

NEWS LETTER

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93rd Saudi National Day Celebration



ITQAN 18th Board of Trustees Meeting



On August 7th, 2023, ITQAN 18th BoT meeting was held at the ITQAN Institute in Ju'aymah. ITQAN Chairman expressed his appreciation to all board members for attending the meeting and commended those board members who have completed & renewed their appointments. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the overall performance of the institute, its challenges, mitigation, and future outcomes.

During the meeting, BoT members discussed performance improvement efforts implemented at the ITQAN, ITP (Lincoln College Int.) Current Training Contract Updates, Increase Utilization Improvement Support by Saudi Aramco, and the upcoming new intake preparations. The outcome of the meeting was providing guidance for performance improvements and future operational options for the institute.

Trainees Development Program Semester 1 2023/24

As part of the Trainees Development Program, more extensive field visits were arranged outside & subject matter experts visited ITQAN campus during Semester 1 2023/24 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 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 to be deployed in the Inspection field.

FIELD VISITS	HK Alsadiq & Sons Co., Jubail 10/02-03/23	Khonaini International Company, SATORP Beach Camp, Jubail 10/26/23	Asia Steel Co., Jubail 11/02/23	Byrne Services Co. Ltd., Jubail 11/09/23	Lucy Switchgear Co., Dammam 12/21/23
					

"The Impact of Inspection Knowledge on Safety & Quality" By: Mujtaba Alalawi, Asia Steel 07/19/23	"Fire Safety & Working at Heights Practical Session" By: Yusef Nasr Abu Abdullah, Hyundai 07/23/23	"Inspection Procedures and Reporting Non-Compliance" By: Eng. Amro Hamada, Ayesha Co. Ltd. 08/02/23	"Line of Fire Awareness for Safety Inspectors" By: Ali Omran Ibrahim Al Salman, Hyundai 09/14/23	"Quality and Compliance in Welding Inspection" By: Jassim Al Sulaiman, Al Yusr Industrial 09/28/23	"Advanced Inspection Techniques: Drone Inspection" By: Mohammed Almazain, Bureau Veritas 11/12/23	INDUSTRY GUEST LECTURERS
						

Marketing and Public Relations

ITQAN PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS & CONFERENCES



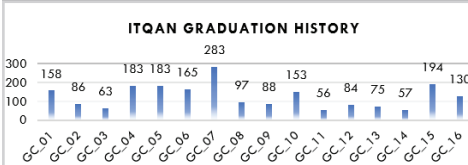
ITQAN SPONSORS DAY

Objectives:

- Collaborative training & work-based experience required to better prepare trainees.
- Onsite exposure and engagement with sponsoring need to be throughout the program.



ITQAN GRADUATION COHORT NO. 16 (AUGUST 2023)



On Sep 17th, 2023, the final test results were verified and a total of one hundred and thirty (130) trainees from eleven (11) different sponsoring companies have successfully passed all the required examinations and have completed the two-year Inspection diploma program at ITQAN. The list of sponsors included among others were CAT Group, Sinopec, Velosi, Nesma & Partners, Tecnicas Reunidas, Erne Fittings, and SICIM. This graduation brings the total number of graduates from the institute to two thousand fifty-five (2055).

TERRA DRONE CO. & SAUDI ARAMCO INSPECTION DEPARTMENT VISIT



On Sep 18th, 2023, ITQAN & ITP (Lincoln College Int.) management teams met with Terra Drone Corp. (a Global Unmanned Aerial Vehicle – AUV Company) based in Japan and Saudi Aramco Inspection Department UAV & Robotics Group at the ITQAN Institute in Ju'aymah. The meeting aimed to explore a potential business partnership and help Terra Drone satisfy their human capital demand for Drone Inspection training, certification, repair, and maintenance as part of the ITQAN curriculum. All parties agreed to continue meetings to further strengthen the relationship and help increase the Saudization level in the field of inspection discipline. The launching of this new initiative under “Drone Inspection” training was expected to be done by 2024 as part of ITQAN strategic future plans.

ITQAN TRAINING AGREEMENT CEREMONY (LUBEREF)

As part of ITQAN Sep 2023 intake, on Sep 28th, 2023, ITQAN hosted a Training Agreement Signing Ceremony with Saudi Aramco Base Oil Company – Luberef. In total, eighty-seven (87) new trainees have been added & enrolled in a 2-Year Diploma Core Program under 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 Sep 2025. It is worth mentioning that two (2) new sponsors have been added to the ITQAN sponsors list bringing the total number to 96 sponsors since inception.



REGIONAL ATTENTION: NASSER VOCATIONAL TRAINING COLLEGE VISIT



On Oct 19th, 2023, twenty (20) students & faculty members from Nasser Vocational Training Centre – Bahrain visited ITQAN and met with ITQAN management team at the ITQAN Institute in Ju'aymah. The objective of the visit was to promote international & regional opportunities in education and training, and exchange knowledge and best practices in the field of technical & vocational training. During the visit, ITQAN overview was presented followed by a facility tour to classrooms and workshops showcasing advanced technologies used for Inspection training. This visit reflected a good image about Saudi Arabia's Saudization plan & employment opportunities.

