



Newsorthy Issue #3 - Week of February 19th, 2023

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.

- An information session about the **New Emerging Professor Program (EPP)** was held, and over **150** students attended and expressed their interest in a future at KFUPM.
- Top university administrators concluded a visit to **5** universities in Malaysia and Singapore, most notably, the **National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, and Universiti Teknologi Petronas**. The visit provided a wealth of knowledge, such as programs for non-academic student development and the alignment of research with government priorities.
- In order to boost employee engagement and departmental activities, all departments have been allocated **10,000 SAR/semester** to be used towards food and social events.
- To enhance our event facilities, ICTC has completed the **renovation of the building 20 auditorium** to include an upgraded High Definition screen and new audio system.
- All 2022 undergraduate students who completed one semester at KFUPM have been reimbursed their **1000 SAR admission deposit**.
- A **new Farm 5 supermarket** was opened by building 701, further improving on-campus facilities and, in particular, servicing the female accommodation buildings.
- Discussion ongoing to implement **ideas from the KFUPM Rally**, such as an annual international student competition at KFUPM, undergraduate research for majority students, the dual appointment of faculty to depts, co-hiring of faculty with a dual appointment, rotating chairmen between depts, chairman comes from a different dept, multidisciplinary graduate theses, courses in art, separate program for AI/cybersecurity, joint dept meetings (across colleges), micro-credentials, new org for student non-academic development, etc.
- KFUPM CPG Students **won 1st place at the 14th Middle East Imperial Barrel Award Competition**, advancing the team to represent the region in the international round.
- **IR4Lab, a startup initiated at the Entrepreneurship Institute** signed an MOU with Saudi Ground Services to implement a blockchain document solution at 28 Saudi airports.
- **Interdepartmental meeting between PETE/Center for Integrative Petroleum Research and Chemistry Dept.** was held with great attendance. Many commonalities were identified.
- **100 MHz NMR for structural elucidation** was commissioned in B78, all are welcome to use it.
- Great visit from **EXPEC ARC** management to CPG. An overview of joint projects was delivered.
- **The Communication System Week** was organized by the EE Club and cosponsored by IRC-Communication Systems and Sensing. It included talks, workshops, and site visits for students.

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