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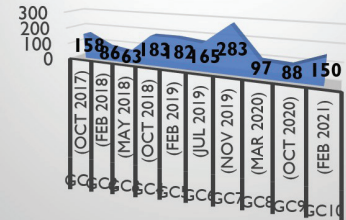
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New ITQAN Chairman Message



Dr. Jamil J. Al Bagawi, ITQAN Chairman
Chief Engineer, Saudi Aramco Engineering

The Kingdom's growth and the 2030 vision's aspirations establish a strong need for a new approach and faster adoption to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). It calls to have a view with new development patterns which holds a culture of economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable development. We are proud in ITQAN to make the vision a reality and play crucial roles in national sustainable development.

The first role ITQAN is playing is to provide training opportunities and career advancement venues for Saudi youth. The second is to provide skilled and qualified manpower that is needed at all levels of the economy. Our list of programs today provides the best-in-class training in Welding, Non-Destructive Testing, Electrical, Civil, and

Mechanical Inspectors. Our Curriculums are continuously updated to ensure our youth's readiness meets the Kingdom's needs.

Success is strongly tied to the understanding that Technical and Vocational Education and Training is important and the nucleus of nation-building today. We all should recognize that Technical and Vocational Education and Training is an investment, not a cost, with significant returns, including employees' well-being, enhanced productivity, international competitiveness, and economic growth in the long run. We aspire in ITQAN to be the flagship of Technical & Vocational training in the Kingdom and the region at large.

In ITQAN, we are of a strong belief that Technical and Vocational Education and Training is instrumental in realizing the Kingdom's 2030 vision. The wide spectrum of disciplines and speed of change we are going through require a capable workforce that is focused on the needs of new industry capitalizing on the Kingdom's human resources. The key to our long-term stability will continue to be our people development.

Insights from LCI Quality & Curriculum Director



Dr. Gavin Jenkins, BA, QTLS, PGCEi, M.Ed, Ed.D
Director of Quality & Curriculum, Lincoln College International

I have worked at the ITQAN since August 2020. However, I have been in Saudi for almost ten years. The ITQAN offers trainees an opportunity to graduate in an essential field; Inspection. Working for Lincoln

College International, our role is to ensure we offer the best possible learning environment so our trainees can make a real difference. To do so, we have introduced international best

practices in terms of learning and teaching, and we are continually looking to onboard local and international talent. COVID-19 has been an extremely challenging time, but I am proud of our trainees' and teachers' efforts to

overcome the challenges. Throughout my day, I enjoy nothing more than visiting a classroom or a workshop to talk to trainees on improving and being better. Supported by ITQAN's management, we have the vision to ensure ITQAN continues its success story.



Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Visit @ ITQAN



On February 25th, 2021, His Excellency, British Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Neil Crompton visited ITQAN as arranged by the Ministry of Energy. The objective of the visit was

to strengthen partnership in the field of Technical Training. Proceedings of the event included welcoming remarks and overview presentation by ITQAN Managing Director, Jameel

S. Abdullah, followed by awarding of Trophy of Appreciation. ITQAN and ITP (Lincoln College KSA) Key Personnel Management were present during the meeting. A facility tour concluded the visit to the workshops & classrooms. It is worth mentioning that necessary communication for the visit was coordinated with Saudi Aramco LWDD. The necessary safety measures of COVID-19 were adhered to as per Ministry of Health standards. At the end of the visit, His Excellency, British Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Neil Crompton expressed his admiration and appreciation to ITQAN Management.

Social Security Authority (SSA) Visit @ ITQAN



Corporate Social
Responsibility

As part of ITQAN's Social & Corporate Responsibility (CSR) efforts, on Thursday, June 17th, 2021, Senior Officials from Social Security Authority (SSA) visited ITQAN Institute and met with ITQAN team. The objective is to explore a potential partnership with SSA in providing a list of trainee applicants to ITQAN. The visiting team was provided with an overview of the institute and the services being offered. The two parties agreed to continue meetings to strengthen the relationship further and sign the necessary MOU to start the business collaboration officially. It is worth mentioning that SSA has extended its full support in a joint Marketing Campaign to attract new potential sponsoring companies.

Marketing and Public Relations

SPONSOR GROWTH (FEB 2021 INTAKE)

As of February 4th, 2021, six (6) sponsoring companies have signed a Training Agreement with ITQAN Institute for Trainees' Sponsorship. A total of three hundred thirty-one (331) new demand of trainees have been confirmed for the forthcoming 2nd Semester 2020/2021 Intake. Communication with other potential sponsors is still ongoing. ITQAN extended appreciation to Saudi Aramco for the continuous effort and support to encourage contractor



SIGNING AN AGREEMENT

companies to sponsor trainees and help increase Saudization percentage for Inspectors. The number of sponsoring companies has been increasing every new



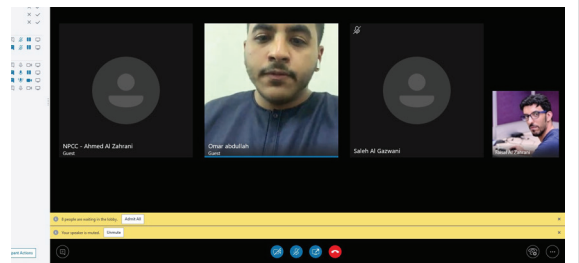
intake.

As of Feb 2021 Intake, the total number of sponsors reached 76, a 77% increase from October 2017 intake (43).

