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Sustainability at Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education

Sustainability is a strategic priority at Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education reflected in everything we perform – from training our students on the fundamentals of sustainability conducting cutting-edge research and ensuring that our campus operations are delivered in a sustainable and future-friendly manner. We work with national and international sustainability partners to integrate sustainability into our teaching, research, and operations while raising public awareness about the significance of sustainability across our public engagement initiatives.

Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education acknowledges that accomplishing sustainable development goals is crucial to our students, community, and ultimately our future success. Sustainability is a strategic priority at Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education reflected in everything we perform – from training our students on the fundamentals of sustainability to conducting cutting-edge research and ensuring that our campus operations are delivered in a sustainable and future-friendly manner. We work with national and international sustainability partners to integrate sustainability into our teaching, research, and operations while raising public awareness about the significance of sustainability across our public engagement initiatives. Please join us as we work together to achieve a more sustainable future for our current and future generations.

For more information on sustainability, please visit: <https://www.altaqwa.edu.af/sustainability>



Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education Launches SDGs Club!

Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education is pleased to announce the launch of the SDGs Club as part of its commitment to the SDGs and promoting the culture of Sustainability in the Al-Taqwa Community and beyond. ATIHE launched the SDGs Club on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, in its main Campus to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on national and international levels. The Club provides excellent opportunities for Al-Taqwa University students to gain practical leadership skills through planning, designing, and implementing sustainability projects and activities toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Afghanistan.

The SDGs club is established to advance Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education's sustainability agenda, focusing on Reducing Poverty (SDG1), Promoting Quality Education (SDG 4), Advancing Life on Land (SDG 15) and building partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17) at the university level and more. The club works collaboratively with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) office in Afghanistan, a strategic partner of ATIHE, and some other national and international organizations to integrate the SDGs in the country and beyond.

Sustainability is one of our strategic priorities at Al-Taqwa University, reflected in everything we do – from training our students on the fundamentals of sustainability to conducting cutting-edge research and ensuring that our campus operations are delivered in a sustainable and future-friendly manner. So, we call upon all our interested students to reach out and join this fascinating journey

where they can enjoy taking part in different SDGs programs and activities throughout their university life at Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education.

For more information on SDGs Club, please visit: https://www.altaqwa.edu.af/SDGs_Club_info



World Food Day – October 16th

The SDGs Club in collaboration with the Faculty of Economics at Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education Celebrated World Food Day on October 16th.

World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year worldwide on October 16 to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945. The day is celebrated widely by many other organizations concerned with hunger and food security, including the World Food Program, the World Health Organization, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development

Over 10 percent of the world's population suffers from hunger despite the fact that plenty of food is produced to feed everyone. And over a third of all food ends up going to waste, a problem particularly prevalent in wealthy Western countries. These are the kinds of facts that are behind the drive to eliminate world hunger by 2030, the UN's SDG 1 (No Poverty-Zero Hunger).

Awareness on the importance of World Food Day was raised among the staff, faculty, and students through multiple sessions as an integral part of the celebration. In collaboration with Helping Hand for Relief and Development Foundation, around 250 vulnerable students and members of the local community were hosted with the free lunch and takeaway of food to their families.

Moreover, fifty (50) orphans from the Darul Rahmah Orphanage were invited for having the lunch and takeaway of food on the day of celebration. The session was open to public and we also welcomed a large number of the needy members of the local community who visited Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education on October 16th for serving the lunch, takeaway of food to their families and celebrated the World Food Day with us.



**Ensure healthy
lives and promote
well-being for
all at all ages**



Volunteers Club Visits Heela High School.

The Volunteers Club at Al-Taqwa University visited Heela High School in Jalalabad city on Saturday, October 28th. The purpose of this visit was to raise awareness among the students of the said school on how to check blood pressure through digital blood pressure monitor. The students were given the practical training and they had the chance to practice checking the blood pressure of one another multiple times.

