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Research & Consultation Center (RCC) is delighted to present the Third issue of UBT Research e-Newsletter, which is an electronic Newsletter, issued by RCC to represent all research activities at UBT, highlighting the research work of UBT faculty members, their publications, their inventions, and their awards. Researcher of the month, seminars, workshops, visits, announcements for coming events will be also accessible in the e-Newsletter.

Enjoy reading, and wishing you more publications, inventions, conferences, awards, citations, etc.

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 EVENTS:
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ever since we were in grade schools, we used to memorize the locations and the geography of our oil wells in the eastern province. In those days, the Geography teacher informed us that although the government depends mainly on oil revenues, it had embarked on a plan to diversify the Kingdom’s sources of revenues. The same strategy had been stressed over and over through all our national economic plans since 1975. But thanks to the recent and abrupt drop in oil prices from USD 140 to USD 40 that alarmed our policy and strategy makers to devise a new vision, mainly the 2020 – 2030 economic vision which elucidated thousands of supporters as well as critics all over the world.

It is unfortunate that the new vision did not include any reference to the role of Scientific Research in implementing any of its 23 dimensions in order to create a knowledge – based economy. In what follows, I will attempt to shed some light on this particular issue.

It is a well-known fact that one of the key KPIs for social and economic development is how much a given country invests in Research and Development annually as a (%) of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP). As the data of the following table shows, we spend only one quarter of one percent (0.25) of our GDP, and Saudi Arabia ranks far behind the developed world (USA, Europe, Japan, South Korea, and Israel). By focusing on GCC Countries, all gulf states are not in a better position. They all invest less than one half of one percent on of GDP on R & D with the *United Arab Emirates taking the lead.

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(Source: http://en.wikipedia.org)

For 20 Selected Countries

Furthermore, research activities in the Kingdom is fragmented and scattered between universities, huge private companies such as Aramco, Sabic and several other research entities like KACST and KAUST. We still have no research policy or plan, no specific annual allocation for R & D in the government budget, and no governmental ministry or department that combines, coordinates, sets priorities and cares for the research activities at the national level.

Of more significance is the type of research being undertaken by the aforementioned entities. Yearly,
thousands of research papers are being published by universities academics for the purpose of promotion. Yet very few of those are patented or channeled to implementation and commercialization. Basic research is needed and welcomed, but what 20 – 30 vision needs is more empirical research geared to solve societal and local environmental problems in order to create a knowledge-based economy. To highlight and emphasize the role of scientific research as a supporting tool in implementing the 20 – 30 economic vision at the national level, I suggest the following:

1. Promote research culture early in childhood among primary school students. Our educational system must change from memorizing to thinking, exploring, testing, analyzing, investigating, and creating new ways of doing things. This change must go all the way from elementary to university level.
2. Develop a national research strategy and plan that sets, coordinates, and leads all research activities of research centers throughout the Kingdom. The main focus of such strategy is to set priorities of national interest, and to create an environment conducive to research.
3. Institutionalize scientific research at the national level. Most scientific research activities in the universities in particular are individualized and based on initiatives of faculty members. This needs to be coordinated and centralized without jeopardizing personal initiatives of the researchers.
4. In order to affect no. 2 and 3 above, a Ministry of Research is strongly called for. Having a voice of a qualified Minister in the Cabinet of Ministries will definitely not only help institutionalization and support fund allocation but also enhances the plantation of research culture at the highest level. Such a Ministry would be in charge of coordinating and implementing the national research strategy.
5. If the idea of establishing a research ministry is positively received, it is advisable and wiser for such a ministry to emphasize empirical research that attempts to solve social, environmental and local economic problems such as:
   - Desertification
   - Agriculture and Soil Conservation
   - Water resources and Power Generation
   - City and Intercity Public Transport
   - Traffic Jam in Key Cities
   - Water desalinization
   - Renewable and sustainable energy
   - Green Building
   - Smart Houses and Smart Cities

To mention only a few. These and many others would represent our Flagships that would lead the research activities in the future under the 20 – 30 vision.

6. And even if such an emphasis was effected by the Ministry of Scientific Research, there still remains the commercialization of research results. The Ministry should find ways and means to market and sell research findings to private sector entities. Furthermore, a system that preserves the rights of researcher(s), organizations, and the Ministry needs to be developed in light of the Law of Intellectual Property Rights.

At the micro level, we at the University of Business And Technology (UBT) pledged our research strategy to contribute to the achievement of the above objective.
PUBLICATION PROCESS

AUTHORING
1. Lead Author
   - Start of manuscript + Online editing
2. Invite
   - Co-Authors
   - Contributors
3. Template based manuscript creation
   - Data paper
   - Taxon Treatment
   - Taxon Key
   - And more...
4. Authors
   - Collaborative and editable online writing
5. Draft manuscript submitted

REVIEWING
1. Editor
   - Receives draft Manuscript + Online editing
2. Reviewers
   - ALL reviewers assembled into a single online version

PUBLISHING
1. Accepted Manuscript
   - Publication
   - Press release
2. Dissemination
3. Publication outputs

FLAGSHIP COVERS THE FOLLOWING

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- Community Service
- Economic Development
- Business & Finance
- Technology State of the art
- Environment & Sustainability
- Advertising
**RCC ACTIVITIES**

**RESEARCH ARTICLE STRUCTURE**

**UBT research**

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On Yearly basis, UBT award the Dr. Abdullah Dahlan Research Award: for the best research conducted by its faculty, as a recognition of their great efforts.

Twelve faculty have applied, and only two were awarded based on the following criteria:

- Number of published papers under the nominated research
- Impact factor of the journal where the research has been published
- H-index of the primary investigator
- International and national collaboration
- Number of awards received within the research
- Number of conferences presenting the nominated research
- Level of originality and results applicability
- Applicability in the Saudi society
- Level of contribution to the economic development and community service.

The awarded researches are:


2. “Enhancing Accounting Information Systems to Facilitate Supply Chain Management between Supermarkets/Suppliers: The Case of Saudi Arabia “Presented by Dr. Salah Abu Nar from CBA, co-authored with Dr. Ayman Zarban, and published in “Journal Of Accounting And Marketing” with an impact factor of 0.139.

The award consists of a plaque of recognition and a cash sum of twenty thousand Saudi Riyals for each winning research.
Encapsulation of L-Histidine Amino Acid Inside Carbon Nanotubes

ABSTRACT

Carbon nanotubes have attracted considerable interest for their use as carriers of drugs across biological barriers. In this work, we investigate the encapsulation of L-Histidine amino acid inside a single-walled carbon nanotube, and determine the resultant interaction energy for various sizes of the nanotubes. In our model, the L-Histidine amino acid is accounted for in four parts; the inner ring group, the half outer group, the linear part and the cylinder group, all interacting with a single-walled carbon nanotube. We calculate the acceptance and suction energies which depend on the radius r of the carbon nanotube and the orientation angle that the amino acid makes with the central axis of the nanotube. Our results indicate the acceptance of the L-Histidine amino acid into carbon nanotubes of r >3.7 Å, which is in good agreement with other recent studies.

