the evidences being used to implement ongoing improvement? (Improvement).

HEIs should align their various activities under the canopy of Quality Assurance Office which monitors & reviews overall quality enhancement environment. This unit should be strengthened and all other units of HEIs must be pegged to this office.

This will put in place the system that will grease the wheel of quality cycle resulting in the improvement of quality culture which promotes a culture of responsibility & accountability. To conclude, it would be fair to quote Henry Ford: 'Quality means doing it right, when no one is looking.'

HALBAN: Quality Assurance Department (QAD) of Bayan College during internal review is monitoring the core functions and activities of the college by conducting a week session to apprise all departments with the expectations of their performances.

"Time to time tracking and reviewing the work process and performance of each department in the College can improve the quality and to identify the requirement", said Dean, Dr.Modi Juma Al Ghailani.

The agenda of the session is attention to the job description, awareness of the College bylaws and to acquaint both academic and administrative staff of their roles and responsibilities as stakeholders.

Dr.Modi also said that QAD of Bayan College al-

ways take initiative to monitor the work carried out in each department and takes necessary steps to improve the quality and smooth functioning of the academic and non-academic departments.



"The objective of this action plan of the QAD is to self-assess and identify areas that require support and enrichment there by warrant quality in each department", said Head of Quality Assurance Department, Ms.Rejni Jeffrey.

In connection to the apprise sessions various other activities are performed by QAD while Bayan College is going through standard assessment process.

The college as a whole including academic and

importance of quality audit, ADRI Approach in writing commentary Institutional standard assessment procedure were held one after the other to keep all staff involved in the process and also review meeting on the process is carried out every now and then to update everyone in the college.

Q A D takes initiative in monitoring the quality of providing quality education considering all factors in the college by studying, analysing, reviewing and correcting.

The college operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Higher Education, Oman and it is affiliated with Purdue University Northwest, USA. The college offers specialized programs in Journalism, Broadcasting, Public Relations, Advertising, English Professional Writing and English Literature.

non-academic staff is involved in the process of preparation and throughout process from commentary writing.

Different sessions are been conducted from the year 2013 as part of the preparation.

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