The administration and students of Heela High School appreciated and thanked Al-Taqwa University for taking active part in the community for the fulfillment of its social responsibility.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.altaqwa.edu.af/blogsQualityEvent/91>



World Health Day Celebrated

World Health Day Campaign Was Held World Health Day Is A Global Health Awareness Day Celebrated Every Year On 7 April, Under The Sponsorship Of The World Health Organization (WHO), As Well As Other Related Organizations. In 1948, The WHO Held The First World Health Assembly. The Assembly Decided To Celebrate 7 April Of Each Year, With Effect From 1950, As World Health Day. World Health Day Is Held To Mark WHO's Founding And Is Seen As An Opportunity By The Organization To Draw Worldwide Attention To A Subject Of Major Importance To Global Health Each Year. Al-Taqwa University, In Collaboration With The Department Of Public Health And JACK Organization, Held A Campaign On World Health Day To Raise Awareness About The Importance Of Healthcare And To Encourage People To Live Healthy Lives. At The Opening Of The Campaign, Mr. Abdul Hameed Seerat, The VC Academic Of The University, Emphasized The Responsibility Of All Individuals To Contribute To Their Society And The World In The Field Of Health. He Noted That The Al- Taqwa University Organized The Campaign To Protect The Health Of The People And Provide Them With Valuable Healthcare Advice. During The Campaign, Participants Were Offered Advice On Healthcare And Were Given The Opportunity To Receive The Corona Booster Vaccine. The Goal Was To Convey The Message That Taking Care Of One's Health And Encouraging Others To Live Healthy Life Is Essential For The Well-Being Of The Community And The World. The Annual Celebration Of World Health Day Aims To Raise Awareness About Various Health Issues And To Mobilize Action In Response To These Problems. This Campaign, Organized By Al-Taqwa University, Was A Valuable Opportunity To Highlight The Importance Of Healthcare And Preventative Measures In The Face Of Ongoing Global Health Challenges. At The End Of The Campaign, Dr. Syed Abdul

Moiz Mirzada, Dean Of The Economics Faculty At Al-Taqwa University, Expressed His Gratitude To The Employees Of The Public Health Department Of Nangarhar Province And The Health Teams Of (JACK) For Their Cooperation And Participation. He Presented Them With Valuable Certificates As A Demonstration Of Appreciation For Their Contributions To The Success Of The Campaign. Toward A Promising Future!

For more information, please visit: <https://www.altaqwa.edu.af/blogsQualityEvent/52>



The Faculty of Economics at Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education holds World Mental Health Day on October 10th.

Mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to their community. It is an integral component of health and well-being that underpins our individual and collective abilities to make decisions, build relationships and shape the world we live in. Mental health is a basic human right. And it is crucial to personal, community and socio-economic development.

World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.

World Health Organization (WHO) continues to work nationally and internationally – including in humanitarian settings – to provide governments and partners with the strategic leadership, evidence, tools and technical support to strengthen a collective response to mental health and enable a transformation towards better mental health for all.

A large number of faculty and students participated in the event from all four bachelor academic programs at Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education. At the end of the session, the faculty and students having the symptoms of mental health illness were given the chance to meet the mental health doctors and specialists for basic diagnosis.

A team of Mental Health Doctors and specialists who participated in event from Spinghar Momand hospital presented comprehensive information on the importance of mental health for all. A number of students from other universities and local members of the community with mental health complications, also visited Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education for mental health checkups and celebrated the world mental health day with us. They thanked ATIHE for providing this important opportunity for its staff, faculty, students and members of the local community for raising the awareness on world mental health day. For more information, please visit: <https://www.altaqwa.edu.af/blogsQualityEvent/86>



One-day Seminar On SDGs

Al- Taqwa Institute of Higher Education provides some of the lecturers of both faculties, some of the administrative staff and students with a one-day seminar about (17 SDGs) Goals. Al- Taqwa Institute of Higher Education's SDGs Club Delivered an seminar to a number of its lecturers, students from both faculties of Law and Political Science and the faculty of economics which is the 17 goals of SDGs in the world.