Enhancing Accounting Information Systems to Facilitate Supply Chain Management between Supermarkets/Suppliers: The Case of Saudi Arabia

ABSTRACT

Supply chain management is one of the most powerful determinants for creating competitive advantages for companies. In today competitive environment, companies strive to respond and offer its services faster to the market. The market of information technology is huge and expanding. Cloud computing is changing the way organization activities are performed including finance, accounting and supply chain management. The value of companies depends on events that occurred daily and the lag and gap in responding is increasingly making companies less effective. The application of information technology is prominent in the improvement of the supply chain. The main goal of supply chain activities is to satisfy customers demand, so that products are distributed with the lowest possible cost, highest quality and within the time deemed suitable for customers which is the recent challenge. The ability to produce quality information and accessing it will become crucial aspect in the new world. Technology will help to control business and companies will mange better their relation with stakeholders. We aim to explore the relationship between retailers and suppliers in Saudi Arabia Market and their sharing of information regarding stock levels to improve supply chain management. The integration of information in processing orders from supermarkets to suppliers are going to be investigated in order to improve supply chain management.
FACULTY RESEARCH

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University Students’ Attitudes towards E-Learning: University of Business & Technology (UBT)-Saudi Arabia-Jeddah: A Case Study

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ABSTRACT

Through the World Wide Web, education has become a ubiquitous service delivered anytime anywhere. Campus-based and without distance learners, higher education institutions attempt to fulfill the requirements of e-learning in conventional course transmission, to prepare students, staff, and educational institutions for the future involvements in educational processes. The study was conducted to examine attitudes of UBT students’ in Dahban and Sari campuses towards e-learning by taking (371) students from four colleges and English language center. In sampling techniques, we used the stratified random sampling in choosing the study sample. To gather the primary data from respondents, a well-structured questionnaire, developed by the researchers. The findings indicated that UBT participants’ owns a high standard on attitude towards e-learning and their attitude results are significantly vary with their gender, technology usage and skills.

Keywords: E-learning, attitude, gender, student, UBT

* International Journal of Business and Management, 2016, 11, (6)
Corporate Governance in the Banking Sector (Empirical Study on the Effect of Separating Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Positions on Financial Performance

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ABSTRACT

The subject of corporate governance has brought great attention to global business in developing and developed countries after a string collapses of high profile companies. The failure of Enron Corporation in 2001 for example shocked the investment community in it very core. Banking sector is a critical sector in any economy. A well-developed corporate governance system with clear authorities and responsibilities can contribute in advancing economic welfare. Good corporate governance enhance real investments. At the core of corporate governance lies the importance of transparency, monitoring, responsibility and accountability.

Egypt is one of the most important Arab countries. Now the Egyptian uprising has to bring into attention economic as well as political reform. The failure of the privatization program together with the lack of rules governing organizations and institutions stress the need for reform. Effective corporate governance practices are essential for achieving and maintaining public trust and confidence in the banking system.

The objective of this study is to investigate and explore the effect of separation the positions of CEO and Chairman on the financial performance of banks in Egypt. We believe that this research could be beneficial as it shed light on new, empirical knowledge on the effect of separation positions of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman on a developing country such as Egypt struggling to achieve high rates of economic growth by creating a well-developed legal, political and economic infrastructure. The empirical study on Egyptian commercial banks measures financial performance by return on assets (ROA) and return on equity (ROE) since both ratios summarize the final results of the bank performance.

Keywords: Corporate governance, Banking Sector, Egypt

* Accounting and Finance Research, 2016, 5, (3)
ABSTRACT

Synthesis of metal nanoparticles with specific properties is a newly established research area attracting a great deal of attention. Several methods have been put forward for synthesis of these materials, namely chemical vapor condensation, arc discharge, hydrogen plasma-metal reaction, and laser pyrolysis in the vapor phase, microemulsion, hydrothermal, sol-gel, sonochemical. Nanoscale lead-free solders (i.e., Sn-xAg [x=0, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100(wt%)], Sn-3.0Ag-0.5Cu, Sn-3.5Ag-0.5Cu, Sn-3.5Ag-xZn (x=0.5 to 3.5wt%) and Sn-0.7Cu) have been investigated. For Sn-3.5Ag and Sn-3.5Ag-0.5Cu nanoparticles, the melting temperature with average size of 30nm was 210°C and 201°C, much lower than that of bulk alloy. Also, Sn-Ag-Cu nanopowders showed good wettability with contact angles less than 30°. The peak melting temperatures of the 21nm, 18nm and 14nm Sn-0.7Cu nanoparticles were 212.9°C, 207.9°C and 205.2°C, respectively. In this paper, the fundamentals of synthesis of nanolead-free solder materials including their characterization and their use in microelectronic packaging are reviewed.

Keywords: Nanolead-free solders, alloy, melting temperature, wettability, mechanical properties, microstructure.
ROLE OF TV ADVERTISEMENT IN INFLUENCING, PROCESSING & UNDERSTANDING OF ADVERTISEMENT MESSAGE AMONG CHILDREN AND ITS IMPACT ON BUYING BEHAVIOUR.

Maqsood Husain Junaidi, Rohan Sharma

ABSTRACT

The present research aims to study the children and parents behavior with respect to exposure of television advertisement. 300 children between age group 8-12 years were taken as sample randomly drawn from various Indian cities. Various aspects of buying behavior & television viewing pattern were taken into consideration. The result reveals that television advertising makes huge impact on children’s buying behavior. And advertisement music, slogans, celebrity models influences the children buying behavior drastically. The other aspects of children buying behavior were also explored.

Keywords: Children, Advertisement, Buying Behavior, Parents, Purchase
A NOVEL ANALYSIS TO DETECT OVERLAY TEXT USING OCR PROCESS

Mohamed Shajahan H, Munir M. Alhaddad

ABSTRACT

Most broadcasting videos tend to increase the use of overlay text to convey more direct summary of semantics and deliver better viewing experience. With the development of video editing technology, there are growing uses of overlay text inserted into video contents to provide viewers with better visual understanding. For example, headlines summarize the reports in news videos and subtitles in the documentary drama help viewers understand the content. Sports videos also contain text describing the scores and team or player names. In general, text displayed in the videos can be classified into scene text and overlay text. Scene text occurs naturally in the background as a part of the scene, such as the advertising boards, banners, and so on. In contrast to that, overlay text is superimposed on the video scene and used to help viewers understanding. As a preliminary preparation, data will be collected as part of this research. The main aim of the research is to propose a novel framework to detect the Overlay text information in video frames.
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College Of CEIT

Time Comparison Algorithm for University Examination Scheduling

Mohamed Shajahan H, H Mohamed Zakir


ABSTRACT

Every educational institution needs to create either lecture or examination time tables for their students. Almost all institution prefers to perform this task with the help of software. The difficult and complex part involved during the development of such type of software’s are comparing times. Programmer should come across a situation to find logic for time comparison and if it is not performed properly, it may leads to an improper output. For example, one student may get schedule for two different courses in the same time or in other scenario, same examination hall will be allocated for two different courses in the same time. Both the situation leads to a mess.

