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## ITQAN Graduation Ceremony 2024





## ITQAN Board of Trustees 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting



The ITQAN BoT 20th meeting was held on Aug 1, 2024 at ITQAN campus in Ju'aymah to discuss the overall performance of the institute, challenges, mitigations, strategies, and future outcomes. During the meeting, BoT members discussed key areas including HRDF new funding mechanism, Admin Fee options, Aug 2024 Intake update, Academic Performance update, 2024 Financial Statements, KPIs, and Graduation Proposal. The meeting provided strategic guidance for performance improvements and future operational options for the institute.

## ITQAN WELCOMED NEW BOARD MEMBERS



On Oct 22, 2024, ITQAN welcomed two newly appointed board members, Bader Al-Busbait, Saudi Aramco Inspection Department Director and Muad Al-Badran, Saudi Aramco Industrial Training Department Director at ITQAN Campus in Ju'aymah. The meeting discussion was fruitful and productive, resulting in knowledge exchange and best practices in the field of Inspection training. Proceedings of the event include an ITQAN overview presentation & training operation best practices, followed by a tour to showcase ITQAN's facilities, including the latest tools, cutting-edge equipment, workshops, and laboratories dedicated to Inspection training. The visit provided an opportunity to discuss key collaboration points and identifying areas for improvement to ensure continuous development of ITQAN.

## 94th Saudi National Day Celebration



ITQAN celebrated the 94th Anniversary of the Kingdom's National Day held at the ITQAN Multipurpose Hall with the attendance from the Management, Trainees, and Staff. The objective of the event was to commemorate Saudi Arabia's historical achievements in building a great nation over the years.

### ITQAN as an Approved ACI Testing Center

ITQAN & Concrete & Construction Association (CCA), representing the American Concrete Institute (ACI) in Saudi Arabia signed an agreement on Nov 25, 2024 at the ITQAN campus in Ju'aymah. The objective of this collaborative effort was to become an approved testing center in conducting professional certification training and exams for the ACI. ACI certifications are globally recognized as the industry standard for showcasing expertise in concrete-related roles, including testing, inspection, finishing, and installation. By earning ACI certifications, our graduates establish themselves as highly skilled professionals with globally recognized expertise, enhancing their career prospects and industry credibility.



## Marketing & Public Relations

### ITQAN PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS & CONFERENCES



### THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING (ASNT) & THE AMERICAN WELDING SOCIETY (AWS) VISITS

ITQAN welcomed senior officials from the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) & the American Welding Society (AWS) at ITQAN campus. The objective of the visits was to discuss potential collaboration to address specific challenges and /or projects, exploring ways in which ASNT & AWS field of specializations can support ITQAN's training and certification needs, and share information about their plans for serving the Kingdom and the region at large.





## ITQAN-TSPA (TECHNICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL ACADEMY) COLLABORATION

ITQAN hosted a visit from the Saudi Aramco Technical Services Professional Academy (TSPA) on Dec 8, 2024 at its campus in Ju'aymah. The meeting focused on several strategic objectives, including TSPA's support for ITQAN in achieving ACCET accreditation and its role as an approved Aramco vendor to deliver short and specialized programs for Aramco employees. Key initiatives discussed included the launch of new programs such as the Corrosion & Coating Inspection Program, collaboration with the Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP) to establish ITQAN as an Approved Testing Center, and the integration of VR learning in ITQAN's delivery model, leveraging TSPA's VR best practices.



## Trainee Development Program Semester 1 2014/25

As part of the Trainee Development Program, more than five (5+) field visits were arranged in the Eastern Region & over ten (10+) industry experts & alumni speakers visited ITQAN campus during Semester 1 2024/25 to enhance trainees' understanding and exposure of the real job environment, practices, and inspection methods.

### INDUSTRIAL FIELD VISITS

IMERYS, Bahrain  
Jul 04- 2024



HAKA, Dammam  
Jul 17- 2024



Tenaris, Dammam  
Jul 30- 2024



Aasia Steel, Jubail  
Sep 18- 2024



KFUPM, Dhahran  
Oct 08- 2024



HK Sadiq & Sons, Ras  
Tanura Oct 21- 2024



### INDUSTRY SPEAKERS

"Quality in Electrical & Mechanical Inspection"  
By: Hassan Al-Nahwi,  
PID-E&I Inspector, TUV  
Rheinland (Jul 04- 2024)



"Elevating & Lifting Equip  
Inspection Services"  
By: Qassem AlKhalifah,  
Lead Inspector, Saudi  
Aramco  
(Jul 10- 2024)



"Fundamentals of Electrical  
Inspection"  
By: Meshari Alotaibi,  
NAOFP Inspection Unit  
Supervisor, Saudi Aramco  
(Jul 18- 2024)



"Importance of maintaining  
a safe work environment"  
By: Hussain Alkhalifah,  
Safety Supervisor, GCC  
(Jul 25- 2024)