Members of (The SDGs Club) of the Institution, presented the comprehensive seminar on the 17 goals of SDGs. The Club inclusively stated that What are the Sustainable Development Goals, and why are they important? Which countries in the world put strong steps for its betterment? Is it something new to Afghan people or have they enough information about it? How many universities are working for these crucial goals in Afghanistan? In-addition, The Club provide the participants with the information about that The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were born at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in 2012. According to the UN, The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the world's shared plan to end severe poverty, reduce inequality, and protect the planet by 2030 and briefly named the seventeen (17) goals, such as 1. Eliminate Poverty, 2. Erase Hunger, 3. Establish, Good Health and Well-Being, 4. Provide Quality Education, 5. Enforce Gender Equality, 6. Improve Clean Water and Sanitation, 7. Grow Affordable and Clean Energy, 8. Create Decent Work and Economic Growth, 9. Increase Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, 10. Reduce Inequality,11. Mobilize Sustainable Cities and Communities,12. Influence Responsible Consumption and Production, 13. Organize Climate Action, 14. Develop Life below Water, 15. Advance Life on Land, 16. Guarantee Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, and 17. Build Partnerships for the Goals.

It should be noted that Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education is actively working for gaining and developing of these goals inside in outside of the university. Especially for the goals for quality education, eliminate poverty, create decent work and economic growth...



Faculty of Economics Arranges a Study-tour to Omaid Bahar Production Company, Kabul Afghanistan

The Faculty of Economics at Al-Taqwa University arranged a study tour to Omaid Bahar milk and juice Production Company located in the capital Kabul on Wednesday, November 01, 2023, to help students understand the production process, raw materials, recycling process, and quality of customer satisfaction.

Dr. Sayed Abdul Moiz, Dean for the Faculty of Economics, Mr. Arif Ullah Shinwari, Head of Banking and Finance Department, Haji Abdul Rahman, Company Deputy Director and Production Process Engineer of Omaid Bahar Production Company accompanied students on this tour. The primary purpose of the study tour was as follows:

- Student's capacity development
- Understanding the production process of a food production company
- Understanding the key responsibilities of employees towards sustainability
- Understanding corporate social responsibility (CSR) of companies
- Society and clean environment
- Understanding the role of industrialists toward clean and sustainable development
- Role of government bodies towards sustainability
- Mechanism and different techniques that could support environmental sustainability
- Student's responsibilities toward the developed, clean and smooth environment

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The Faculty of Economics held an event where students were congratulated on their participation and received their completion certificates.

Forty-two (42) graduating students from the economics faculty received their certificates issued by Peregrine Global Services on August 17, 2022. The students have gone through an online comprehensive outbound external assessment with Peregrine Global Services.

For nearly 20 years, the Peregrine Global Services team has developed and provided high-quality, comprehensive solutions for higher education, industry, and individuals. It is headquartered in the United States of America and has regional offices including Asia Pacific. The companies created to address challenges and impact the world have merged into one organization, Peregrine Global Services. It develops leaders and provides higher education assessment, educational, and support services. We combine technical ability with expert consulting to provide organizations with the

information and resources they need to accomplish their goals. Agile and responsive, we strive to understand your needs to improve individuals and organizations. The world is complex; problems are dynamic. By leveraging our expertise from various backgrounds, cultures, and industries, we offer a diversity of perspectives to address challenges.

Through this platform, we at the economics faculty are committed to regularly onboarding our graduating students to take the outbound exam and they will get this assurance that what they have learned here in AIHE is relevant and comparable to the programs taught in Asia and throughout the world. It will also help the students understand that their knowledge and competencies are very good, especially as compared to the world and Asia. The students will get this confidence that what they learn is of very good quality and they can see that the assessment exam results prove that.