This paper discusses about the time comparison techniques for such software’s. There are various methods available in modern day programming languages for comparing two timings. But in some cases, we have to perform the comparison up to four or more timings. The reason for this paper is, the same situation was faced by me and browsed through different articles and blogs for a possible solutions. But most blogs remains unanswered or answered with some complex solutions. So, it was an inevitable situation for me to find a new solution for the problem. This paper proposes an algorithm for comparing up to four timings.

In this paper, we discussed about the multiple instances where the time comparison is required while developing such software’s and the various methods available in programming environment or addressing the same. The implementation difficulties for the specific requirement and the outputs acquired through the above methods are also discussed. Also, the comparison of outputs from the Dot net methods and our algorithm is also addressed.

Keywords: Course or Examination Scheduling, Timetabling, Time Comparison, Timeslots, University
A transition map method to find Overlay text

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ABSTRACT

A transition method find overlay text brings important semantic clues in video content analysis such as video information retrieval and summarization, since the content of the scene or the editor’s intention can be well represented by using inserted text. The main aim of the research is to propose a novel framework to detect the Overlay text information in video frames. This method produces better than the previous methods. Resultant accuracy is highly improved.

Keywords: Overlay text, Transition map, Inpaint, Video restoration, candidate region refinement, Sub patch method.

* Journal of Teacher Learner and Society, 2016, Special Issue (1)
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CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FAILURE IN SAUDI ARABIA, CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS

Mohammad Saleh Miralam

ABSTRACT

The aim of this article is to find out the causes of construction project failure in Saudi Arabia and how can be avoided by using semi-structured interviews. Semi-structured interviews were found to be the most appropriate method of data collection in such paper because they enabled the researcher to gather valid and reliable data. Ten project managers in major construction sector companies have been interviewed. The article gives a valuable resource and rich information for those interested to know more about the project in Saudi Arabia or those wishing to invest in construction field. All interviews were conducted with project management department managers by using semi-structured interviews. The study found that there are many causes of project failure in construction sector in Saudi Arabia. Some of them have been mentioned in the literature and some have not as discussed in the following paragraphs.
Social media as a tool in learning and social behavior in Saudi Arabia

Nadia Yusuf, Randa Al-Madah, Mohammad Zulfeequar Alam

ABSTRACT

Social media tools have become universal because the majority of population worldwide tend to use diverse social media applications. The advancement of technology has provided a chance to accommodate the needs of individuals to stay connected with each other. This paper explores the importance of social media tools perceived as essential learning resources in the contemporary educational field (Alwi, Mahir, & Ismail, 2014). It has been argued that technology has advanced the static information and provided viable opportunities for individuals to increase their learning skills and enrich their learning horizons. Technology is not only one-time investment, but is progressively advancing day by day by introducing different types of infrastructure expansion and growth in social media applications.

Keywords: Higher education, learning, social behavior, Social Media, Saudi Arabia
A Study of State of Food Retail Supply Chain in Saudi Arabia: A Conceptual Framework

Salah Mahmoud Abunar, Mahmood Ali, Mohammed Fazelrabbi, Hosam Ismail

ABSTRACT

Supply Chain Management has been playing a key role in food retail business in the developed countries by providing various segments of customers with quality products in a highly-efficient manner. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) is following the lead of the developed countries through a rapid growth trend in super and hypermarkets. However, the role of supply chain management in proposing products which meet customers’ needs has not, up to now, been definitely-set, well-established or thoroughly investigated because of a lack of readily-made-available data. There is an obvious need for an appropriate framework for KSA’s food retail sector for the purpose of studying the roles and impacts of the various divisions of the supply-chain process. This paper describes a conceptual framework that researchers can utilize to further study the current conditions of supply-chain and its impacts on the food retail sector in Saudi Arabia.

Keywords: Retail sector, supply chain management, supermarkets, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Consumer Buying Behavior towards Organized Retailing: An Exploratory Analysis of Saudi Arabian Supermarkets

Salah Abunar, Mohammad Zulfeequar Alam

ABSTRACT
Retail sector in Saudi Arabia is growing very fast. It started making its presence felt nearly a decade after the first lot of retail hypermarket introduced in KSA. Developments in the food retailing industry have led to growth of shopping malls, particularly in the large cities of Saudi Arabia. As a consumer play an important role in any business. Therefore understanding consumer buying behaviors are important to success of super or hyper market business. For the purpose an exploratory study with structured questionnaire was developed and online survey with 244 Saudi customers were conducted to identify and explore their satisfaction regarding super hyper market services provided by these sectors in the region. After analysis it was found that there were significant differences in their opinion towards organized retailing among the super market shoppers in the region. [Salah Abunar and Dr. Mohammad Zulfeequar Alam. Consumer Buying Behavior towards Organized Retailing: An Exploratory Analysis of Saudi Arabian Supermarkets. J Am Sci 2016;12(10):85-95]. ISSN 1545-1003 (print); ISSN 2375-7264 (online). http://www.jofamericanscience.org. 13. doi:10.7537/marsjas121016.13.

Keywords: Super Market, Hyper Market, Consumer Behavior, Retail Sector, Consumer Satisfaction, Saudi Arabia
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Design of Natural Logarithm-based Sliding Mode Control with ANFIS Equivalent Control to Isolate Vibration in Engine Mounting System

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ABSTRACT

Vibration of the car engine can be caused by many factors such as the reciprocating motion of the piston, friction of moving parts, and many other sources. For many years, passive engine mount has been used to isolate the vibration of the engine. However it has the disadvantage of being unable to suppress the vibration for all the range of frequency. Recently, the Active Engine Mounting (AEM) system has been proposed as the next generation of engine mount. The control method plays an important role in the success of AEM system. In this paper, Natural Logarithm-based Sliding Mode Control with ANFIS equivalent control is introduced to attenuate the vibration of car engine. It combines the learning capability of the Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS) and the robustness of sliding mode control.

The simulation and experimental results show that the proposed controller is able to reduce the engine vibration effectively in the band of frequency of interest from 5 Hz to 30 Hz.
ESTABLISHING THE OPTIMUM LOCATION OF A SINGLE TOWER CRANE USING A SMART MATHEMATICAL MODEL

Yasser. Abo El-Magd, Wael Mobarak

ABSTRACT

Due to the great development in construction and building field, there are many projects which consume much construction material. Accordingly, that causes difficulty in handling traditional transportation means (ordinary cranes) due to their limited capacity. Additionally, there is an urgent need to use high capacity cranes such as tower cranes. However, with regard to their high cost, the type of cranes which will be utilized should be taken into consideration. In this research, a technique is proposed to select the radius for the requested crane in order to minimize the cost. To this end, a computer program is designed to address these problems demonstrating an application and the results of this application.

