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ITQAN 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 25th to Feb 29th, 2024, 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 the raising of Saudi Flag, historical video documentary, 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. To conclude the event, a recognition award was given by ITQAN MD & ITQAN ITP (Lincoln College Int.) Vice Dean to high-achieving trainees (Dean’s List) as of the current semester.

Trainee Development Program Semester 2 2023/24

As part of the Trainee Development Program, more than five (5) field visits were arranged in the Eastern Region & over fifteen (15+) industry experts & alumni speakers visited ITQAN campus during Semester 2 2023/24 to enhance trainees’ understanding and exposure of the real job environment, practices, and inspection methods.

INDUSTRIAL FIELD VISITS

Aasia Steel, Jubail April 18- 2024	HK Sadiq & Sons, Ras Tanura April 25- 2024	TechnipFMC, Dammam April 30- 2024	Bryne Tech. Services Jubail May 12- 2024	Baker Hughes Co. Dhahran May 23- 2024	Halliburton Co., Dammam Jun 05- 2023
					

INDUSTRY EXPERTS & ALUMNI SPEAKERS

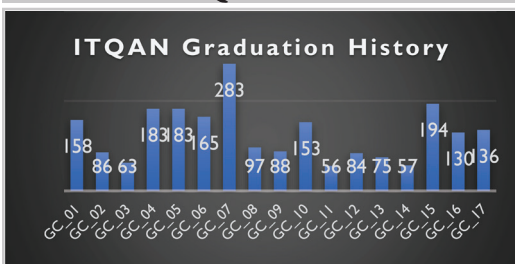
<p>“The Proper Use of Fire Extinguishers and Fire Safety” By: Ali Omran Al Salman, Safety Inspector, Hyundai Engineering (Jan 04- 2024)</p> 	<p>“Tips & Techniques in Passing the NEBOSH Certification Exam” By: Abdulwahed Aldihalib, H&S Inspector, CAT Group (Mar 17- 2024)</p> 	<p>“Scaffolding Safety: A Practical Training for OH&S Inspection” By: Mohammed Jafar Waqa, Scaffolding Inspector, Sedan Co. (May 05- 2024)</p> 	<p>Effective Implementation of Quality Management Systems” By: Eng. Ali Khalife, QA Manager, Baker Hughes (May 07- 2024)</p> 	<p>“Advancing Proficiency: ASNT Seminar for Welding, Mechanical, and NDT Inspection Trainees” By: Mohammed Abufour, Saudi Aramco, Head of Advanced NDT Services Unit (May 09- 2024)</p> 	<p>“Understanding of the Certification Scheme for Weldment Inspection Personnel 3.1 (CSWIP)” By: Ali AlMorohen, QA/QC Piping Inspector, Saipem (Jun 06- 2024)</p> 
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Marketing & Public Relations

ITQAN PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS & CONFERENCES

<p>Skills & Training Forum “Waad” Jan 3-4, 2024, Dhahran</p> 	<p>Educational & Vocational Guidance Exhibition Jan 23, 2024, Abqaiq</p> 	<p>Saudi Aramco OCD Powerup Event Feb 7, 2024, Al Khobar</p> 	<p>MOE Vocational Guidance Exhibition & Forum May 6-9, 2024, Dammam</p> 
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ITQAN GRADUATION COHORT NO. 17 (FEBRUARY 2024)



On March 14th, 2024, the final test results were verified and a total of one hundred and thirty-six (136) 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 sponsoring companies included among others were Applus Velosi, CAT Group, Cutch, Hyundai Engineering, Nesma, Samsung, Sinopec, and TUV Rheinland. This graduation brings the total number of graduates from the institute to two thousand one hundred ninety-one (2191). These new graduates will add value to the development of the local workforce in the Inspection industry.

ITQAN TRAINER CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) SESSION

On Jan 22nd, 2024, the 4th CPD session has been delivered to trainers at the ITQAN Auditorium. An SME from GEMS Education visited the campus and delivered a presentation on “Educational Applications of Artificial Intelligence”. The following are the objectives of this program:

- Understanding the Basics of Generative AI
- Exploring Educational Applications
- Integration into Vocational Courses
- Adapting Teaching Methods



Over thirty (30) trainers from Foundation & Vocational Year attended the lecture. This activity provided a deep insight into the latest developments in the world of AI technology in the education and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics), leading to an advanced and innovative STEAM project. By addressing these objectives, it is expected that this CPD seminar will empower all ITQAN trainers to harness the potential of Generative AI in enhancing the quality and effectiveness of education within their specific domains.

UK TURING SCHEME



On Mar 6th, 2024, delegates from Lincoln Colleges UK visited ITQAN and met with the ITQAN management team. Eight (8) international students visited Saudi Arabia for 2-weeks as part of the UK Government Turing Scheme. The objectives of the program are to:

- Promote international opportunities in education and training across the world.
- Exchange knowledge in the training field.
- Enhance cultural intelligence & international perspective.
- Develop students’ employability & communication skills.



During the visit, ITQAN overview was presented, and the services being offered. It was followed by a facility tour to classrooms and workshops showcasing advanced technologies used for Inspection training. It is worth mentioning that only ITQAN has been approved by the UK Government among any other training institutes in the Kingdom to be part of the schedule. In addition, the British delegation visited Ras Tanura Industrial Training Center (RT-ITC) to benchmark with Saudi Aramco’s best practices in the field of technical training. Hence, this reflects a good image about Saudi Arabia’s Saudization plan & employment opportunities.

