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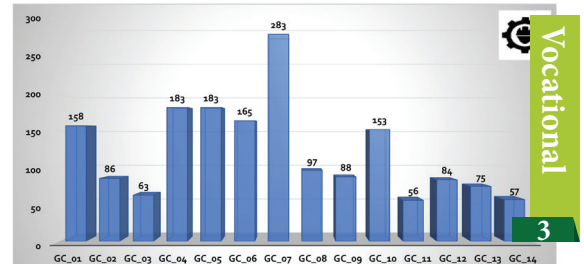


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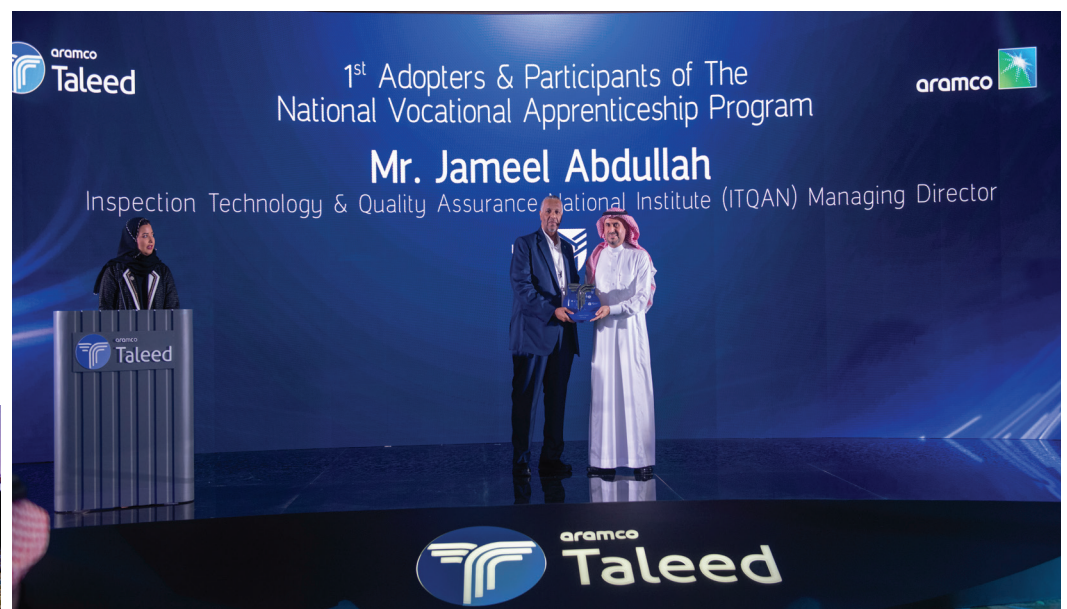
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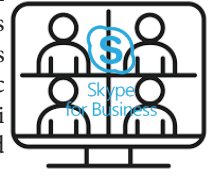
## ARAMCO TALEED PROGRAM RECOGNITION





## ITQAN 17th BoT Meeting

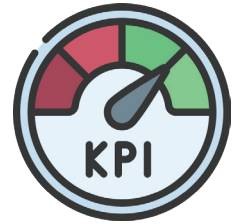
BoT meeting was held online via Skype on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. ITQAN BoT Chairman expressed his appreciation to all board members for attending the meeting. ITQAN Chairman also welcomed the arrival of the new board members and commended those board members who completed their appointments. During the meeting, BoT members discussed performance improvement efforts implemented at the ITQAN, risks, mitigations, and future strategic plans of the institute. Items discussed included among others, Increase Utilization Improvement Support by Saudi Aramco, 2022 Financial Statements, and 3-Year Strategic Plan. To conclude the meeting, ITQAN MD shared 2022 ITQAN Major Accomplishments such as Taleded Recognition, Graduation, Enrolment, Sponsorship Growth, Safety Campaigns, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Initiatives. At the end of the meeting, all board members and Chairman commended ITQAN for having strong financial position, outstanding academic results, and major accomplishments in 2022.