Keywords: Tower crane, Location, Jib length, Operating time, Feasible area
Using Stakeholder Theory to Explain the Development of Safety Culture to Improve Safety Performance

Torky Althaqafi, Barry Elsey

ABSTRACT

Project management in the Saudi Arabian construction industry is an activity complicated by the current widespread lack of a mature organizational safety culture, which results in a high incidence of serious and fatal accidents, making it difficult to deliver project objectives. This article addresses this major problem. This research is therefore an attempt to verify the causal relationships and interactions between stakeholder involvement, safety culture, and safety performance in the construction industry, thus providing a better understanding, in turn, may improve safety. To achieve this objective, a conceptual model was developed to enable empirical research via responses to a questionnaire will distribute to construction organizations. The model provided in this study is a systematic approach to assess the safety culture of construction organizations and to guide them in self-assessments. The research contributes to the literature pertaining to assessments of stakeholder involvement and safety culture. Furthermore, it offers a valuable tool to government bodies and regulatory agencies for assessing their efforts in improving safety culture.

Keywords: Management, policy, safety culture, performance

UBT was represented in The World Green Economy Summit (WGES) – Dubai by the attendance of the director of RCC Dr.Eng. Basma El Zein. WGES was an initiative by Dubai Electricity and Water and was held under patronage of HH Sheikh Mohamad bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President Prime Minister of UAE and The Ruler of Dubai and the Dubai Supreme Council of Energy. The summit’s goal was to accelerate the transition into green economies. Dr. El Zein was a guest speaker at the summit. The topic was “Role of Women in Green Economy.” As Dr. El Zein holds a PhD in Nano Photovoltaic applications / Solar Energy, she reflected on the role of women in this field. WGES was the Third of its event series and was held over two days last October. WGES is hoped to be the world’s first summit to help economies transfer to green (low-carbon) ones.
Eight faculty from CEIT have passed with high distinction the training exam of "Laboratory Safety and hazardous waste". These trainings will allow them to access the eight Core-Labs of KAUST specifically:

- Nanofabrication
- Imaging and characterization
- Analytical lab
- Thin film lab
- And many others.

Those faculty are: Dr. Ahmad Shawqi, Dr. Ahmed Emara, Dr. Ahmad Hammad, Dr. Ali Elrashidi, Dr. Amr Youssef, Eng. Andika Wijaya, Dr. Mazen Gharalleh, Eng. Mohamad Al Khatab.
Ayman Mohamed Zerban
College Of CBA

Congratulation for Distinguished Scientist Award

Dr. R. SATHISHKUMAR, PhD (Engg.),
CHAIRMAN
F.No.VIF/ANL/RA/2016 (AAP-III)

Distinguished Scientist Award

To
AYMAN MOHAMMED ZERBAN (Award Winner)
Associate Professor Accounting and Finance,
College of Business Administration,
University of Business & Technology, Jeddah Saudi Arabia.

Dear Ayman Mohamed Zerban,

Ref-2: Nomination Code - RA16OTNC812
Ref-3: Award Code: OT/DSA/Accounting and Finance-AAP-III

I am delighted to inform that, based on the Expert Committee report and Apex Committee recommendations, you have been selected for DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD for your Initiatives, and Developments in the discipline of Accounting and Finance. The VIRA 2016 Award carries a Certificate, Bronze Medal and Memento. Further information may be found at: http://vira.info/winners.html

We are very proud of your accomplishments and achievements. My hearty congratulations to you on this well deserved this recognition. I sincerely hope that you will continue to strive hard to reach your potential and to prove your leadership in the coming years.

I invite you along with your spouse or an adult guest to receive the award in person in the Annual Research Meet-ARMe 2016 (http://vira.info/orgarm.htm) that is to be held on 3 December 2016 at Le Royal Meridien Chennai.

I look forward to greeting you personally at the Award Presentation ceremony. In this process, you have to submit the ARMe 2016 Registration form, Personal photo and Photos of your work on or before November 11, 2016.

Again on behalf of the Venus International Foundation, I extend my warmest congratulations to you for winning this Award.

Sincerely

(R. Sathishkumar)
Copy to:
1. Dr. Valdeth Ganesan, Member - Expert Committee, VIRA 2016
2. Mrs. M. S. Sudha, Member - Apex Committee, VIRA 2016
UBT participating in the Observatory of Durability of the Reinforced Concrete Works (ODOBA) Project with France.

A group of Researchers from UBT managed by Dr. Yasser Abo Al Maged will participate in the ODOBA France project.

The team will be composed of: Dr. Islam Basounbol, Dr. Issam Farouk, Eng. Sultan Nahdi.

The vice rector of Quality and development has attended the kick off meeting in France 10th of October 2016. After many audio conference between the two teams in France and UBT.

Within the frame of the extension of operation of the Nuclear Power Plants up to 60 years (in France) or even to 90 years (for some other countries), the containment building aging has to be addressed. The reinforced concrete of the containment building may be indeed affected by swelling reactions, like ASR or DEF, or corrosion phenomena (attack by chloride ions or carbonation). The developments of these pathologies affect the mechanical behavior and tightness of the structures.

Present knowledge concerning these pathologies relies mainly on small scale laboratory experiments. However their kinetics and the effect of the different parameters involved (temperature, hygrometry, reinforcement...) at the structure scale depend on the scale itself. The detection means of these pathologies must also be adapted to the scale from where is very important to carry out large scale tests.

In this context, the IRSN has launched in 2015 the ODOBA project (Observatory of Durability of the Reinforced Concrete Works) which will last about 10 years. It will mainly comprise a “farm” of about 60 optimally instrumented concrete blocks (about 4 x 2 x 1 m size), located in Cadarache (France). The blocks will be submitted to accelerated aging processes. Periodic NDE will be performed and compared to instrumentation and core sampling results. The influence of the key parameters will be analytically studied.
This research project proposal was requested from Dr. Abdullah Dahlan through RCC center of UBT University. The research objective is to highlight the importance of unused treasure Islands in the Northern part of The Red Sea, close the seashore of the western region of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The research will propose innovation projects to invest in the unique environmental and geographical gifts of islands. The research will propose scientific advice and applied projects that will contribute to the economic development of the Kingdom vision 2030. It will propose innovative solutions in planning and management of islands natural resources, for sustainability, industrialization, tourism, agricultural and other services. This research project will review the literature and collect the related data on islands geographical and environmental properties. The expected output of this research will define the current status of the Red Sea Islands and propose the suitable island and suitable activity to be started. It will propose possible sustainable forms of planning, designing and constructing different possible activities in addition to environmental, economical, marketing and management perspectives. It is proposed to collaborate with the Saudi Geological Survey (SGS). This Project will be studied from economical perspectives by CBA researchers.
CALL FOR PARTICIPATION RESEARCH COMPETITION

SUBMIT YOUR IDEA BY JANUARY 1ST 2017,
TO RCC: RCC-RESEARCHSERVICES@UBT.EDU.SA

CORSAIRE Project (Consortium to Operate ROV for Sea Archeology Implementation Recovery & Experimentation) and relevant facilities

350 years later, on the Lune shipwreck...
now toward future...

