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## Signed MOUs with Global Partners



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## New ITQAN Chairman Message



**Walid A. Al-Naeem**, ITQAN Chairman  
Vice President & Chief Engineer, Saudi Aramco Engineering

newsletter of the Inspection Technology and Quality Assurance National Institute (ITQAN).

At ITQAN, we are deeply committed to supporting the Kingdom's national development by elevating the capabilities of our local workforce. Through world-class Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), and specialized Inspection training programs aligned with international standards, we strive to equip professionals with the skills

required to meet the evolving needs of the Kingdom's industries. Since our establishment in 2015, ITQAN has remained committed to its mission — offering a broad range of inspection-related programs and services designed to strengthen the inspection workforce across the Kingdom. Our aim is not only to exceed the highest standards of safety and regulatory compliance but to develop resilient, future-ready inspection professionals who can drive quality and excellence across all sectors.

We work in close partnership with key industries and stakeholders to bridge the gap between technical education and employment. Through innovation, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to quality, we are actively contributing to the creation of a highly competent and self-reliant workforce — in alignment with the ambitious goals of Saudi Vision 2030.

## ITQAN 21<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

On Feb 20, ITQAN held its 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Trustees meeting at its Ju'aymah campus. Chaired by ITQAN Chairman, the session reviewed organizational performance, strategic priorities, and future plans. Key topics included new board appointments, action item updates, 2024 performance highlights, KPIs, and financial review. The meeting provided valuable strategic direction to support ITQAN's continued growth and operational excellence.



## ITQAN COMPENSATION COMMITTEE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In pursuit of operational excellence and long-term sustainability, ITQAN held its inaugural Investment Committee & Compensation Committee meetings, focusing on responsible financial planning, investment strategies, and maintaining a compensation package that attracts, retains, and motivates suitable staff towards a sustainable and efficient operation across the Institute.

## ITQAN Environmental Coordinator Workshop (New Proposed Discipline)



On Apr 30, ITQAN hosted the Environmental Coordinator Awareness Workshop at its Ju'aymah campus in partnership with Saudi Aramco Environmental Protection and Aramco Taleed. The event highlighted the critical role of Environmental Coordinators and technicians in the industrial sector, aligning with Vision 2030 goals. Stakeholders agreed to pursue continued collaboration to expedite the development of this initiative.

## Strategic Partnerships—Globally Recognized Certification Bodies

### Signed MOUs

ITQAN achieved remarkable milestones by signing an MOU with the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT), the Welding Institute (TWI), and Terra Drone Arabia to elevate ITQAN's training portfolio by offering specialized and short courses, integrating certified drone inspection trainings, and positioning the institute as an authorized examination center for both ASNT & TWI.



## ITQAN AS AN AUTHORIZED TRAINING PROVIDER BY OSHACADEMY

In February 2025, ITQAN Institute was officially recognized as an Approved Training Provider (ATP) by OSHAcademy. This milestone enables ITQAN to deliver internationally recognized Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) courses, supporting workforce development and promoting global safety standards.





## Marketing & Public Relations

### ITQAN PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS & CONFERENCES



### ITQAN STRENGTHENS INDUSTRIAL & ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Strategic meetings and visits were conducted with several institutions including Lincoln College Group UK, the Ministry of Industry & Mineral Resources, Saudi Electricity Company, American University of Bahrain, Applied Sciences University in Bahrain, Sinopec, Rawabi Holding Group, and Saudi Aramco ID. Discussions focused on expanding short courses, launching certifications, and exploring joint programs in technical education and inspection.



### ITQAN VISIT TO RAS TANURA GOVERNOR

To foster stronger ties with the local community, ITQAN management conducted a visit to the Governor of Ras Tanura, highlighting its latest milestones and strategic objectives. The engagement reaffirmed mutual commitment to advancing technical initiatives and expanding opportunities for workforce development in alignment with Vision 2030.



### Trainee Development Program 2025

As part of the Trainee Development Program, several field visits were conducted in 2025 in different industrial sites to enhance trainees' understanding and exposure of the real job environment, practices, and inspection methods.

