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2023 ITQAN Health & Safety Event



ETEC Three-Year Full Institutional Accreditation



As a result of the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Education & Training Evaluation Commission (ETEAC) in May 2022, and a follow-up site visit in Nov 2022, ITQAN has received full accreditation from ETEAC for the period of three-years from Mar 2023 until Feb 2026 on March 2nd, 2023. 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, continue to raise the quality and efficiency of training and enhance its' contribution to the national economy and development in accomplishment of the Kingdom's 2033 Vision.



Trainees Improvement Plan Semester 2 2022/23

As part of the Trainees Improvement Plan, more extensive field visits were arranged outside & subject matter experts visited ITQAN campus during Semester 2 2022/23 to enhance trainees' understanding and exposure of the real job environment, practices, and inspection methods. ITQAN in coordination

with various organizations exert efforts in mentoring ITQAN trainees, provide extra hands-on training (in-between or after graduation), to guide them properly to pass Computer Based Test (CBT), interview and become an approved Inspectors.



Marketing and Public Relations

ITQAN PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS



1st ITQAN-SPONSOR PLANNING WORKSHOP



As we strive for continuous academic & operational excellence, and our vision to improve the quality of training at the ITQAN, the 1st ITQAN-Sponsor Planning Workshop was held on Jan 23rd, 2023, at the ITQAN Institute in Ju'aymah. This workshop aims to align ITQAN outcomes and sponsors' needs based on

the latest trends, collaborative training & work-based experiences required to improve trainees' quality & performance and identify challenges and apply mitigations for quality improvement. Proceedings of the event include presentations and roundtable discussions on focus areas such as Curriculum Enhancement, Short Courses, On the Job Training (OJT) Program, ITQAN Future Plans and upcoming 2023 ITQAN intakes demand. The workshop was participated by Senior Officials from Applus Velosi, TUV Rheinland, SGS Inspection Co. Ltd., Cotech Group, Gulf Engineering House, and Saudi Aramco (Inspection Dept.). It is worth mentioning that this initiative will increase engagement with technical specialization to ensure a greater understanding of Inspection.

ITQAN February 2023 Intake (348 New Trainees)

As a result of ITQAN's effective communication with potential sponsors, on March 23rd, 2023, ITQAN has increased the number of sponsored trainees by (41) bringing the total final confirmed numbers to 348 new trainees for Feb 2023 Intake. In summary, nine (9) sponsoring companies have signed Training Agreements with ITQAN for Trainees' Sponsorship (KAMCO, SRACO, TUV Rheinland, OCA Global, Velosi, China Railway, Intertek, Nesma and Subsea7. Five (5) new sponsors have been added to the list of ITQAN sponsors bringing the total number

to 94 sponsoring companies since ITQAN inception and a total of 27 currently active sponsors. These new trainees are enrolled in different Inspection trades such as Civil Inspection, Electrical Inspection, Mechanical Inspection, NDT Inspection, Welding Inspection and Occupation Health & Safety Inspection and expected to graduate by Feb 2025. ITQAN extended its' sincere appreciation to Saudi Aramco, PMT, and Inspection departments for the continued support in paving the way of increasing the employment opportunities for young Saudis.

SAUDI FOUNDING DAY CELEBRATION



Under the name of "Foundation Day, February 22nd", ITQAN recognized the foundation of the first Saudi state in 1727 by Imam Mohammed ibn Saud and took part in the celebration on the week of Feb 26th to Mar 2nd, 2023, to commemorate and give recognition to the beginning of the Saudi state's history with focused on the deep historical roots of the Kingdom. Proceedings of the event included a cultural show, traditional

dance, and the wearing of traditional dresses by trainees & staff. Rolling of congratulatory messages reflecting the festivities was activated on ITQAN's website and other social media accounts. In addition, ITQAN MD, in the event opening speech, expressed our love and appreciation to this blessed land and to those who had the favor after Almighty Allah for our entire nation enjoys of stability and prosperity.

ITQAN CELEBRATIONS

Ramadan Iftar Gathering, Mar 28th, 2023, Voco Hotel Khobar



- Create a positive business environment during the Holy Month of Ramadan.
- Strengthen relation between ITQAN & LCI in achieving common goals.
- Award special performance among trainees and promote high quality graduates.

EID & ETEC Celebration, May 4th, 2023, ITQAN Multipurpose



- Breakfast Reception for all ITQAN and ITP (Lincoln College Int.) management staff as part of the Eid celebration.
- ITQAN MD extended his appreciation to ITQAN & LCI teams for their efforts & contributions in obtaining the 3-Years Education & Training Evaluation Commission Institutional Accreditation for ITQAN.

ITQAN INSPECTION FAIR 2023



As part of ITQAN trainees' training and preparation to become competent inspectors, on June 19th, 2023, the ITQAN Inspection Fair 2023 was launched at the ITQAN Multipurpose Hall. 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, guests, management, and sponsoring companies. Around 20 projects were showcased covering six (6) Inspection trades (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, NDT, Welding & OHS) such as Pile Foundation Construction & Inspection, Solar Powered Car with WiFi Borsecope Inspection Camera, Smart Pipe System Inspection, Mechanical Renewal Energy, Operational Model of a Steam Boiler with Heat Exchanger, Ultrasonic Testing & Magnetic Particle Testing for Railways, Car Exhaust & Door. More

than 200 diploma trainees participated in the event, and it was attended by approximately 40 visitors from key stakeholders including Saudi Aramco, Nesma, Velosi, Rawabi Holding, China Railway, DSCO, KAMCO, Tamimi Industrial, SISCO, and Tenaris. This initiative provided an opportunity to market ITQAN to a wider community and promote technical training in the field of Inspection.

