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.

- KFUPM had a strong presence, led by CPG at the **(MEOS-GEO) Conference** held in Bahrain. The university booth gathered large crowds and visitors and provided seminars, information for prospective students, and general information about the university.

- The chair of the COE Industrial Relation Committee, arranged a visit to **5 Alfanar Company** factories in Riyadh, for COE students. Students had the opportunity to link courses with industry needs, and AlFanar offered student summer coop training.

- KFUPM celebrated **Saudi Founding Day,** where students, employees, and their families participated in activities such as dances, booth activities, and a horse parade.

- The Center for Environment and Marine Studies launched an awareness campaign to promote **World Seagrass Day** (March 1st) and **World Wildlife Day** (March 3rd).

- Looks like the university will improve in most **QS subject rankings**, stay tuned for the official announcement on **March 14**!

- KFUPM and Indiana University (Ranked #1 in Philanthropic Studies) signed to launch the **first collaborative degree in the history of KFUPM**. The degree will be for a Master in Non-Profit Management, which will be a 4-semester program; 1 semester of which will take place at Indiana University.

- In an effort to improve faculty housing and living standards, many projects are underway:
  - Phase 1 Farooq project has been completed: a total of **26** villas were completely overhauled and renovated from the bone up.
  - Phase 2 Farooq project has started and so far, **21%** of a total of **30** villas have been renovated.
  - Khaleej Project is underway and a contract has been signed to renovate **62** villas.
  - Alferdous Project is also on the plan for renovating **27** villas and a contract is expected to be awarded this month.
  - Doha Project will be tendered soon, and **45** villas will be upgraded