VIRTUAL JOB FAIR FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER 2020/2021 FEB 21 INTAKE

On February 7th to 11th, 2021, ITQAN held the virtual job fair for the Second Semester 2020/2021 February Intake. Selected sponsors conducted the face-to-face interview with applicants in ITQAN premises following MOH health & safety standards. Six (6) sponsors

have confirmed their demand for inspection graduates. Two (2) new sponsors have been added to the list of ITQAN sponsors bringing the total number to 76. I. The event resulted in the addition of 331 sponsored trainees as of the Feb 2021 startup.



MOU SIGNING WITH SAUDI CONTRACTORS' AUTHORITY

On March 21st, 2021, on behalf of ITQAN MD, the Assistant to MD, Nasir Huwaimil, attended Future Projects Forum in Riyadh to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Saudi Contractors Authority (SCA) as a result of the discussion by the two (2) parties in October 2020. It is worth mentioning that this business collaboration will pave the way to add more potential sponsors and increase the Saudi workforce in the Inspection industry.



ITQAN MARKETING CAMPAIGN

In preparations for the August 2021 Intake, ITQAN started its' Marketing Campaign on April 15th, 2021. The objective is to attract more sponsoring companies and trainees for the upcoming August 2021 Intake. A new approach was introduced with the arrival of the new ITP (Lincoln College). A new marketing campaign video was prepared to be incorporated in the ITQAN website once ready. Social media will be a major part of this marketing campaign. It is worth mentioning that ITQAN Management and ITP Key Personnel (Lincoln College) have been working closely to achieve a better outcome for the upcoming intakes.



COLLABORATION MEETINGS WITH GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY INDUSTRIES (GAMI) & AMAALA – ONE OF PIF GIGA PROJECTS



الهيئة العامة للصناعات العسكرية
General Authority for Military Industries

On June 3rd & 10th, 2021, in collaboration with LWDD, the ITQAN team attended a virtual meeting with the General Authority for Military Industries (GAMI) & AMAALA – One of PIF Giga Projects. The objective of the meetings was to explore areas of potential sponsorship to support

training requirements. GAMI & AMAALA will further study and identify training and human capital demand for trainees' sponsorship. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ITQAN and two (2) different organizations has been discussed for future collaborations.

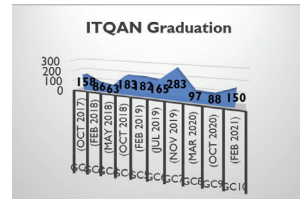


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VOCATIONAL

ITQAN GRADUATION COHORT 10 (FEB 2021)

On March 7th, 2021, a total of one hundred fifty (150) trainees from eleven (11) sponsors have passed all the required examinations and have completed the two-year Inspection diploma program at ITQAN. The sponsors included Saudi Aramco, Velosi, CAT Group, Gulf Engineering House, and others. It is worth mentioning that these graduates will start the On-The-Job Training (OJT) program to complete their Job Tasks Standards (JTS). This graduation brings the total number of graduates from the institute to one thousand four hundred fifty-five (1455) trainees.



ITQAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) FORMATION



As part of ITQAN's continuous effort for quality improvement, ITQAN Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been created on April 1st, 2021. TAC was composed of ITQAN MD as the Chairman and members from International Training Provider, Saudi Aramco's / Industrial Training & Inspection Departments, and selected sponsoring companies. The objective of TAC is to recommend continuous improvement of ITQAN industrial and technical programs and execute a curriculum enhancement plan as recommended. It is expected that this initiative will increase engagement with technical specialization to ensure a greater understanding of engineering and inspection. Furthermore, this will also help ITQAN explore the possibility of adding new disciplines as required by the Inspection industry in the future.

ITQAN TRAINEES FULL RETURN READINESS PLAN & COVID-19 MEASURES

Due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, training delivery at ITQAN switched to Distance Learning (DL) mode using Google Meet, Google Classroom and Google Drive as a platform. For over a year of facing these unfortunate circumstances, trainees gradually returned back to the Campus to resume practical classes (Workshop-Based Training). ITQAN ensure that necessary precautionary measures against COVID-19 are adhered to as per MOH standards, as follows:

- Physical Distancing & Wearing Facemasks & Gloves
- Scanning Body Temperature & Checking Tawakkalna App in all Entrance Gates
- Sending awareness messages periodically through SMS & emails to trainees and staff
- Weekly COVID-19 Survey with Trainees & Staff
- Share new rules and regulations of the government pertaining to vaccination restrictions
- Monitor number of vaccinations for trainees & staff
- COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement as a new Admission Policy for Aug 2021 Intake

As we strive for continuous quality of learning & improvement and complying with Ministry of

Education Return to School Instructions, ITQAN plans to have a full return of all trainees and resume physical training effective on Aug 2021 Intake (1st Sem 21/22). As part of our Social Corporate Responsibility (CSR), all ITQAN sponsors are requested to mandate their trainees to receive COVID-19 vaccine to stop the spread of virus, reduce the risk of getting infected, and increase vaccination numbers at the Institute. ITQAN continues to monitor & follow-up for better outcome towards achieving this important National Interest goal.



Health, Safety & Environment

Saudi Aramco ITD Visit @ ITQAN

On June 21st, 2021, a team comprising from Saudi Aramco Industrial Training Department (ITD) visited ITQAN Institute and met with the ITQAN management team. The objective of the visit is to benchmark with ITQAN's best practices in the area of CCTV Camera Installations. SA ITD is interested in installing CCTV Cameras at all training centers kingdom-wide before the end of this year. It is worth mentioning that ITQAN will provide full support and cooperation to SA ITD in this endeavor.

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” -Confucius

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