Ministry of Health – Eastern Health Cluster



As part of ITQAN's Safety Strategy and Community Engagements, on March 15th, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ITQAN

Institute and Ministry of Health (represented by Ras Tanura General Hospital–Eastern Health Cluster) at the ITQAN Institute in Ju'aymah. This MoU aims to raise health awareness among ITQAN trainees and staff by hosting several seminars throughout the year. It is worth mentioning that ITQAN-ITP LCI Chair of the Board, Margaret Serna was the guest of honor for this ceremony. It is expected that this initiative will raise public awareness of serious health problems (Smoking, Drugs) how to prevent them, and provide ITQAN's trainees with the knowledge and insight they need to have a better healthy lifestyle.

Al-Bir Society in the Eastern Province



As part of ITQAN's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts, on May 16th, 2023, ITQAN signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Al-Bir Society in the Eastern Region in Dammam. This MOU aims to provide training opportunities, beginning with

employment for high school graduates of families benefiting from Al-Bir. During the meeting, ITQAN overview, its' goals and mission in the field of technical & vocational training was presented, as well as Al-Bir's nature of business operations and key objectives to the community. Both parties mutually agreed and signed the MoU as represented by ITQAN Managing Director, Jameel S. Abdullah and Al-Bir Secretary General, Dr. Yousef Al-Rashed. It is worth mentioning that this business collaboration will pave the way to add more applicants for the upcoming ITQAN intakes and create more job opportunities for young Saudis.

ITQAN New Partners
(MoU Signing)

ITQAN Extracurricular Activities



ITQAN Technical Advisory Council Meeting



On Jun 12th, 2023, the ITQAN TAC Meeting was held at the ITQAN in Ju'aymah. The objective of TAC meeting was to recommend continuous improvement on ITQAN's industrial and technical programs and execute curriculum enhancement plan as needed. The TAC meeting was attended by the ITQAN MD as the Chairman, and committee members from ITP (Lincoln College Int.), Saudi Aramco's Inspection Department, Colleges of Excellence, and selected sponsors. The discussion mainly focused on the proposed curriculum enhancements including but not limited to Increased Technical English Focused on Year 1, Increased Guided Learning Hours in Specialized Units on Year 2, and Alignment for Professional International Certifications. To conclude the meeting, all members have agreed on the proposed enhancements through a feedback form collected. In total, TAC met twice, and this is the first official meeting of the newly formed TAC in 2023.

ITQAN HEALTH & SAFETY STRATEGY

RAHIMA BEACH CLEANING CAMPAIGN



As part of Saudi Environment Week & Social Responsibility Day, on March 23rd, 2023, forty (40) ITQAN trainees and staff participated in a Beach Cleaning Campaign at Rahima Beach in Ras Tanura. The objective was to increase awareness and establish environment-friendly habits striving to keep our beaches clean, and the protection of marine habitats and wildlife. The event was organized in coordination with the Ras Tanura Municipality Office. This participation comes as a manifestation of the value of corporate social responsibility and engaging with local communities. It is worth mentioning that participation in such activities help raise trainees' environmental awareness and instills in them the value of citizenship.

ITQAN ANTI-DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



On May 3rd, 2023, in accordance with the recent government regulations against Drugs, ITQAN launched an Anti-Drugs Awareness Campaign in coordination with the Preventive Programs in Drug Control of the Eastern Province. The Director, Mr. Ahmed Ali Al-Salihi, was invited to deliver a presentation on the negative health, social and financial impact of drugs in the society. The presentation was attended by all trainees. In addition, ITQAN MD gave an inspirational message focusing on the negative side of drugs against the government efforts in Saudizing the inspection industry and job opportunities. The program will roll over for a period of one year to ensure safety among trainees. To conclude the session, a Trophy of

Appreciation was awarded to the invited guest lecturer in recognition of his support of ITQAN and the health & safety development of trainees.

ITQAN HEALTH & SAFETY EVENT

On May 15th, 2023, in coordination with Saudi Aramco Inspection Department, Maritime, Building & Infrastructure Projects Inspection Division (MBIPID) ITQAN Health & Safety Event was held at the ITQAN Multipurpose Hall. The objective of the event was to raise public awareness of ITQAN trainees & staff through various health & safety awareness sessions. Topics presented among others include Road Traffic Safety, Anti-Drugs, Smoking Cessation, Lifesaving Rules and Tips Towards a Healthy Lifestyle. All presentations were delivered by Subject Matter & Health Experts from different organizations like Saudi Aramco Traffic Council, Loss Prevention, Drug Control of the Eastern Province, John Hopkins Aramco Healthcare (JHAH), and the Ministry of Health (MoH). Over two hundred and fifty (250) trainees attended the event. During the event, trainees have been benefited by the MoH's services in providing free check-up /consultations for AIDS, Hepatitis and Drugs Effect. To conclude the event, MBIPID Manager, Abdullah Al-Shehri awarded appreciation certificates & trophies to all participants.



TVTC UNIFIED GRADUATION CEREMONY



In the presence and patronage of the Governor of the Eastern Province, HRH Prince Saud bin Nayef bin Abdulaziz, on Jun 14th, 2023, ITQAN attended the unified graduation ceremony for the training year 2023 as organized by the General Administration of Technical & Vocational Training Corporation (TVTC) in the Eastern Province held at the Dhahran Exhibition Centre (Expo). The objective of the event was to celebrate another milestone in increasing aeducational

institutions, including technical colleges, strategic partnership institutes, and international colleges. Since ITQAN inception, it has produced around 2000 graduates to the labor market providing the Inspection industry, EPC, and the Energy sector at large with a well-equipped Inspection workforce in realization to the Kingdom's 2030 vision by contributing to Saudization.

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