## ITQAN Academic Excellence (Foundation English Test Results in Aug 2022)

As part of ITQAN's continuous strive for academic excellence, on Sep 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Foundation English Test (FET) results for the First-Year trainees have been verified. ITQAN has achieved a 97% success rate (FET) having 144 out of 149 trainees passed the final examinations which was beyond the current ITQAN KPIs target standards. These trainees successfully moved to their Second Year (Vocational) as of Semester

2022-23 (Aug 2022). It is worth mentioning that ITQAN success rates (FET) have significantly improved at the end of every semester as a result of the joint efforts between ITQAN & ITP (Lincoln College) in providing various intervention strategies (mentoring sessions, remedial classes, etc.) to help trainees be prepared on their final exams and ensure the quality of learning at the ITQAN Institute.



## Lincoln College Group New CEO Meeting



On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, newly appointed CEO of Lincoln Colleges Group in UK, Mark Locking visited ITQAN and met with ITQAN Managing Director and the management team. The objective of the meeting was to continue initial discussions on how to strengthen business collaborations with Lincoln College Int. (LCI) as International Training Provider (ITP). Items

discussed among others were LCI performance, Launching of New Programs, Short Courses Offerings, Trainees International Exchange Program, and Virtual Reality. These high-level discussions will pave the way to the continuous improvement and development of ITQAN in enriching the lives of young Saudis through technical training and education.

## Trainees' Learner Experience (S1 22/23)

### Alumni Talk to Trainees (10/06/2022)



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

### Mentoring Session (10/30/2022)



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

### ITQAN's Math-a-Thon Contest (12/08/2022)



- Test and enhance mathematic skills of Foundation trainees.
- Improve trainees' performance and motivate them to do well on their training period at the ITQAN.

### Technical Forum on Concrete Sustainability (12/15/2022)



- Share knowledge and expertise about the latest strategies, technologies in the field of concrete sustainability.
- Improve ITQAN's learning and teaching methodology, wherein trainers and trainees can share best practices.

## Marketing and Public Relations



## SIGNING CEREMONY WITH RAWABI HOLDING (112 NEW TRAINEES)



In preparation for ITQAN Aug 2022 intake, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, ITQAN hosted a Signing Ceremony of Training Agreements with Rawabi Specialized Contracting Co. (51 trainees), Rawabi Butec Ltd. (51 trainees), affiliated companies of Rawabi Holding, and Cutech Arabia LLC (10 trainees). The objective was to satisfy their needs for Inspection training. 112 new trainees have been added & enrolled in different inspection trades such as Civil Inspection, Electrical Inspection, Mechanical

Inspection, NDT Inspection, Welding Inspection and Occupational Health & Safety Inspection. These new trainees are expected to graduate by August 2024. This brings the total number of confirmed trainees to 246 new trainees for Aug 2022 intake.

## Saudi Aramco Local Workforce Development Department (LWDD) & National Training Centers (NTCs) Monthly Meeting at ITQAN

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, ITQAN hosted the LWDD & NTCs Monthly Meeting in Ju'aymah – Ras Tanura. The objective of the meeting was to provide all NTCs & LWDD to have a facility tour and quick communication meeting in one of the NTCs premises. LWDD Director, Waleed Abdulhadi along with his team, NTCs Managing Directors and other NTCs Senior Officials were present in the meeting. During the meeting, ITQAN overview was presented, and the services being offered. International Training Provider (Lincoln College Group) has shared LCG overview and discussed their developed initiatives for ITQAN. LWDD management has introduced new proposal on NTCs capacity utilization formula. The visit was concluded by a facility tour including the workshops. The visit aims to strengthen collaboration & alignment between all NTCs and Saudi Aramco LWDD in the field of technical training and exchange experiences.



### ITQAN CELEBRATIONS

#### 92nd Saudi National Day, Sep 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, ITQAN Multipurpose



- Gather all trainees & staff to commemorate on Saudi Arabia's historical achievements in building a great nation over the years.
- Install banners and national flags in ITQAN facilities.
- Distribute sweets and roll message reflecting the festivities on ITQAN's website.