"Drone Technology for Aerial &  
Land Surveying"  
By: Ibrahim Aldahim,  
Area Engineer, Ministry of  
Municipalities & Housing  
(Sep 18- 2024)



"Lifting Operations for  
Inspection Trainees"  
By: Jaafar Alabdullah,  
Mechanical Engineer, A.H.  
Al-Shuwayer & Sons  
(Sep 30- 2024)



## New Special Program & Short Courses



Pressure Vessel Vendor  
Inspector Assistant

ITQAN Institute has launched a new program and short courses to equip professionals with critical skills and meet industry needs. These initiatives are designed to enhance workforce capabilities, fulfill industry demands, and support the development of highly qualified professionals. 9 trainees were enrolled in a One-Year Tailored Program on Pressure Vessel Vendor Inspector Assistant and 120 trainees in a Short Course Program on Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) and Project Management (PM).



OH&S and Project  
Management

## 7<sup>th</sup> Trainee Inspection Project Fair

The 7<sup>th</sup> ITQAN Inspection Project Fair was successfully held on Dec 18, 2024 at ITQAN campus to showcase trainees' technical expertise and practical skills gained through their training. A total of 31 trainee projects were presented covering six (6) inspection disciplines: Civil, Welding, Electrical, NDT, OHS, and Mechanical. The fair brought together a diverse group of attendees, including 150+ trainees, 300+ high school students, management, faculty members, and 40 representatives from different sponsoring companies.





## Health & Safety Campaigns

Health & safety awareness campaigns were conducted in the Institute in collaboration with various local government entities like Saudi Aramco Traffic Safety, 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.

Traffic Campaign by Moror Nov 25- 2024



Blood Donation Dec 01- 2024



Anti-Drugs Campaign Dec 12- 2024

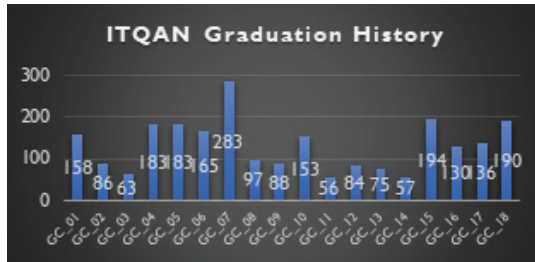


Traffic Safety by Saudi Aramco Dec 28- 2024



## Vocational

### ITQAN GRADUATION COHORT NO. 18 (AUGUST 2024)



On the week of Sep 1-5, 2024, the final test results were verified and a total of one hundred and ninety (190) trainees from nine (9) different sponsoring companies successfully passed all the required examinations and completed the two-year Inspection diploma program at ITQAN. The list of sponsoring companies included among others were Al Amara International, Applus Velosi, Cutch, Intertek, OCA Global, Rawabi Butec, Rawabi Specialized, Sinopec, and SISCO. This graduation brings the total number of graduates from the institute to two thousand three hundred eighty-one (2381). These new graduates will add value to the development of the local workforce in the Inspection industry.

### ITQAN SEPTEMBER 2024 INTAKE (317 NEW TRAINEES)



On the week of Sep 24-26, 2024, and as a result of maximizing the 4-week enrolment window policy by CoE, ITQAN has enrolled an addition of 67 new trainees in the system bringing the total enrollees to 317 new trainees for Sep 2024 intake. These new trainees were enrolled in a 2-year core diploma program under six (6) major trades such as Civil Inspection, Electrical Inspection, Mechanical Inspection, NDT Inspection, Welding Inspection, and Occupational Health & Safety Inspection and expected to graduate by Aug 2026. It is worth noting that six (6) new sponsors have been added, reaching total numbers to one hundred two (102) ITQAN sponsoring companies since its inception.

## Extracurricular Activities

### ITQAN FAMILY DAY



ITQAN hosted a Corporate Family Day on Aug 7, 2024 at the ITQAN Multipurpose Hall in Ju'aymah. The objective of the event was to foster the employees' sense of belonging to the Institute and strengthen the harmonious relationship between colleagues. The ITQAN environment was filled with fun and excitement as family members of ITQAN & LCI staff actively participated in various sports activities and other meaningful games during the event. The event provided our co-workers get to know more each other and their families and maintain a good "Work-Life Balance".

### TVTC MARATHON 2024 CUP

On Nov 18, 2024, ITQAN participated in the Cross-Country Championship 2024 as organized by the General Administration of TVTC in the Eastern Region & Industrial Secondary Institute in Dammam. The objective of the event was to engage trainees with meaningful activities that promotes a healthy lifestyle. The marathon was participated by over one hundred (100+) students from ten (10) different vocational & training institutes and serve as a venue to improve their personal goals such as skill development, community engagement, team spirit, experiential learning, and other extracurricular achievements during their training period at ITQAN Institute.



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