Additionally, the External Exam results will give us another level of proof that we are providing quality education to our students. For example, if we are asked, “How do you know the quality of the education you are delivering to your students?” In our response, we can share our global assessment exam results which show that our students’ knowledge was tested at the same level as the average of other regions in the world.

We at Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education are committed to taking further solid steps working towards better recognition and acceptance of educational programs degrees globally. This is one of the innovative initiatives that the economics faculty has taken toward standardization and globalization.



SDGs Club Visits Kahkashan-e-Adab High School

The Faculty of Economics in collaboration with SDGs Club at Al-Taqwa University visited Kahkashan-e-Adab High School on November 6th in Jalalabad City to deliver an awareness seminar on United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals to the students of the said school. Around 40 students of different classes participated in the seminar. The school administration thanked Al-Taqwa University for taking active part in the community. The administration of the said school also thanked SDGs Club for delivering such a vital seminar and raised awareness on Sustainable Development Goals among the students of school.

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Exchange rate determinations (a case of Afghani currency)



Assistant Professor:
Mohammad Saleem Naeemi

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A Seminar on Exchange Rate Determinations (A Case of Afghani Currency)

The BBA Department of the Economics Faculty at Al-Taqwa University is pleased to conduct a seminar on “Exchange Rate Determinations (A Case of Afghani Currency)” for the students of this faculty on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. The session is open to public and we welcome students from other universities to attend the seminar.



Business Incubation Center On Boards Local Startups

The Faculty of Economics at Al-Taqwa University, according to its BIC plan, on boarded 10 micro and small startups from the local community in the Business Incubation Center. The 10 startups will be assisted in the BIC for the free trainings and one-to-one mentoring sessions for a period of six months. The Business Incubation Center will closely work with the newly on boarded businesses to standardize all the elements of their respective businesses and enhance the quality of the products they offer in the local markets.

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EXPO
2022



2nd AL-TAQWA **Faculty of Economics**



2nd AL-TAQWA EXPO

The Faculty Of Economics At Al-Taqwa Institute Of Higher Education Is Pleased To Organize The 2nd AL-TAQWA EXPO On December 25 And 26, 2022 To Celebrate The Accomplishments Of Our Students, Faculty, And Staff Through The Student Exhibition Showcasing More Than 30 Quality Products.

Senior Students From The Economics Faculty Will Showcase Their Products, Creative Skills, And Their Business Capabilities. The Works Included Are Selected By Students And Faculty From Senior Classes Of The Business Programs. Such Exhibitions At AIHE Set The Expectation That All Students, Not Just A Select Group, Are Capable Of Producing High-Quality Work And Will Share That Work With People Beyond Their Classrooms.



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International Conference on "IMPACT OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY ON ECO-SYSTEM FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH".



February 4 & 5, 2023



Held a Two-day Joint International Conference with OM Sterling Global University (OSGU) of India.

Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education organized a two-day academic international conference under the title of (IMPACT OF INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY ON ECO-SYSTEM FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH) based on the assigned Memorandum of Understanding with (OSGU).

This online and in-person conference was attended by researchers, professors, and critics from different countries, where researchers presented 56 research papers to the participants.

While opening the conference, Dr. Ajay Poddar, the academic vice chancellor of the (OSGU), expressed his gratitude to Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education for managing and controlling the conference in Afghanistan. Furthermore, Mr. Abdul Hameed Seerat, Academic Vice Chancellor of (ATIHE), talked about the value and importance of the conference. Mr. Seerat

thanked all those who actively attended online and in person, and appreciated the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, faculty, and all the staff of (OSGU) for preparing the conference; he also wished to have more academic conferences together in the coming future. In addition, Mr. Sayed Abdul Moiz Mirzad, Dean of the Economics Faculty of (ATIHE), inclusively explained the activities, and achievements of (ATIHE) both at the national and international levels and admires the hardworking of (OSGU) regarding the conference.

