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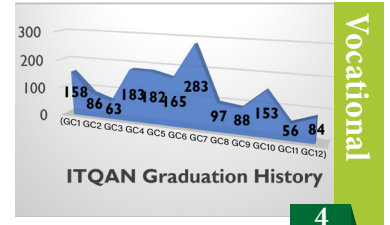


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## ITQAN SAUDI 91<sup>ST</sup> NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



## Board of Trustees

### RECOGNITION OF DR. HASAN J. ALZHRANI



On September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, ITQAN Board of Trustees held a Recognition Ceremony to Dr. Hasan Jamaan Al-Zahrani at the Sofitel Khobar. The board expressed sincere appreciation to Dr. Hasan J. Alzahrani for all the efforts exerted during his tenure as the Chairman of the board for the past two (2) years. His stewardship, visionary leadership, team spirit, constructive feedback and relentless support have focused our efforts towards the successful accomplishments of ITQAN.



### ITQAN 16<sup>th</sup> BoT Meeting

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, ITQAN BoT held its' 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at ITQAN Institute. ITQAN BoT welcomed the arrival of the new BoT Chairman, Dr. Jamil J. Al-Bagawi and new BoT members, Khalid Z. Al-Sulaim and Bassam M. Al-Dossary. During the meeting, BoT members discussed performance improvement efforts implemented at ITQAN, challenges and future outlook. Items discussed included among others, Safety Officer Initiative Plan

(New Discipline), Financial Statements (Q1 to Q2 2021), and a presentation by the New International Training Provider (Lincoln College) with focused on Full Trainees Safe Return Onsite Training, Academic Progress, and COVID19 Vaccination Statistics. The meeting has provided guidance for performance improvements and future operational options for the institute.



### LCI Vice Principal Message



Dr. Tryfon Theodorou, Vice Principal

Our Institute has made rapid strides since our full return to campus earlier this semester, and I am glad to see trainers and trainees interacting and working hard throughout the semester. Trainees had the opportunity to improve their practical experience by developing innovative projects and presenting them to their colleagues and teachers. We look forward to seeing more projects in the next semester. In addition, I would like to encourage all trainees to work harder in their workshops with their

teachers and acquire the knowledge and professional skills required by their sponsors. Especially for Diploma 2 trainees graduating in a few weeks, I wish them to become distinguished inspectors.

The achievement of quality requirements within educational institutions is a fundamental and imperative part of any educational or administrative system. It requires the effort of all to achieve excellence, especially in the light of the Vision of 2030. So I would like to commend all the teaching and administrative staff who make every effort in their academic and administrative duties to provide a healthy educational environment to our trainees, as it is our primary and ultimate goal.

### Trainee's Voice

Alaa Kariri, Job Skills Trainee

As a future inspector trained at ITQAN Institute, I would like to share with you my experience in this letter. Firstly, I am really glad to have this opportunity to talk about how I found ITQAN. In fact, ITQAN is a very strong institute and offers a very big opportunity. It is the only place in Saudi Arabia that offers training opportunities that end with employment in the field of inspection. I gained a lot of scientific and practical

experiences in the field of inspection and quality in the field of technical examination. Stronger and fully qualified for the oil and gas industries as quality inspectors. From my opinion and from the experience I had as a trainee who trained for two years in ITQAN, I see it as a very strong opportunity for those who aspire to be a person of strong energy and in a promising career field. Thank you very much.



### Marketing and Public Relations

#### EVENTS PARTICIPATION



TVTC 9th Technical Conference & Exhibition Oct 25-27, 2021, Riyadh



NTCs Workshop with SPARK Clients Oct 27, 2021, Dammam

#### SPONSORS' DAY

Objective: To develop collaborative ties between all currently active sponsoring companies, trainees and ITQAN.



Al Amara International Nov 25, 2021



CAT Group Dec 2, 2021



Nesma & Partners Dec 14, 2021

#### Trainees' Learner Experience (S1 21/22)



##### Alumni Talk to Trainees (10/14/21)

- Share knowledge & experience in the field.
- Major roles of Inspectors in Industrial projects.
- Importance of technical qualification and certification.

