



We want to hear from you and encourage you to share this newsletter with your faculty and spark conversations with relevant departments for more information.

- In November KFUPM will host **The Saudi Conference on Information Systems (SaudiCIS)**. At its core SaudiCIS is driven by a steadfast commitment to advancing scholarly inquiry and practical insights in the field of Information Systems. By delving into topics spanning AI applications, digital transformation, and emerging technologies, SaudiCIS facilitates a robust discourse aimed at charting the course for future advancements in the digital landscape.
- The **IRC for Industrial Nuclear Energy** launched a collaboration with Swiss-based Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) and EPFL (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne). In August a KFUPM delegation visited various state-of-the-art nuclear research facilities at PSI, EPFL, the Mont Terri Rock Laboratory, and CERN (both the Swiss and French sides). This collaboration also encompasses education and training programs for nuclear engineering students from the College of Engineering and Physics and the College of Chemicals and Materials.
- Over 100 KFUPM students completed their **summer training program** with renowned global companies around the world, including the USA, China, Japan, South Korea, Italy, Mexico, and Turkey. To date, this was the University's largest representation of non-Saudi nations in the summer training programs offered to our students.
- The University's president met with the Vice Minister of Mining Affairs, as well as the CEO of Ma'aden, to **sign an agreement** aimed at hiring top faculty, construct a state-of-the-art building with advanced labs and modern learning spaces, and fund the education of 300 students over ten years. This collaboration marks a return by KFUPM to the mining industry, after the program was discontinued in 1988 due to low demand; today, mining is becoming the third pillar of the Kingdom's economy, behind Oil & Gas and Petrochemicals.
- **The Assistant Defense Minister for Executive Affairs** visited KFUPM and met with the university's president to discuss opportunities for collaboration in research, development, and academic programs. During the visit, His Excellency met with several university students, including Ministry of Defense employees who are enrolled in various scientific disciplines at the university through military scholarship programs.