BRITISH SAFETY COUNCIL CEO VISIT



On Nov 7th, 2023, Mr. Mike Robinson, CEO of the British Safety Council (BSC) made a follow up visit at ITQAN Institute in Ju'aymah and met with ITQAN & ITP (Lincoln College Int.) management teams. The objective of the meeting was to strengthen strategic partnership for potential marketing opportunities and share best practices in the field of Inspection, mainly Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) discipline. It is worth noting that this regular visit from BSC will help ITQAN maintain the highest Health & Safety standards, ensure compliance with the local & international standards, and add more qualified and competent Safety Inspectors not only in the Inspection industry, but in all industrial sectors in the Kingdom.

SAUDI ARAMCO FIRE PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (FPD)



On Nov 30th, 2023, Saudi Aramco RT FPD visited ITQAN Institute in Ju'aymah. The objective of this follow-up meeting was to strengthen business collaborations in Occupational Health & Safety Inspection and other Fire Inspection-related programmes. The discussion focused on the Understanding of ITQAN Strategic Partnership Model, Exchanging of Health & Safety Best Practices, and other technical training opportunities for future collaborations. At the end, the visiting team was provided with a facility & workshop tour to explore the latest cutting-edge equipment used for different Inspection requirements.

ITQAN Pipeline Project Day



On Dec 14th, 2023, ITQAN hosted the Pipeline Project Day at the ITQAN campus (Building C & D areas). The objective of this activity was to provide a new inspection learning environment and enhance trainees' understanding of the real job environment, best practices, and inspection methods. Proceedings of the event include various Inspection activities that covered six (6) major Inspection trades such as Concreting of Pipeline Foundation (Civil Inspection), Instruments Installation (Electrical Inspection), Welding & Installation of Horizontal and Vertical Pipes (Welding Inspection), Installation of Pipe Supports (Mechanical Inspection), Inspection of Pipeline Connections (NDT Inspection), and Issuance of Work Permits (OH&SI). This project will give ITQAN trainees a new inspection learning tool, within an area designated as a 'work site'. The initiative was the result of the joint-efforts by ITQAN & ITP (Lincoln College Int.) aiming for greater heights and ensure that the quality of learning is delivered to ITQAN trainees.

ITQAN Health & Safety Initiatives

Health & safety awareness campaigns were conducted in the Institute in collaboration with various local government entities like Saudi Aramco Inspection Department, Loss Prevention, Traffic Police, Drug Authority, and the Ministry of Health. Through these initiatives, it will help raise trainees' awareness, promote behavioral values & raising the level of health & safety awareness and most especially, maintain a healthy lifestyle amongst them.



DRIVING MONITORING DEVICE (DMD)

As part of ITQAN's Safety Campaign, on the week of Oct 22nd to 26th, 2023, ITQAN trainees' DMD installation has started. The objective of this program was to install DMDs on ITQAN trainees' vehicles to improve trainees' safe driving practices. Moreover, 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 will help ITQAN promote safe driving, reduce motor vehicle accidents (MVA) and achieve zero trainee fatalities in vehicles fitted with DMDs.



ITQAN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At ITQAN, we offered opportunities for trainees to learn the values of teamwork, individual and group responsibility, physical strength and endurance, competition, diversity, and a sense of culture and community and thus, extracurricular activities were injected in our program to engage trainees in different meaningful activities. Participation in various extracurricular activities is a valuable investment that shows motivation for trainees to achieve higher grades, better exam results, and more positive educational experiences in general.



ITQAN SUCCESS STORIES

ITQAN ALUMNI GRADUATES (NEOM PROJECT ASSIGNMENTS)



On Oct 8th, 2023, Hamed Salem Alkhaldi, Sr. Project Civil Inspector, from Air Products Co. visited the Campus and met with ITQAN trainees. The objective of the event was to provide work-based insight and knowledge to better prepare ITQAN trainees for future roles as Inspectors.

Proceedings of the event include a presentation talk about "Insights and Experiences: Navigating Successful Career in Inspection" followed by a constructive Q&A panel discussion. Around two hundred (200) trainees



attended the lecture. It is worth noting that Mr. Alkhaldi is an ITQAN alumni graduate playing his role as Sr. Civil Inspector and currently assigned to one of the NEOM projects which added a great value to the Inspection field workforce.



On Dec 4th, 2023, a high-achieving and role model graduate, Meshal Almsabi, Intertek Saudi Arabia Ltd., returned to the Campus and met with ITQAN trainees. The objective of the event was to share an inspirational talk to encourage and motivate trainees in their training studies. ITQAN alumni graduate speakers offer practical advice, best career tips, and industry insights in guiding our next generation of inspectors on their professional journey. ITQAN's success is being defined by our graduates and their professional career growth and henceforth, Mr. Almsabi



continues to strive hard for excellence and is currently starting a new position as a client Project Civil Inspector in NEOM. ITQAN MD thanked Meshal for being a role model for the other trainees and reflecting the high quality of ITQAN's graduates.

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