

After every storm the sun will smile; for every problem there is a solution, and the soul's indefeasible duty is to be of good cheer.
— William R. Alger



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AMAISB COMPETES IN THE WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP

The 2016 World Scholar's Cup was held in Bangkok, Thailand on June 26-30. 3200 scholars from over 50 countries joined for an extraordinary Global Round.

Three AMAISB students qualified and attended the coveted competition. After hurdling two rounds in the category participated, the following awards were received:

Christy Ilagan

Fadhel Hugo Raheem
Maxene Nicole Tiu

Gold Medal Top School Scholar and Top Collaborative Writing
Silver Medal - Top Debater
Silver Medal - Davinci Award

The students were under the rigid training, supervision and coaching of Mr. Jomar Mallanao, Middle School Teacher.

Participants to the 5-day event

experienced scavenger hunts, keynote speeches, panel discussions, the signature Scholar's Ball, and, of course, all the competitive and community-building events that



drew them to the World Scholar's Cup in the first place, from the Debate Showcase to the Scholar's Bowl.

At the end of the event, every participant walked away with new friends, new discoveries, and very large alpacas.



File pic of MoU signing

Polytechnic Graduates Excel at GARMCO

Last year, Bahrain Polytechnic signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Gulf Aluminum Rolling Mill Company (GARMCO). Now, more than 10 graduates from the Polytechnic are currently employees at GARMCO, and students continue to perform their work placement at the aluminum factory.

GARMCO is one of the largest downstream aluminum facilities in the Middle East for rolling, cutting and fabricating aluminum with over 750 employees worldwide which deal with more than 45 countries.

One of the objectives in Bahrain Polytechnic's strategic plan is to produce work-ready graduates who are in line with the current trends of the labor market, and part of this is achieved by sending final year students to perform their work placement and industry projects in various companies.

Mr. Jean-Baptiste Lucas, Chief Executive Officer of GARMCO, praised the Polytechnic students and graduates, who currently work at several departments

across the company.

"What distinguishes Bahrain Polytechnic students from others is the fact that they are work-ready," said Mr. Lucas. "We are dealing with young people who are very switched on, self-starters, eager to learn, and can adapt to any organization."

When asked about the various tasks they perform, he added: "[The tasks they perform] cover the full span of the organization. The graduates were involved in the upgrade of some of our key equipments, and we made sure they were involved throughout the analysis and implantation phase."

The Polytechnic specializes in teaching its students on certain employability skills which they can make use of throughout their career. Mr. Lucas commented: "It is very important. The best knowledge of today will become obsolete in five years. What would never be obsolete are the soft skills, being the ability to present yourself, work as a team and having strong work ethics. These skills are as important as the academic content, and we

are getting this from Bahrain Polytechnic graduates."

Acting CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic, Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, commented: "Signing this memorandum of understanding with GARMCO enabled our business and engineering students to work at a very industrious factory, where factors such as time-management, teamwork and problem-solving play a crucial role as an employee."

"We want to familiarize our students with the business environment, so as part of their curriculum involves working or producing a project at a company."

"We are delighted to see our students and graduates excel at renowned companies such as GARMCO, which comes under Bahrain's 2030 Vision that aims to enhance education in Bahrain. I would like to thank GARMCO for their collaboration with Bahrain Polytechnic and hope we can continue this fruitful relationship," concluded Dr. Al Aseeri.

Annual Strategy Workshop Held at the Polytechnic

Bahrain Polytechnic held its annual strategy workshop for key staff from each department and directorate to set its annual strategic action plan for the 2016/2017 academic year.

The Polytechnic sets its strategic planning through the use of objectives and key results on a short term basis to achieve the longer term strategic plan.

During the workshop, the senior and executive staff explored progress against the overall strategic plan, discussed priorities for the coming year, and looked at

assigning owners for reporting against the Polytechnic's key performance indicators (KPIs).

To ensure an effective and transparent strategic plan, the Polytechnic's ICT team have developed a new strategic planning tool where all staff members can track the progress and achievements of every department and directorate.

Dr. Mohamed Al Aseeri, Acting CEO of Bahrain Polytechnic, stressed that the importance of the Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) mechanism will help the

Polytechnic grow in the long run.

"Ever since we've officially launched our strategic plan back in 2015, the Polytechnic has been keen on meeting all its objectives every 6 months. Our objectives are set in a manner which allows all departments to work together to achieve a certain goal, and this encourages collaboration between our staff. Our strategic plan 2015-2019 has been prepared in relation to the Kingdom's 2030 Vision and the government action plan 2015-2018," concluded the Acting CEO.