##### Constructive Solutions Seminar (10/14/21)

- FOSROC Co. provided Civil Inspection trainees extra insights into working in field.
- Provide basic principles about constructive solutions for on-site construction.



##### Trainee Quality & Academic Discussion (11/22/21)

- Engage with trainees and learn more about their learning experience at the ITQAN.
- "You Said/We Did" Campaign by the ITP (Lincoln College)
- Apply latest teaching methodology

##### Mentoring Trainees Session (12/23/21)

- Maintain trainees' performance in Academic & Vocational years.
- Provide counselling sessions to improve trainees' performance.
- Importance of Learner Tracking Engagement & Reporting System.

## External Affairs

### RAS TANURA GOVERNOR VISIT, ABDULRAHMAN A. AL-ARFAJ

As per Ras Tanura Governor's office invitation, on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, ITQAN Management made a visit to RT Governor, Abdulrahman A. Al-Arfaj. The objective of the visit was to share details about ITQAN. During the visit, ITQAN MD gave an overview about ITQAN's major accomplishments, inspection programs, sponsorship model, strategic partnerships, training equipment, DMD & safety, graduates, OJT program, and extracurricular

activities. RT Governor extended his deep appreciation for the highlighted accomplishments. He also expressed his full support to ITQAN in arranging for future gatherings to attract more potential companies for trainees' sponsorship in support for Saudization. At the end, ITQAN MD extended an invitation to the RT Governor to visit ITQAN to have a comprehensive view of the institute and its facilities.



### THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL REP TO SAUDI ARABIA FOR EDUCATION



On October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Professor Sir Steve Smith, The Prime Minister's Special Representative to Saudi Arabia for Education visited ITQAN as arranged by TVTC. The objective of the visit was to strengthen partnership in the field of Technical Training. Proceedings of the event included facility tour to the workshops & classrooms, welcoming remarks, and overview

presentation by ITQAN Managing Director, Jameel S. Abdullah, followed by awarding of Trophy of Appreciation. The necessary safety measures of COVID-19 were adhered to as per Ministry of Health standards. At the end of the visit, His Excellency expressed his admiration and appreciation to ITQAN Management.

### TVTC GENERAL MANAGER OF THE EASTERN PROVINCE VISIT

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the General Manager of Technical & Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC) in the Eastern Province, Engr. Badr Alabdulwahed visited the Inspection Technology and Quality Assurance National Institute (ITQAN). The visit aims to strengthen partnership

in the field of technical training and exchange experiences. The visit included a facility tour, and overview about ITQAN institute. The necessary safety measures of COVID-19 were adhered to as per Ministry of Health standards.



### SAUDI ARAMCO INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT (ITD)

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, a team from Saudi Aramco ITD – Operational Excellence (OE) visited ITQAN Institute in Ju'aymah. The objective of the visit was to benchmark with the International Training Provider (Lincoln Colleges) best practices. During the meeting, training programs, current training delivery approach (e.g. Blended, Online, etc.), integration of technology, and KPIs/Performance

Measurement metrics were discussed. In addition, Lincoln Colleges presented the Learner Engagement Tracking and Reporting System for trainees. The visit was concluded by a facility tour including the workshops. Saudi Aramco ITD representatives expressed their appreciation on the development and quality improvement of the institute since its inception.



### LABOR OFFICE IN JUBAIL GENERAL MANAGER VISIT TO ITQAN



On December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, General Manager of the Labor Office in Jubail, Mutlaq D. Alqahtani visited ITQAN and met with ITQAN management team. The rationale of the meeting was to enhance partnership and discuss better employment opportunities for young Saudis in the field of Technical training. ITQAN overview was presented, and the services being offered. During the meeting, the Institute's challenges, and mitigations to improve its services with regards to trainees' welfare have been discussed. ITQAN extended its appreciation to the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development as represented by the Labor Office in Jubail for its continuous efforts in serving the Country's people in many ways to develop human resources programs in realization to the Kingdom's Vision 2030.