ABSTRACT

The Global CORSAIRE project is an international project in collaboration with PARIS TECH institute and University of Paris. The developed system is aiming to be the unique system in under water archeology.

The integrated Underwater Archaeological Robotic System (CORSAIRE for Consortium to Operate ROV for Sea Archaeology Implementation Recovery & Experimentation) is about to progressively design, develop and implement a robotic system within the very next 5 years;

An Underwater Robotic Lab to be set up in the Middle East, closely linked to the twin one at Paris-Tech’s on one hand and with a dedicated Incubator/Accelerator to be closely set up on the other one (the aim is to create and coach startup companies in Jeddah at the back of the relevant Industrial Property, closely coordinated with similar ones in France and with a ParisTech Incubator and similar in Oxford and Canada);
Two possible Master degrees:
- A possible Master 2 degree in Robotics, to be set up and operated in the Middle East as an extension of an existing one at ParisTech’s.
- A possible PhD degree

The partners will develop a win-win long term cooperation. The communication worldwide, the Intellectual Property, the industrial applications added value and the high leveled employment to be developed simultaneously with this ambitious project will confirm our common intents. Students faculty and staff from UBT from College of Business and Administration (CBA), College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT), College of Advertising (JCA) are all encouraged to participate in this research. The formed groups can propose an idea within their area of specialization, topics might include, but not limited to:

**General:**
- Economic feasibility
- Business modeling
- Prototype design
- Awareness campaign
- Market research
- Industrialization

**Engineering:**
- Sensors
- Image processing
- Arm control and command
- Information System
- Movement control system
- Shape design
### PROPOSED

**The cars Market in Saudi Arabia:**

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#### Abstract (250 words)

KSA market provides lots of opportunities to Cars exporters. In 1980, Saudi Arabia was considered the second largest market in the world for Japanese car exporters. Saudi Arabia deals with many car exporters such as Japan, USA, Korea and China. In this research the researchers will study the current cars market in the kingdom and study the possibility for manufacturing Saudi Cars and exporting them to the world within the vision 2030.

#### Keywords

Imports, Cars, Saudi Market, Implications, Emerging

#### Main Goals

- Gather knowledge on Car Market in Saudi Arabia
- Propose solution and projects that contribute to the economic development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and serve the community
- Propose possible research projects, can be from industrial, economics, retail, marketing, financial, and management perspectives

#### Expected outputs

- Analyzed reports on the current status of the imported Cars
- Proposed projects in environmental, sustainable areas.

#### Added Value of this research / Benefits

- Understand the threats to the operations and investments
- Support in protecting the company against future risks
- Gain insight on emerging trends
- Get a full view of the competitive landscape to assess your market position
# Research Project

## Proposed

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Hospitality sector has gained importance in GCC countries. Tourism and specifically religious tourism in Saudi Arabia is a primary driver for the hospitality sector. The Saudi hotel market has demonstrated continuous growth over the past years, due to the extensive request during the period of Omra and Pilgrimage. The research is about gathering and analyzing data from various sources, through interviews with the hotels executive, questionnaires to be distributed to customers, and by undertaking an extensive literature search. And provide recommendation and advices that contribute to the economic development of KSA (from Different Perspectives: Distribution, number of rooms, ranking, branded residence , elasticity of price....

### Keywords

Tourism , Economic development , sustainability , community service , construction, Hotels

### Main Goals

- Conduct an intensive literature review
- Collect and analyze data on hotels (geographical distribution, number of rooms, ranking, services, customer type, ...)
- Provide strategic recommendations

### Expected outputs

- Analyzed reports on the current status of hospitality market in Makkah region - KSA
- Proposed projects as recommendation in construction, tourism, services ....

### Added Value of this research / Benefits

This research will highlight the importance of Hotels distribution in Makkah region of Saudi Arabia. It will contribute to the economic development of the Kingdom by proposing innovative solutions in construction, tourism, economics, etc.
# Proposed

## Hotels services and rating : Madinah

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PHD DEGREE 2016

Congratulation, for the award of PhD degree with high Distinction from Canada

Aseel Al Ghamdi
College Of JCA

The Effect of Managerial Decisions on Sport Resources Over On-Field Performance in European Soccer Clubs

Under the supervision of: Prof. Vinay Kanetkar

* PHD Degree from University of Guelph, 2016

ABSTRACT

This thesis investigates the relationship between sport resources and on-field performance in European soccer clubs. Utilizing a data set from English Premier League, German Bundesliga, Italian Series A, and Spanish La Liga that combines indicators of financial, human, relational, informational and organizational resources, this empirical study is based on exploratory factor analysis followed by two structural equation modeling equations. The analysis indicates that financial resources were ranked first in influence over on-field performance followed by relational resources, human resources, and informational resources respectively. One interpretation of this is that rich clubs participating in European open league system will more likely dominate on-field results conditional on the successful management of coaches, players, and relationship between them to provide a better utilization of financial spending. The implications of this micro-level study will provide soccer managers of European clubs a systematical approach to prioritize sport resources and study their effect over on-field performance. Other potential wider implications will be discussed related to the development of profitability, sponsorship and fan growth of European clubs in relation to on-field performance.

Keywords: sport resources, resource-advantage theory of marketing, strategic marketing, on-field performance, sport management, prioritization, ranking, European clubs
Graphene Based Quantum Dots Sensitized Solar Cells

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Co-Advised by Dr. Basma El Zein

* University of Lille for Science and Technology (Lille 1), 2016

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ABSTRACT

The solar energy is converted to electrical potential by a sequence of events: the absorption of light, generation of charges carriers (electrons and holes), the separation of the electrons from holes and their transport to electrodes. Great attention has been given to quantum dots sensitized solar cells due to their promising light to electricity conversion efficiency, their simple device fabrication process and their low cost. Zero dimensional nanostructures have gained interest due to their unique properties especially tuning their band gap based on their size. Different type of materials that plays the role of the absorber should be studied tuning their band gap by changing their size or changing the degree of cation disorder. ITO and FTO have been widely used as window electrodes in solar cell devices. These TCO, however, have many drawbacks such as limited availability of indium on earth, instability in the presence of acid or base, limited transparency in the near-infrared region. The search for novel electrode materials with good stability, high transparency and excellent conductivity is therefore a critical goal for solar cells. Graphene, as a matter of fact, appears to have none of these drawbacks—and it is cheap and sustainable. In this publication the researchers will focus on using Graphene as suitable material for solid-state nanowire based quantum dots sensitized solar cells that harvest light over a wider range of the spectrum.