#### INDUSTRIAL FIELD VISITS



### ITQAN HOSTED LINCOLN COLLEGE STUDENTS (UK TURING SCHEME)

From February 2–24, ITQAN hosted a group of select students from Lincoln College, UK, as part of the UK Government's Turing Scheme. This initiative aims to promote global mobility in education and training, foster cross-cultural exchange, and strengthen international collaboration. During their visit, students

engaged in hands-on activities, technical workshops, and knowledge-sharing sessions focused on inspection technologies. The program also contributed to enhancing their cultural intelligence, global awareness, and understanding of international best practices in the field of inspection discipline.



### ITQAN INDUSTRIAL FIELD VISIT TO SAUDI ARAMCO NORTHERN AREA PRODUCING TECHNICAL SUPPORT DEPARTMENT IN JU'AYMAH

On May 7, ITQAN management, trainers, and trainees visited Saudi Aramco's Northern Area Producing Technical Support Department (NAPTSD) at Ju'aymah Industrial Complex – Ras Tanura. The visit aimed to enhance trainees' exposure to real-world inspection environments and practices. Participants

gained valuable insights into key inspection areas including On-Stream & NDT, Cathodic Protection, and Civil & Electrical Inspection. The tour also included visits to Abu Safah and Qatif GOSPs, offering firsthand experience of Aramco's facilities and safety standards.



## Saudi Founding Day Celebration



Under the name of “Foundation Day, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>”, ITQAN recognized the foundation of the first Saudi state in 1727 by Imam Mohammed ibn Saud and took part in the celebration on Feb 24 to commemorate and give recognition to the beginning of the Saudi state’s history with a focus on the deep historical roots of the Kingdom.

## ITQAN Sponsor Day & 8<sup>th</sup> Project Fair

On Jun 23, 2025, ITQAN successfully hosted its Sponsor Day and 8<sup>th</sup> Project Fair at the MPH, celebrating the continued support of its industry partners and showcasing trainee innovation. A total of 20 projects were presented across six inspection disciplines—Civil, Welding, Electrical, NDT, OHS, and Mechanical. Highlights included the Magnetic Crawler Robot, AI-Driven Equipment Inspection, IoT Smart Vest, and SMART Lift. The event reinforced industry collaboration and emphasized ITQAN’s role in shaping a future-ready inspection workforce.



## Health & Safety: Blood Donation & Anti-Drugs Campaign

### Anti-Drugs Awareness



### Blood Donation Campaign



As part of its commitment to cultivating a safe and responsible learning environment, ITQAN implemented targeted health and safety initiatives aimed at enhancing trainees’ awareness and well-being. Campaigns focused on preventing substance abuse and fostering healthy lifestyle choices and a collaborative Blood Donation Drive.

## FIRE PREVENTION AWARENESS WITH SAUDI ARAMCO FIRE PROTECTION DEPT.



On Feb 25–26, ITQAN, in collaboration with Saudi Aramco FPD–Ras Tanura, hosted a two-day Fire Safety Awareness Session at the Multipurpose Hall. Over 200 trainees participated, gaining essential knowledge on fire hazards, prevention, and safety regulations. The sessions also featured a live VR demonstration, aligning with the latest industry practices to enhance engagement and practical understanding.

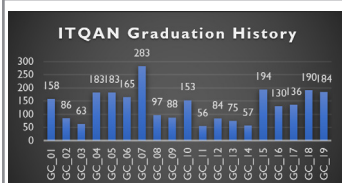
## CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

### ITQAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING



On Feb 27, ITQAN held its TAC Meeting at its campus in Ju’aymah. The objective of the TAC meeting was to recommend continuous improvement on ITQAN’s industrial and technical programs and execute a curriculum enhancement plan as needed.

### ITQAN GRADUATION COHORT NO. 19 (FEB 2025)



Between March 9–13, a total of 184 trainees from 13 sponsoring companies successfully completed ITQAN’s two-year Inspection diploma program. Sponsors included Velosi, China Railway Construction Corp., Intertek, KAMCO, Nesma & Partners, Subsea7, and TUV Rheinland. This milestone raises ITQAN’s total graduate count to 2,565, marking a significant contribution to strengthening the local inspection workforce.

### CONTACT US

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