#### World Teacher's Day, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, ITQAN Auditorium



- Honor all dedicated ITQAN teaching personnel for their relentless efforts and hard work in molding young Saudis in fulfilling the continuous growing demand of Inspectors in the Kingdom
- Emphasize that trainers are the backbone of ITQAN as they continued to give their best and have gone extra mile to ensure that our trainees' needs are completely met

### ITQAN Inspection Fair 2022

As part of ITQAN trainees' training and preparation to become competent inspectors, on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, ITQAN Inspection Fair 2022 has been introduced in ITQAN facilities. The inspection fair displayed trainees' creativity and their applied skills as Inspectors. The Fair was a series of live inspection demonstrations, and trainee projects were presented to their colleagues, VIP guests, management, and sponsoring companies. More than 20 projects were showcased covering all five major Inspection trades (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, NDT & Welding). Some of the projects were Reinforced Concrete Suspension Bridge Inspection, Green Building Inspection Project, Structural Steel Pedestrian Bridge Inspection, Solar Water Pump with Automatic Temperature Switch, ITQAN Logo Assembly Through Welding and Inspection, Automatic Technique for SMAW Welding and Inspection, Eddy Current Testing. More than 300 diploma trainees participated in the event, and around 50 visitors from key stakeholders and external organizations have visited the Fair namely Saudi Aramco, Nesma & Partners, Hyundai Engineering, Rawabi Holding, Safwa HS, Al Asala Colleges, TUV Austria and Tecnimont Arabia.



### ITQAN Signed MOUs

#### MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



As part of ITQAN's CSR efforts, on Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, ITQAN signed an MOU with MHRSD in Dammam Head Office. This MOU aims to provide training opportunities, beginning with employment for high school graduates of families benefiting from MHRSD.

During the meeting, ITQAN overview was presented, and the services being offered. For every ITQAN intake, 15% of the total confirmed demand will be allocated for MHRSD beneficiaries. Both parties mutually agreed and signed MoU as represented by ITQAN Managing Director, Jameel S. Abdullah and MHRSD Deputy General Manager, Mohammad Alatrash.

#### AL ASALA COLLEGES



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### Three-Day ETEC Site Visit for Institutional Accreditation

### Operational Excellence

As a result of the signed MoU with the Education & Training Evaluation Commission (ETEC) in May 2022, the accreditation body comprising four ETEC representatives have visited ITQAN Institute from Nov 20-22, 2022. The objective was to assess ITQAN's capability of obtaining an Institutional Accreditation in the field of Vocational & Technical training. On the 1st day, the accreditation body met with ITQAN Managing Director and the management team to explain the purpose of the visit and what is expected from ITQAN. Followed by a facility tour in Admin building, Workshops, Laboratories, and Classrooms and met with the ITP (Lincoln College) Principal, and Heads of the Departments. Trainers and trainees

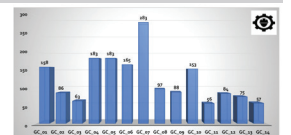


from different departments were also interviewed during the visit. The ETEC team has evaluated 8 standard areas among others ITQAN's performance, policies, frameworks, indicators, and current conditions. At the end, the ETEC team shared constructive feedbacks & observation report for further compliance. It is worth mentioning that obtaining this Institutional Accreditation will ensure that ITQAN Institute is meeting the national and international quality standards for vocational training & education. Hence, raising the quality and efficiency of training, and thus enhance its' contribution to the national economy and development.

## Vocational

### ITQAN Graduation Cohort 14 (Aug 2022)

On Sep 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, a total of fifty-seven (57) trainees from four (4) sponsors have passed all the required examinations and have completed the two-year Inspection diploma program at ITQAN. The list of sponsors included were CAT Group, ENPPI, MBTC and NPCC. This graduation brings the total number of graduates from the institute to one thousand seven hundred and thirty (1730) trainees.





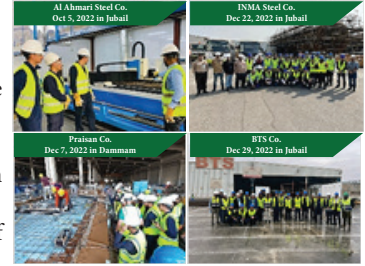
## ITQAN JOB SKILL TRAINEES INDUSTRIAL SITE VISITS

### Objective(s):

Bridge the gap between academic and professional knowledge and skills.  
Enhance trainees' understanding of the real job environment, practices, and inspection methods,  
Create an interactive learning environment for the trainees and provide exposure to a practical experience on quality inspection.