Keywords: [Sensitized, solar cells, Quantum Dots, electrodes and Graphene]
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Ms. Lobna S. Sourour is currently pursuing her doctorate studies with a research interest in Business modeling and Entrepreneurship with an MBA and a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration. Ms. Sourour has 15 years of teaching experience teaching different courses at the University of Business and Technology. She held different positions at UBT including Quality Assurance & Accreditation and The English Language Academy. She attended an array of workshops, seminars and conferences related to Learning and teaching in Higher Education, Strategic Management, Entrepreneurship teaching, Managing higher educational institutes and visited worldwide universities including Babson College, Harvard University, Macquarie University, Grenoble Ecole De Management, Peking University, Sydney University.

Mr. Shariq Faraz is currently associated with Jeddah College of Advertising part of UBT as Asst. Director TQM and also serves as a Faculty. He completed his MSc. in Media Management from the University of Stirling in Y2002. Prior to this he undertook higher studies in Broadcast Journalism from Birmingham City University. He also attended Advanced Management Program (AMP) in Media from ISE Business School in Y2005. Shariq holds over a decades experience in the regional media industry in varied capacities across public & private sectors. His past roles entail Consultancy assignment for the Media Free Zone Authority, Government of UAE.
The General Authority Of Meteorology and Environment Protection

ON 27TH OF JULY

Dr. Adnan Al Bar the consultant of The General Authority of Meteorology and Environment Protection (PME) visited UBT/RCC and discussed collaboration in research and projects between PME and UBT. The meeting included the RCC director, Dr. Eng. Basma El Zein, as well as RCC team members: Samy Blin, Mohamad Angawi, and Layla Kamal. Then, Dr. Al Bar met with Dr. Faisal Iskandarani, University Vice Rector for Development and Quality. This meeting will be followed by an official visit from the authority of MEP to define the venues of collaboration.

UBT AT WORLD NUCLEAR EXHIBITION

ON 28TH OF JUNE

A delegation from UBT attended the World Nuclear Exhibition that was held in Paris - France last June 2016. The delegates were invited to enter the exhibition as VIP guests. UBT delegation consisted of the Director of RCC at UBT, Dr. Eng. Basma El Zein, Mr. Abdul Salam Al Ballouchi and Mr. Abdulhakim Khiyami. The delegates met with Dr. Denis – Robert Mougin, International Cooperation Manager at IRSN, Mr. Christophe Marquie, Project Manager at IRSN, Mr. Yves Fanjas, Director of I2EN, Mr. Philippe Correa, Director of INSTN, Mr. Xavier Perette, and many others.

VISIT OF NF CONSULTING

ON 21ST OF AUGUST

Nayef Fayez Consulting (NF Consulting) visited UBT in its Dhahban campus. The meeting discussed venues of collaboration between UBT’s RCC and the renowned firm, NF Consulting. NF had a look on UBT’s colleges and Centers and the services they provide. NF admired the services provided by RCC and expressed extreme interest in elaborating future ventures.
UBT/UTC proudly received the visit of the renowned Thomson Reuters on its campus in Dhahban. Thomson Reuters is an international company that is committed to providing professionals in almost all sectors with tools that empower decision makers with the information they need. Their products and services basket includes: Financial, Risk Management Solutions, Intellectual Property, Legal, Reuters News Agency, Pharma & Life Sciences, Scholarly &Scientific Research, and finally Tax & Accounting.

Thomson Reuters was represented by Mr. Abdulhalim Hajjar and Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim, Mr. Mustafa Rashee. While from UTC side, Dr. Ali Tawati and Dr. Faisal Iskandarani were in acceptance of the guests. UTC bought two programs from Thomson Reuters, EndNote and Financial Reports. The visit comes in attempts to foster the relation between the two.

VISIT OF SKEMA BUSINESS SCHOOL - PARIS

VISIT OF THOMSON REUTERS MASTER

On the other hand, Advisors showed interest in participating in UTC conferences, workshops and seminars. Both parties are looking for future ventures and profound collaboration that will return with plenty of benefit.
A group of UBT delegation has recently visited the Saudi Council of Engineers (SCE) on 12/10/2016 to discuss the preparation procedures of the upcoming joint conference on Nano Tech. The delegation was headed by University vice Rector for Development and Quality Dr. Faisal Iskandarani. The delegation also included the director of RCC Dr. Eng. Basma El Zein, Vice Rector Assistant of Development and Quality, Dr. Weam Tunsi, Vice Dean of CEIT for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jawad Al-Sulaiman, dean of CBA, Dr. Salah AbuNar, Dean of Jeddah college of Advertisement, Dr. Abdullah Banakhr, and RCC Publishing Services Administrator Ms. Rozan Jalal. On behalf of SCE, the attendees were: Dr. Abdullah AlShehri, Eng. Fawaz Jannah: General Director – Makkah Region, and Eng. Mohamad AlAttar: Public Relations and Training Officer, in addition to a video conference with Eng. Mesfer Jaafor from Riyadh. This was a kick off meeting for the conference. The attendees discussed the process of preparation, the steering committee, set the date of the conference, and distributed the roles among them.
A delegation from UBT visited the Saudi Geological Survey (SGS) to discuss venues of collaboration between the two parties. UBT delegation started with a brief presentation about UBT colleges and centers. They outlined the services provided by these facilities and researches conducted by UBT. Following this, SGS delivered a presentation showing their different research centers, projects and citing the reports they issue. After that, the delegation visited SGS’s different research centers. SGS maintains a broad range of in-house laboratory facilities and research centers.

UBT delegation included: the University Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Dr. Ali Altawati, University Vice Rector for Development and Quality, Dr. Faisal Iskanderani, Dean of CEIT Dr. Munir AlHaddad, Dean of CBA, Dr. Salah Abu Nar, Dean of JCA Dr. Abdullah Banakhr, and the Director of Research and Consultation Center Dr. Eng. Basma El Zein. From the side of SGS, and on top of the attendees was President of SGS Dr. Zohair A. Nawab, Consultant and General Director of the President’s Office Mr. Faisal G. Shalabi, Assistant of the President for Technical Affairs Dr. Abdullah M. AL-Attas, General Director of Technical Support Mr. Ghazi J.S. Abdulhay, Head of Industrial Application Unit – Industrial Rock & Mineral Section Mr. Mamdouh O. AlJehani, and member Mr. Hisham O. Attass.