ITQAN RAMADAN IFTAR GATHERING



On March 14th, 2024, ITQAN & ITP (Lincoln College Int.) Management & Teaching Staff celebrated Ramadan Iftar at the Sofitel the Corniche in Al Khobar. The objective of this “Iftar Gathering” was to create a positive business environment amongst ITQAN & LCI staff during the Holy Month of Ramadan. By organizing this gathering, it helps boost employees’ morale, establish togetherness and the development of positive relationships amongst co-workers. ITQAN also celebrated obtaining the three (3) ISO Certifications & Centre Approval from NOCN Group in UK during the event.

ITQAN FEBRUARY 2024 INTAKE (124 NEW TRAINEES)

On the week of Mar 17th to 21st, 2024, ITQAN signed four (4) training agreements comprising a total of 124 new trainees demand for Feb 2024 intake from Intertek (40), Al Rashid (50), AES Arabia (9), and Applus Velosi (25). The objective was to fulfill their human capital demand for Inspection training requirements. These trainees

were enrolled in six (6) major inspection trades such as Civil Inspection, Electrical Inspection, Mechanical Inspection, NDT Inspection, Welding Inspection and Occupational Health & Safety Inspection and expected to complete the 2-year diploma core program and graduate by Feb 2026.



ITQAN EID BREAKFAST GATHERING



On April 15th, 2024, ITQAN hosted a Breakfast Reception for all ITQAN & LCI staff as part of the Eid al-Fitr celebration. ITQAN MD shared a message to all the team and wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous Eid al-Fitr and may Allah accept all our prayers and bless us all with His divine grace. Through this gathering, it develops positive relationships and togetherness amongst ITQAN & LCI staff towards business unity and prosperity.

INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR ON THE SAUDI LABOR SYSTEM

In collaboration with the Ministry of Human Resources & Social Development (MHRSD), on May 20th to 21st, 2024, three (3) Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from the Labor Office in Jubail met with ITQAN trainees at the ITQAN Auditorium. The objective of the two-day seminar workshop was to share an awareness to trainees of the basic knowledge on the Saudi Labor System Law. A total of over three hundred (300+) trainees attended the lecture comprising four (4) different sessions.

The workshop mainly addressed key regulatory provisions, rights and duties of the employee and its employer. Trainees’ concerns were addressed during the program. ITQAN extended its appreciation to the MHRSD as represented by the Labor Office in Jubail for its’ continuous efforts and extended scopes of supervision, and its significant role in developing human resources programs and achieving targets of the national transformation in accomplishment to the Kingdom’s 2030 Vision.



ITQAN MOU Signing (CSR)

As part of ITQAN's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts, on May 23rd, 2024, ITQAN signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BENA Charity in the Eastern Region in Al Khobar. This MOU aimed to provide training opportunities, beginning with employment for high school graduates of families benefiting from BENA. During the meeting, ITQAN overview, its' goals and mission in the field of technical & vocational training was presented, as well as BENA Charity'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 BENA Charity General Manager of the Building Society, Mr. Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalidi. 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 Accreditation & Certification

ISO CERTIFICATIONS



On Feb 13th, 2024, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) as represented by Active Business International (Consulting Company) endorsed the original copies of the three (3) ISO Certifications to ITQAN Institute. By obtaining these certifications, ITQAN ensures that the implementation of the Quality, Health, Safety, and Environmental (QHSE) management system is in line with the international standards. The full conformity awarded for the following ISO certifications namely **ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System)**, **ISO 14001:2015 (Environment Management System)** & **ISO 45001:2018 (Occupational Health & Safety Management System)** is valid for three-years period from Feb 2024 until Jan 2027. ITQAN is highly committed in striving for continuous academic & operational excellence towards ITQAN's vision to become the leading Inspection training institute supporting Saudization in the Kingdom.



NOCN CENTRE APPROVAL



In thrive for continuous academic & operational excellence, on Sunday, Feb 18th, 2024, ITQAN has fulfilled all the necessary requirements and documents to obtain a **Centre Approval from the National Open College Network (NOCN)** in UK to deliver the endorsed programme "Occupational Health & Safety Inspection". NOCN is a leading Ofqual regulated Awarding Organization, offering hundreds of qualifications & endorsements in multiple sectors. It is worth mentioning that this recognition will help ITQAN ensure that Inspection programmes quality is maintained, delivery and assessment are standardized in the field of Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVET).

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.

Ramadan Traffic Safety
Mar 17-21, 2024



Anti-Drugs Awareness
May 7, 2024



Basis Life Support Training
May 15, 2024



Blood Donation (Hajj Campaign)
Jun 2-4, 2024



ITQAN SUCCESS STORIES

ITQAN ALUMNI GRADUATES



On Jan 18th, 2024, an SME from Hill International visited the Campus and met with ITQAN trainees. He delivered a presentation about "Roles, Challenges, and Opportunities in the field of Electrical Inspection" followed by a constructive Question & Answer panel discussion. Over one hundred (100) Diploma trainees (2nd Year) attended the lecture. It is worth noting that the invited guest lecturer is an ITQAN alumni graduate playing his role as an Electrical Inspector which added great value to the Inspection field workforce.



On Mar 3rd, 2024, ITQAN alumni graduate, Meshari Alshammari (Class of 2018) received an "Innovative Idea Award" from Saudi Aramco NATSD. Among other project entries, Mr. Al-Shammari's idea "Project Sync" was selected to be directly implemented under the NATSD innovation channel and awarded by the NATSD Director, Mr. Abdulrahman M. Al Qahtani. ITQAN MD had a special meeting with Meshari and thanked him for being a role model for the other trainees and reflecting the high quality of ITQAN's graduates.



On Jun 13th, online discussion Live from NEOM brought an alumni together for virtual networking and professional growth. They addressed post-graduation challenges and heard from experts on career trends and continuous learning. Highlights included site inspection management sessions and showcases of NEOM's innovations. The event emphasized community and lifelong learning, leaving alumni with valuable connections and insights.

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