### Outcome(s):

Trainees to deliver oral report presentation to other selected ITQAN trainees to share what they learned from the visit.  
Provided an opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge and exposed them to the real-world of inspection as per international quality standards.



## ITQAN SAFETY STRATEGY

### ITQAN ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

As part of ITQAN Safety Strategy, on Sep 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, ITQAN conducted a Road Traffic Safety Campaign to newly enrolled trainees. The objective of this campaign was to raise trainees' awareness of road safety and prevent motor vehicle accidents (MVAs). Proceedings of the event included opening remark by ITQAN Managing Director, Jameel S. Abdullah and followed by a presentation slide by the Ras Tanura Traffic Police Director, Colonel Bandar Al-Otaibi. Moreover, RT Traffic Police played an awareness video to emphasize MVAs common reasons, and how to always prevent them as well the reiteration of abiding basic traffic rules & road safety signs. Approximately, over 200 new trainees attended the session. This campaign comes in line with ITQAN's commitment to promote safe driving habits among trainees. It is expected that such sessions will instill good driving habits in trainees and help eliminate road accidents. Succeeding road safety sessions will be conducted to cover all active trainees at the Institute.



### ITQAN ANTI-DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



As part of ITQAN's Health & Safety Strategy & Community Engagement Initiatives, on Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, an Anti-Drugs Awareness Campaign was conducted at the ITQAN Multipurpose Hall as facilitated by the Senior Officials from the General Directorate of Narcotics Control – Qatif. The objective of the event was to share an awareness to prevent trainees from using illicit drugs by enhancing their awareness and understanding of the harmful social and health effects of illicit drug use. The session was interactive where the speaker used

open and direct dialogue in delivering his heart-to-heart messages and advice. The session was engaging by applying Q & A techniques, getting immediate feedback from the trainees, and moving around the hall to engage with trainees much closer. It is expected that such session will develop and implement community-based interventions and initiatives to prevent illicit drug use.

### ITQAN BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN



As part of ITQAN's Community Services initiatives, on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022, ITQAN conducted a Blood Donation Campaign at the ITQAN Multipurpose Building. The objective of the event was to instill the value of citizenship to community as part of corporate social responsibility. The Regional Laboratory and Central Blood Bank in Dammam was invited to facilitate the campaign at the Institute. A total of ninety-three (93) trainees & staff have volunteered to donate their blood for others. This act generated love for volunteerism and contributed to increasing the affection and companionship among the trainees. Participation in such activities also comes in line with ITQAN's health and safety strategy.

### ITQAN FLU VACCINATION CAMPAIGN



On Nov 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, a medical team from Ras Tanura General Hospital conducted a Flu Vaccination Campaign at the ITQAN Multipurpose Hall. The objective was to provide Flu vaccination to trainees and staff to reduce the risk of flu and help maintain a healthy immune system in preparation for the winter season. The campaign resulted in the vaccination of two hundred fifty-four (254) trainees and staff. It is worth mentioning that this type of activity will be conducted on a yearly basis in line with ITQAN's Health & Safety strategy.

### ITQAN TRAINEES' DRIVING MONITORING DEVICE (DMD) INSTALLATION



As part of ITQAN's Safety Campaign, on the week of Dec 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, ITQAN trainees' DMD installation has started. The objective of this program is to install DMDs on ITQAN trainees' vehicles to improve trainees' safe driving practices. More so, it will help identify trainees with unsafe driving behavior and provide necessary disciplinary actions that includes counseling sessions and the necessary intervention programs to safeguard trainees' lives and ITQAN assets. Around 70% of the total active trainees are targeted to be covered by this program (as per the set KPI). Installing DMDs, this will help ITQAN promote safe driving, reduce motor vehicle accidents (MVAs) and achieve zero trainee fatalities in vehicles fitted with DMDs.

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