Moreover, Mr. Fawad Aryan, a lecturer at (ATIHE), briefly described the history, vision, mission, academic programs, Diploma programs, social activities, and other practical programs of Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education. It is worth mentioning that, Assistant Professor Mr. Irfanullah Stankaiz hosted the conference here online in Afghanistan along with other respected lectures of Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education, such as Mr. Hayatullah Ashna, Ahmad Neshat Keliwal, Mr. Niaz Mohammad Hamdar, Niatmatullah Hayat, Israrullah Samim, Shakirullah Fana, and IT Officer, Mr. Yaqoob Salarzai. Furthermore, Professor. Dr. Jihad Husain, Professor. Waheed Safi and Professor Wasiq Ullah Hamdar presented their research papers which were well-appreciated by the participants. In short, Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education has always taken productive steps to provide Afghan youths with quality education and has always made tireless efforts in the field of educational promotion and capacity building for its students. Al-Taqwa Institute of Higher Education is committed to providing more scientific and academic conferences and programs in the future.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.altaqwa.edu.af/blogsConference/44>



(ATIHE) Participates in the United Nations' 3RD Open Science International Conference.

Dr. Sayed Abdul Moiz, Al-Taqwa Institute Of Higher Education's Dean Of The Faculty Of Economics Along With His Faculty Leadership And A Number Of Lecturers From The Said Faculty Participated In The United Nations' 3rd "Open Science International Conference" Accelerating The Sustainable Development Goals & Democratizing The Record Of Science On Feb 8-10, 2023.

Mr. Hayatullah Ashan (Deputy Dean), Mr. Ulfatullah Kotwal (HoD, BBA), Mr. Waseequllah Hamdard (HoD, BSc.Economics), Mr. Jehad Hussain (Head, R&D), Mr. Rahimullah Bismil (Lecturer) And Mr. Niamatullah Hayat (Lecturer) Were The Participants In The Conference From Afghanistan.

On 23 November 2021, Following An Inclusive, Transparent, And Multi-Stakeholder Consultative Process, UNESCO's [Recommendation On Open Science](#) Was Adopted By 193 Member States During The 41st Session Of The Organization's General Conference. "This Recommendation Outlines A Common Definition, Shared Values, Principles, And Standards For Open Science At The International Level And Proposes A Set Of Actions Conducive To A Fair And Equitable Operationalization Of Open Science For All At The Individual, Institutional, National, Regional, And International Levels.

From 8 To 10 February 2023, The 3rd Open Science Conference Brought Together Policymakers, Representatives Of Intergovernmental Organizations, Researchers, Scholars, Librarians, Publishers, And Civil Society. Under The Theme "**Accelerating The Sustainable Development Goals, Democratizing The Record Of Science**" They Engaged In A Dialogue About The Opportunities And Challenges Of Practicing Open Science And Explore Initiatives, Themes, And Perspectives Into The Open Scientific Method And The Digital Scholarly Communications Cycle.

Under The Three Main Themes:

- Equity In Open Scholarship,
- Reforming Scientific Publishing, And
- Strengthening The Science-Policy-Society Interface

Conference Registrants Were Able To Participate In Discussions About The Present And Future Of Open Science Practices For The SDGs And Reaffirm That Scientific Progress And Its Applications Are For The Benefit Of All.

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Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



Public Awareness Campaign Conducted!

The Volunteers Club At Al-Taqwa Institute Of Higher Education Proudly Conducted A Public Awareness Campaign Under The Title Of (Let's Keep Our City Clean) On Feb 22nd.

The Purpose Of The Campaign Implemented In Shaheed Malim Gul Mohammad Stadium Was To Educate The Residents Of The City About The Protection Of The Environment By Involving Them In The Cleanliness Of Local Green Spaces.