The meeting included various discussions on the services provided by each party, ways of collaboration and signing MOUs between UBT and SGS.
The Saudi Industrial Property Authority (Modon) made a visit to the University of Business and Technology (UBT) to discover and discuss means of collaboration between the two parties. The visit started with a quick tour around Dhabban campus. Then, the two parties met in the rector’s office. Modon was represented by: Jeddah Industrial Cities Director, Eng. Saud Tabbakh, Health and Environment Chief, Eng. Amer Bamoneef, Health and Environment Officer, Eng. Yasser Alshehri, and Jeddah, Rabigh, Makkah, and Albaha Branch Manager, Eng. Haithem Abu mansoor. From the side of UBT, and on top of the attendees was the university rector Prof. Dr. Hussein Bin Ali Alalawi. In addition, UBT’s side included as well the General Director of Finance and Administration Affairs, Dr. Muhanad Dahlan; the dean of the College of Business Administration (CBA), Dr. Salah Abu Nar; the dean of the College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT), Dr. Munir Haddad; the dean of Jeddah College of Advertising (JCA), Dr. Abdullah Banakhar; the director of the Research and Consultation Center (RCC), Dr. Eng. Basma Elzein; the dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Mustafa Alam; the vice dean of CBA for Academic Affairs, Dr. Weam Tunsi; and the director of the Career Center, Dr. Loay Tayyar.

The meeting started with presentations about the university’s colleges and centers showing the services they provide and researches conducted at the university. The parties discussed several venues of collaboration. MODON showed special interest in UBT’s researches and mostly the scientific ones. On hope that future collaboration will result in doubled benefit for both UBT and MODON, and for the Saudi Community as well.
UBT hosted Jon Guiliani and William Mahfoud from Nature Research to discuss venues of collaboration under a general MOU to serve academic researchers in accessing, using and applying the best research and information available. Nature Research is the world’s largest academic book publisher, publisher of the world’s highest impact journals and a pioneer in the field of open research. Recently Nature publishing Group, Palgrave Macmillan, Macmillan Education has merged with Springer Science, Business and Media to form Springer Nature. Nature Research (NR) includes the custom publishing division of Nature.

The visitors met the RCC Team and discussed different projects for faculty, students, conferences and research. After that, the visitors have met the vice rector of Quality Dr. Faisal Iskandarani and elaborated on the proposed projects such as author, Peer reviewer, and Editor trainings to UBT researchers. As scientific illustration, media, graphics and advertising are of high importance to research; the visitors had a quick tour at the JCA, where they met the Dean, Dr. Abdullah Bankhar and discussed venues of collaboration.

Coming Soon External Research Sponsors:
To provide UBT researcher with more support and research fund, RCC is preparing a list national and international sponsor for their research.

Mr. Mohamad Angawi from the Research Services Unit attended the organized workshop by King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology (KACST) entitled "support for universities and research centers and programs," that took place in Riyadh on 28th of Nov, four key programs have been presented:
1. Post Graduate program.
2. Support the basic research program.
3. Support innovative research program.
4. Program industrial innovation centers.
UBT – MBA student Mrs. Manahel AlKoor, participated in an entrepreneurship competition entitled "Startup Weekend Jazan 2016" organized by Badir program - King Abdullah City and it was in Jazan sponsored by Riyadh Bank and Jazan University. She received the first place award for the Fallokah Project.

Later on she was invited by Taif university to share her experience as winner of the competition.

IEEEXtreme is one of the global challenges in which teams of IEEE Student members—advised and proctored by an IEEE member, and often supported by an IEEE Student Branch—compete in a 24-hour time span against each other to solve a set of programming problems.

IEEE UBT Students Branch in its first year participated in this global competition with three groups, each composed of 3 students from CEIT and proctored by its faculty.


UBT Team 2 was composed of Eng. Hussam Adham, Eng. Mohammed Al Edrisse and Eng. AbdulaAziz Al Aharqawi and proctored by Dr. Basma EL Zein.

UBT Team 3 was composed of Eng. Sultan Al Shehri, Eng. Ibrahim Abdulla, and Eng. Tariq Al Mutairi and proctored by Dr. Basma El Zein.

Dr. Sayed Muqtar and Mr. Saleh Takrouri were there too mentoring and proctoring the teams.

The students started preparing for this competition, few days earlier. Gathering after classes and practicing with the guidance of Eng. Sami Fattani.

After 24 hours of programming, UBT came in the 4th place across KSA after : King Abdul-Aziz University, King Saud University, and Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University respectively. When considering the Saudi private sector, UBT occupied rank 1 among private universities.

UBT team was in rank 23 out of 74 participations from all over the Kingdom. On the level of IEEE Region 8, we ranked 375 out of 1000.

Looking for the next round.
In accordance with UBT’s slogan “Education for Job Opportunities”, the University is planning a field trip for groups of students from CBA – Supply Chain Management to Rouen, France. The trip will include visits to world-leading companies in varied industries. UBT team will visit the French car manufacturer “Renault” and will have a chance to link what they learn in classes to real applications in the industry. On the other hand, UBT students will visit the factory of “Safran Aircelle – the aircraft industry” and “Soget – port operations.”

The objectives of the visit are the following:

- Reinforce and expand on concepts taught in class
- Arouse new interests among students
- Help students relate school experiences to the reality of the world outside of school
- Bring the resources of the industrial, commercial, and educational within the students' learning experience
- Afford students the opportunity to study and explore real situations and processes in their actual environment
- UBT always thrives to assist its students with the necessary tools and knowledge to make them ready to face the real world when they are about to leave college. The group was Supervised by Dr. Turki Al Thaqafi.
The Main Factors that Influence Jeddah College of Advertising Students’ Devotion

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* University of Business & Technology (UBT), JCA, ACOL314 Research and Evaluation (Project 2), 2016

ABSTRACT

This research paper examines the hidden reasons and factors that lead Jeddah College of Advertising students to be strongly devoted to their university. When observing students social media accounts, it has been found that a good amount of them are loyal and proud to be a part of Jeddah College of Advertising. Usually, the long history of a college is the main reason of the devotion, however, Jeddah college of Advertising is still new, and so what might be the reasons? The primary and secondary types of data were collected from the students themselves and from journals and books. To guarantee more accurate results, qualitative and quantitative methodologies will used in this paper to focus on both numbers and reasons. There might be some previous hypothesis and insights about the devotion reasons, but after gathering the actual results from the research that was done; this research paper will determine real reasons of what the students are truly passionate about Jeddah College of Advertising that made them loyal and devoted.
STUDENT RESEARCH

Instructor: Kholod Aggad
College Of CBA

Marketing Research Report on the Launch of
“Panda’s New Services”

Ghada AlAqal, Fatimah Allabban, Shaimaa Abuzinada, Asmaa AlHussan

ABSTRACT

As Panda is one of the big companies in Saudi Arabia and in Gulf regain, it should always seek out for great opportunities. Therefore, this research is established to study the reaction of the customers in providing new services in the market, and if they will accept it or not. This research aims to develop online shopping, delivery and pick-up services for Panda. Survey is distributed to better understand the customer’s behavior, attitudes and opinions and their willing to accept these new services, in fact that 67% of the chosen survey applicant, agreed that online delivery, pick-ups could help them massively in their weekly routine. For Panda, that’s mean a new opportunity has come, where both Panda and its customers would benefit from it. In addition, 51% of Panda’s customers said that they are more to shop online than going to the store, if Panda could cover this market gap, it will be huge increase in profit rates. To conclude, Panda should consider applying these services, due to the huge need in the market and to gain competitive advantage.