### LABOR CULTURE WORKSHOP BY LABOR OFFICE JUBAIL TO ITQAN TRAINEES

On December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Senior Officials from Labor Office Jubail gave a presentation to ITQAN trainees at the ITQAN Multipurpose Hall. The objective of the event was to share awareness and knowledge which focused on the current labor culture in the market. During

the presentation, items discussed among others were duties and responsibilities of the domestic worker and employer, and employees' contract rights. Around eighty (80) trainees attended the workshop. More sessions to be scheduled to accommodate all ITQAN trainees.



## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

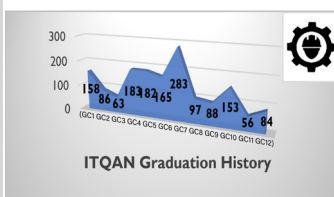
### MOU SIGNING WITH SOCIAL SECURITY AUTHORITY (SSA) IN EASTERN AND WESTERN REGIONS

As part of ITQAN's social responsibility, on Aug 19th, 2021 (Dammam) & Nov 10th, 2021 (Online), ITQAN signed a MoU with Social Security Authority (SSA) in Eastern & Western Regions. This MOU aims to provide training opportunities, beginning with employment for high school graduates of families benefiting from Social Security. It is worth mentioning that this business collaboration will pave the way to add more qualified applicants and increase Saudi workforce in the Inspection industry starting Aug 2021 Intake. SSA has extended their full support in a joint Marketing Campaign in order to attract new potential sponsoring companies.



## VOCATIONAL

### ITQAN GRADUATION COHORT 12 (AUG 2021)



On August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, a total of eighty-four (84) trainees from eight (8) sponsors have passed all the required examinations and have completed the two-year Inspection diploma program at ITQAN. The list of sponsors included such as Al Amara International, Applus Velosi, CAT Group, China Petroleum, Gulf Engineering House, Fahs TUV Nord and others. 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 five hundred ninety-eight (1598) trainees.

### JOB SKILL DEPARTMENT INDUSTRIAL VISIT

On Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, under ITQAN new initiative to bridge the gap between academic and professional knowledge and skills, 25 NDT trainees have visited Al-Zamil Structural Steel Co. Ltd. in the 2nd Industrial Area. The objective of this visit was to enhance trainees' understanding of the real job environment, practices, and inspection methods. Site visits create an interactive learning environment for the trainees and provide exposure

to a practical experience of the inspection industry, most particularly on non-destructive activities. It also, aimed at providing technical exposure on the different techniques such as magnetic particle testing, ultrasonic testing, and liquid penetrant testing that are used in NDT to ITQAN two-year diploma trainees to further develop their skills in inspection. More site visits will be scheduled in the near future covering all disciplines.



## ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

### GREEN SAUDI INITIATIVE

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, ITQAN participated in "Saudi Green Initiative" an initiative by HRH Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and organized by the General Administration of the TVTC Eastern Province. Trainees and staff members took part in a tree planting activity to improve quality of life within ITQAN environment. This initiative aims to raise vegetation cover, reduce carbon emissions, and eliminate pollution. ITQAN will continue its' efforts and support this initiative for better outcome towards achieving this important National interest goal.



### TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOOTBALL CUP IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE

As part of ITQAN's Enrichment Program, on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, ITQAN team participated in the Technical & Vocational Training Football Tournament held at the Al Qadisiyah Club Stadium in Khobar as organized by the TVTC General Administration of the Eastern Province. The objective of this extracurricular activity was

to engage all trainees in meaningful activities that promotes healthy lifestyle through sport activities. The tournament was participated by eleven (11) training institutes. It is worth mentioning that safety protocols are adhered to as per the TVTC directives and MOH standards. Twenty (20) trainees have been selected to represent ITQAN in this tournament.



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