Besides The Awareness Of Keeping The Environment Clean, Some Necessary Health Recommendations Were Also Given To The Citizens. Some Messages Were Conveyed To Revive The Feeling Of Building And Developing Our Country.

The Volunteers Are Eager To Develop The Community In Every Aspect, Such As Greenery And Planting, Fighting Against Poverty, Working For The Betterment Of The Educational System, Hygiene Water, And Many More Voluntary-Related Tasks. Its Role Becomes Increasingly Important, And Its Responsibility Increases When Emergencies Arise, Such As Natural Disasters, Epidemics Of Malaria, Influenza, And So Forth...

Al-Taqwa Institute Of Higher Education Hopes To Spread The Valuable Culture Of Volunteerism So That People Will Become Further Conscientious And Humane, Help Each Other In Difficult Situations And Live Compassionately.

So We Invite All Our Kind Students And All Those Who Love To Assist The Needy To Come To Al-Taqwa Institute Of Higher Education And Join Us In This Vital Club Where Everyone Can Support Someone Who Is In Trouble.



World Planting Day Celebrated!

The Volunteers Club At The University Of Al-Taqwa, Organized A Camp To Celebrate World Planting Day On March 21st.

The Volunteers Club Initiated The Event By Collecting Different Plants From Various Sources. They Then Set Up A Planting Area On The Campus And Invited The Participants To Donate One Plant Each. The Participants Brought In A Variety Of Plants, Including Flowers, Fruit Trees, And Ornamental Plants.

The Event Was Attended By The University's Leadership, Lecturers, Administrative Staff, And Some Students. They All Participated Enthusiastically In The Planting Activities, Digging Holes, Placing The Plants, And Watering Them. The Volunteers Club Also Provided Guidance On How To Install The Plants And Take Care Of Them.

The Event Was A Great Success, And The Participants Were Delighted To Contribute To The Protection And Safety Of The Environment. The Donated Plants Were Gifted To The Municipality To Deploy Them In Different Areas, Such As Parks, Public Spaces, Universities, Hospitals, And So On. This Will Enhance The Beauty Of The City And Help In Reducing Carbon Dioxide Levels.

Al-Taqwa University Is Committed To Working For The Betterment Of The Environment Because Environmental Awareness Is Essential In Promoting Sustainable Development And Protecting The Environment. It Involves Educating People About The Impact Of Human Activities On The Environment, And The Need For The Conservation And Preservation Of Natural Resources.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.altaqwa.edu.af/blogsEvent/33>



**Strengthen the means of
implementation and
revitalize the global
partnership for
sustainable development**



Al-Taqwa University Receives the Global Membership with Globalization & Localization Association (GALA). We are thrilled to announce that Al-Taqwa University has joined the international community and has the pride of being the member with Globalization & Location Association (GALA). Globalization and Localization Association (GALA) is a nonprofit international organization. It serves an international community of organizations that enable communication and business across languages and cultures. GALA's mission is to help its members succeed and to drive its industry's development by building professional communities, sharing knowledge, and advancing best practices in the globalization sector. GALA delivers programs, resources, and events that help its members serve the needs of local markets worldwide. It offers a non-biased platform for information-sharing and collaboration, and builds connections between industry stakeholders. GALA creates and supports initiatives that advance Globalization. GALA's independent, nonprofit status, its global reach, and its commitment to quality make it a trustworthy source of industry information.

Through GALA's membership, universities grow and mature, and the global language industry makes gains in professionalism and prominence. Al-Taqwa University is laying the groundwork for an integrated internationalization strategy. The new strategy emphasizes international partnerships as the key to Al-Taqwa University's success and an important contributor towards delivering on quality education and academic excellence. Moving forward, the newly established International Relations Office will coordinate, support and advance Al-Taqwa University's internationalization strategy. Building on its portfolio of international cooperation, the International Relations Office will support the development of international partnerships with governments, universities, embassies and international scholarship agencies. Since 2012, Al-Taqwa University has led the way in Easter zone's private higher education institutions through forging several major international partnerships with leading universities, embassies

and international organizations. Al-Taqwa University's graduates are among the top recipients of competitive international scholarships while world-class faculty members continue to publish and present research papers at major global academic journals and events. For more information on our membership, please visit: <https://www.galaglobal.org/membership/member-directories/academic-member-directory>.



