



QQA Blog Grabbed Approx. 9,000 Visits

Dr. Jawaher S. Al Mudhahki, Chief Executive of the National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education & Training (QQA) concluded her participation in the QQA Blog that was launched in collaboration with Information & e-Government Authority through bahrain.bh portal for two weeks last May. Her excellency praised the public qualitative and quantitative interaction with the Blog. This had a great impact on the vivacity and effective participation with the Blog. "Since its launch, the Authority applies a clear strategy of transparency and practises it in all its work activities. Therefore, all the QQA's standards and review reports' results are published at its official website. In addition, it issues annual reports on the performance of the education and training institutions in the Kingdom," QQA CE said. Dr. Al Mudhahki added that transparency is a quality, which characterized the Authority's work activities is reflected at all levels and is praised locally, regionally and internationally. It is worth mentioning that the two-week Blog covered the following topics: the National Examinations that the Authority monitors its results periodically, reviews of government and private schools performance,

Dr. Jawaher Al Mudhahki, QQA Chief Executive in an interview on the occasion of the launch of QQA Blog in the Bab Al Bahrain program



QQA Blog Experience

On the occasion of the advent of Eid Al Fitr Al Mubarak – May God return it to the Islamic nation with blessings and good fortune - I would like to wish our wise leadership and all citizens a happy Eid Al Fitr, praying the Almighty to preserve Bahrain and all nations from all misfortune.

The launch of a blog was not a new experience in itself; however, I can proudly say that the experience of launching the QQA e-government Blog and the public interaction with it was totally different.

The e-Government provided us with a great opportunity to communicate directly with the public as the Blog grabbed approximately 9,000 visits with 109% increase compared to other blogs launched by the e-Government recently.

What stood out about the QQA Blog was the opportunity to interact in both languages; through translating all questions and responses into Arabic and English so that all the public would benefit from the Blog and are provided with the opportunity to get acquainted with the Authority's mandate and work activities; whether educationists, quality assurance experts or citizens.

Moreover, all interactions and responses were published without exceptions, regardless of our agreement with their contents or not. This is in line with the Authority's values of transparency, credibility and integrity.

We would like to stress our commitment to the directions of our wise leadership regarding the continuous communication with the public to realize the community partnership based on mutual collaboration and constructive interaction. We would like also to confirm that our doors are open and shall remain open to receive your constructive comments and suggestions, not only through the Blog, but also through various social media and communication means.

Dr. Jawaher S. Al Mudhahki - Chief Executive of the National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education & Training (QQA)

and reviews of universities and institutes performance. The Blog also discussed the National Qualifications Framework and referencing, placement and institutional listing mechanisms. The public can have access to all discussion and the rich information in the blogs section of the e-Government website.



A Royal Decree No. (54) of 2016 was issued with regard to the appointment of new members to the QQA Board of Directors; namely: Dr. Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Dr. Ebrahim Mohammed Janahi, Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Hussain Jawahery, Mr. Khalid Amr Al-Rumaihi and Dr. Rashid Ashour.



In 2016, more than 22,000 Grade 12 and Grade 6 students took the QQA National Examinations. In March 2016, more than 10,000 Grade 12 students sat the examinations for the fourth time, whereas more than 12,000 Grade 6 students took the examination in May 2016. The National Examinations were conducted and supervised by the QQA in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.

Results of the National Examinations will be published once approved by the QQA Board of Directors and endorsed by the Cabinet.

Grade 12 students in 36 government schools and six private schools took the National Examinations from Sunday, 13 March 2016 to Wednesday, 16 March 2016 in Arabic, English and Problem-Solving.

For The National Examinations at Grade 6 are in four core subjects; namely: Arabic, English, Mathematics and Science. They

are directly based on the National Curriculum and were conducted from Tuesday, 3 May 2016 to Monday, 9 May 2016, in which Grade 6 students of 98 government schools and 16 private schools took part.

Some 337 markers and specialists; 123 markers for Arabic, 62 markers for English, 72 markers for Science and 80 markers for Mathematics, cooperated with the Directorate of National Examinations (DNE) in marking Grade 6 examinations.



Al-Fadel: The National Examinations results contribute to the evaluation and development process of education in the Kingdom.

National Examinations are a Comprehensive and Integrated System with a Questions Bank

What's the National Examinations e-system?



Dr. Haya Al Mannai, the General Director of the General Directorate of Education & Training Institutes Reviews (GDR) said that the National Examinations e-system is a comprehensive and integrated system that was designed to meet the Directorate of National Examinations needs. It has a questions bank and all schools and students' results data can be entered once the marking process is completed. She stressed that the e-National Examinations system is 'accurate, sustainable and valid' for all phases and processes of the National Examinations.



On her part, Wafa Al-Yaqoobi, Acting Director of the Directorate of National Examinations added that after eight years of the preparation and conduct of the National Examinations, we have sufficient experience in implementing them efficiently. DNE sought to build the capacity of national workforce to carry out their tasks superiorly in line with the QQA mandate.



Al Fadhel: National Examinations Have Real Role in Developing and Improving ILOs



H.E. Mr. Abdul Aziz Bin Mohammed Al Fadhel, Chairman of the QQA Board of Directors, stressed the importance of the National Examinations outcomes in developing the quality of the education system across the Kingdom, as they provide a reliable database that helps decision-makers to improve the education and training sectors in the Kingdom.