Al-Taqwa University Receives the Global Membership with SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTION NETWORK (SDSN). Al-Taqwa University is Delighted to Announce Its Global Membership with Sustainable Development Solution Network (SDSN). Congratulations! The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) has been operating since 2012 under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. It is United Nations-supported initiative established to promote practical problem solving for sustainable development and raising the profile for sustainability in academic institutions around the world. SDSN mobilizes global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical solutions for sustainable development, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement. SDSN aims to accelerate joint learning and promote integrated approaches that address the interconnected economic, social, and environmental challenges confronting the world. It works closely with United Nations agencies, multilateral financing institutions, the private sector, and civil society. Much of SDSN's work is led by National and Regional SDSNs, which mobilize knowledge institutions around the SDGs. Several Thematic Networks mobilize experts from around the world on the technical challenges of implementing the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement. SDSN has its offices in India, Paris and New York. Al-Taqwa University is the only Afghan institution in the eastern region of the country that has made sustainability one of its most fundamental priorities driven by research, practice, and strategic partnerships.

Al-Taqwa University recognizes that achieving sustainable development goals in Afghanistan is essential to our students, community and ultimately, our future success. Sustainability is a strategic priority at AU, reflected in everything we do – from training our students on the fundamentals of sustainability to conducting cutting-edge research and ensuring that our campus operations are delivered in a sustainable and future-friendly manner. We work with national and international sustainability partners to integrate sustainability into our teaching, research, and operations. We are proud to have our contributions in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Afghanistan. Since 2012, Al-Taqwa University has led the way in Easter zone’s private higher education institutions through forging several major international partnerships with leading universities, embassies and international organizations. Al-Taqwa University’s graduates are among the top recipients of competitive international scholarships while world-class faculty members continue to publish and present research papers at major global academic journals and events. For more information on our membership with SDSN, please visit: <https://www.unsdsn.org/sdsn-members>



Al-Taqwa University Signs Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) With the GD Goenka University in India.

Al-Taqwa University and GD Goenka University in India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on March 24, 2022, to enhance the international engagement and

capabilities of both Universities. The primary purpose of this MoU is to facilitate the initiation of collaborations between Al-Taqwa University and GD Goenka University, to support research, review and measure data for the work performed, develop and exchange best practices, capacity building, and other forms of academic partnerships to tackle the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) particularly SDG 4: Quality Education. Both Universities can benefit from this MoU to increase the academic and research footprints on regional and global issues facing the UN SDGs. Also, our faculty and students can collaborate on research with international peers that can ultimately prepare them to contribute to their economies. There is always room for universities to adopt global best practices, so both institutions can mutually contribute to programs, contents, and processes. "Signing such MoUs with universities in other parts of the world and putting them into action can contribute an excellent deal for internationalization and enhance the efforts towards achieving UN SDGs," said Dr. Sayed Abdul Moiz, Al-Taqwa University's Dean for the Faculty of Economics.

Based on this MoU, Al-Taqwa University and GD Goenka University will review the progress of work under each program and collaborate in research, capacity building, and academic partnerships. "Working with the universities abroad will help us strengthen our international affairs and work on strategic partnerships that clearly show our genuine efforts towards internationalization," said Dr. Abdul Hameed Seerat, Al-Taqwa University's Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The Office of International Affairs & Strategic Partnerships at Al-Taqwa University is headed by a team of dedicated academic leaders advised by the Chancellor. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the deans representing each of the University's faculties plus other key academic units are behind the functions of this office.

To learn more about our strategic partnerships, please visit:
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