Mr. Al Fadhel pointed out that the National Examinations are a measuring tool to determine the level of students and help the decision-maker to take the necessary decisions and actions towards the development and improvement of the performance and outcomes of the education process and assessment of its competencies and standards in a transparent, impartial and independent manner. They also realize the actual goal for which the QQA was established, which is to assess the quality of the education and education sector across the Kingdom, leading to draw future plans for development.



Dr. Jawaher S. Al Mudhahki, Chief Executive of the National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education & Training (QQA), and a Board member of the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), and Dr. Tariq M. Al-Sindi, General Director of the General Directorate for National Qualifications Framework and Chairman of INQAAHE Conference Steering Committee, participated in the Network's Annual Forum held in the Republic of the Fiji Islands during the period from 22-26 May 2016 under the patronage of His Excellency President of the Republic of the Fiji Islands, Jioji Konrote. QQA gave a presentation on the Kingdom of Bahrain and the successive civilizations originated on its land over time since the Era of the Dilmun civilization to date. The presentation covered the developments witnessed by the Kingdom under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, and his wise government, as well as the historical and cultural legacy embodied in many of the tourist, archaeological and heritage sites.



QQA Staff Milestones over the Past Months

- ◆ The ICT Enterprise Architecture Maturity Programme was completed. It is one of the significant national projects, which was applied in the government sector according to the National Enterprise Architecture Framework (NEAF), and was designed according to the best international standards in the enterprise architecture field. QQA addressed all the first level requirements of the Programme successfully and exceeded the set expectation as a result of the efforts made by the Committee's members: Thajba Al Jowdar, Noora Al Bulooshi, Sajumon M. S., Hanan Juma, Masooma Jaffar and sama Mohammed.
- ◆ Dr. Ebrahim Al Shaikh, Head of Media Section was presented with Khalifa Bin Salman Journalism Best Column Award .
- ◆ A number of employees were handed out with the "Certified Review Leader" and "Certified Reviewer" certificates; namely: Ghada Al Hajeri, Jamal Helmi, Mohamed Al Zughbi, Tarek Korani, Ayman Alqudah and Basma Al Bulooshi.
- ◆ Dr. Ihab Sobeih was honoured for compiling and publishing a number of books and dictionaries.



◆ Dr. Jawaher S. Al Mudhahki, Chief Executive of the National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education & Training (QQA), and President of the Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE) participated in "Going Global 2016 Conference" at the

invitation of the British Council, which was held in Cape Town in the Republic of South Africa, during the period from 3-5 May 2016, under the theme: (Building Nations and Connecting Cultures: Education Policy, Economic Development and Engagement). Dr. Al Mudhahki provided an analysis of the regional blocs and their impact on higher education during a session on the quality education and the foundations of nation-building.

◆ Dr. Jawaher S. Al Mudhahki, Chief Executive of the National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education & Training (QQA), and President of the Arab Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ANQAHE) chaired the Network's Board of Directors meeting to coincide with the convening of the Third International Conference of the National Authority

for Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Education (NAQAAE) under the theme: "Quality Assurance of Education: Learning for the Present and the Future," which was held in April 2016 in the Arab Republic of Egypt.





◆ Dr. Jawaher S. Al Mudhahki, Chief Executive of the National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education & Training (QQA), participated as a key speaker in the 10th Annual Forum of the Accounting and Auditing Authority in the GCC, which was held under the theme: (Career Without Borders), in the State of Kuwait under the patronage of Dr. Yousef Bin Mohammed Al-Ali, Minister of Industry and Commerce, over two consecutive days, from 20-21 April 2016.

◆ Dr. Tariq M. Al-Sindi, General Director of the General Directorate for National Qualifications Framework represented the National Authority for Qualifications & Quality Assurance of Education & Training (QQA), as a consulting member in the initiative of (Alignment of the Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education in Africa) organized by the strategic partner, the European Council, and the Council of the African Union, in Brussels from 26-27 April 2016.

◆ Dr. Tariq M. Al-Sindi, General Director of the General Directorate for National Qualifications Framework took part in a conference organized by the British Council in the Moroccan capital Rabat in March 2016 under the theme: "The Development of a Culture of Quality Assurance in Higher Education". Dr. Sindi presented a paper entitled: "Challenges of Higher Education in the Gulf" in which he highlighted the higher education experience in the Middle East, and the stages of its development and the challenges it has faced, and the steps to overcome them in the future.

◆ A delegation of QQA officials headed by QQA Chief Executive paid a visit to the Shura Council in March 2016, where they met a number of the Shura Council's members to brief them of the nature of the Authority's work activities and the mandates of its various directorates to promote the Kingdom's education sector.

◆ A delegation of QQA officials and staff members headed by QQA Chief Executive paid a visit to Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) at the end of March 2016, to learn about the nature of the company's work activities and get acquainted with the great developments witnessed by the company's various plants and facilities.

◆ A delegation of QQA officers and staff members headed by QQA Chief Executive paid a visit to Bahrain National Charter Monument during April 2016 to get acquainted with the contents of this historical and cultural monument. It is worth mentioning that the Monument was built to consolidate the vision of His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, to perpetuate the memory of the National Action Charter.

◆ QQA held the annual ceremony for its staff during June 2016 in recognition of their dedicated efforts during the academic year 2015-2016. This ceremony was organized for the seventh consecutive year after eight years of achievements made by the Authority. A number of QQA staff were honoured in the ceremony for their various achievements over the last period.



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