Instructor: Kholod Aggad
College Of CBA

A Market Research Report on the Launch of
“Starbuck Delivery”

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ABSTRACT

The report is conducted about the opportunity of introducing Starbucks Delivery Service to offices and universities in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The purpose and research statement of this report is to measure the extent introducing Starbucks Delivery will affect the performance and increase customer’s satisfaction in universities and work offices in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The information found in this report is based on surveys conducted to the University of Business and technology students and staff in order to get an insight into the potential customers’ minds. Introducing Starbucks Delivery would be a great opportunity to the company and this society especially since its coffee driven, delivery systems are successful and people have a huge loyalty to Starbucks. Moreover this service will generate so much profit and would show that Starbucks are always on the move towards innovation and being successful and listening to the customers need. The research showed a high percentage of acceptances in the Saudi market of this service, we got into the consumers’ minds to understand their needs about what they are looking for in this service from features and based on it the service will be implemented. Moreover, a lot of profit will be added since people would pay anything for this service to be implemented. We recommend and advice Starbucks to take the initiative and start this service by providing a special unit of employees and outlets specialized in producing the products for delivery, train employees well, and provide efficient and good quality service.
Jeddah, KSA: The University of Business and Technology (UBT) is on top of Saudi universities that are specialized in technology and values research. Recently, UBT leaped a step further to research by signing a memorandum of understanding between the University of Valenciennes and Hainaut-Cambresis (UVHC) and UBT in April 2015, for a mutual interest in collaborative research, exchange of faculty members as well as students, and many other areas. Following this, the Research and Consultation Center (RCC) at UBT organized an international internship program in collaboration with the Institute d’Electronique, Microélectronique, et Nanotechnologie (IEMN) at UVHC to host UBT students and provide them with the opportunity to participate in international research programs around the world.

This research program came to light on the 2nd of May, 2016 when a group of 7 ambassadors from the College of Engineering and Information Technology (CEIT) visited Lille, France to join (IEMN), for 8 weeks where they were distributed over 4 research groups and supervised by highly cited professors.

The first research project was entitled “Study and Characterization of Micro White LEDs for Light Fidelity (Li-Fi) Communications” under the supervision of Prof. Elhadj Dogheche. Eng. Saeed BAwazir and Eng. AbdulHameed Kheimi were part of them optoelectronic Team. The students studied the lighting technology related to the White LEDs. IEMN is actually involved in the fabrication of micro LEDs in the clean room and the performance of the optoelectronic device will be first evaluated in terms of electrical and optical responses. The students have acquired knowledge in clean room fabrication, devices characterizations & optoelectronic applications. They used White micro LEDs to investigate a LiFi transmission link.

- The optical performance of the semiconductor LED can be improved by applying laser, the measurement was:
  - With 70 mwatt between 1.5V and 3.6V.
  - With 40 mwatt between 2.01V and 3.75V.
  - With 0 mwatt between 1.53V and 3.65V

The second group composed of Eng. Abdulmoez King and Eng. Waleed Najem, under the supervision of Prof. Tuami Lasri worked on the research project entitled “Microwave Scanning Microscopy for Materials Characterizations”. The interns were involved in Microwave Microscopy studies. During the internship they got familiar with an original instrumentation that has been developed for Microwave Scanning Microscopy with different kind of software. The student were part of a team that contributes to the development a new microwave instruments.
The third group composed of Eng. Hasan AlEdrissi and Eng. Khaled Sabawi joined the team of Prof. Rabah Boukherroub, Director CNRS Lille for the project entitled “Synthesis of Graphene-based nanocomposites.”

The students were involved in the synthesis and characterization of reduced graphene oxide for super capacitors. During this period, the students acquired knowledge in nanomaterials synthesis using wet chemical approaches. They did a parametric study for the graphene synthesis.

Using nickel is slightly better than copper, having a bit higher capacitance rate and much stable during each of the runs retaining its capacitance values thus achieving our goal of a good enhancer for RGO to build a super capacitor electrode. It’s much cheaper to buy ready RGO compounds rather than making it ready in labs. For large quantities and applications such as solar cells, the electrophoretic deposition comes handy since we can prepare huge containers to dip our big plates in and start depositing our nanostructures under a certain potential difference during a specific duration. In the Future, we can have industrial facilities and factories working fully on renewable energy with a more effective long-term plan.

The fourth project entitled “Testing Thin Films with Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and Prism Coupling” proposed by Prof. Elhadj Dogheche. Eng. Abdulsalam Alballouchi used different methods and techniques to detect ways to produce cost-effective solar cells with least error and best results.

First, he studied all three generations of solar cells. He worked on the thin film solar cells.

"Sputtering" for thin film deposition was used to produce efficient cells, and the deposited materials was characterized using Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) and prism coupling on Aluminum Zinc Oxide (AZO) thin film of thickness 1 µm to study the composition of the material in 633 nm in TE angle.

SEM showed that the thickness of the cross section of the material is 1.0 um.

After performing prism coupling, the thickness of the film was compared in three cases in order to detect the most accurate.

Thickness measured by SEM = 933nm
Thickness measures prism coupling = 819nm
Prism coupling error (϶) = 1µm-819nm=181nm
(϶) Error between SEM and prism coupling = 933nm-819nm=114nm

The calculations showed that SEM had less error and thus proved to be more accurate than prism coupling.
UBT assures its position among top Saudi universities by having students participate in the “6th Annual Undergraduate Poster Competition” prepared by King Abdullah University for Science and Technology (KAUST). This competition comes as a part of the event entitled “Winter Enrichment Program” and taking place at KAUST. This is an international event where winners will have the opportunity to spend a week full of great events at KAUST and meet peers sharing them the interest. 12 projects have been submitted; 5 from CBA and 7 from CEIT. Wishing the best of luck for UBT teams to be on top of the winners and to carry the name of their university to an international level.

If you have amazing ideas and would like to visit one of the world’s leading science and technology research universities, we would like to hear from you.

In January 2017, King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) is hosting its Sixth Annual International Research Competition for undergraduate students around the World. This competition is part of the university’s Winter Enrichment Program (WEP). This event is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to share and compare your work with peers from across the globe, win prizes, and experience life in Saudi Arabia at a Premier graduate-level research institution.

All you need to do is submit your abstract first to RCC: rcc@ubt.edu.sa and your dean no later than 1st of Nov 2016. Then, all the received abstracts will be evaluated by a UBT committee and the best abstracts will be submitted to KAUST. Finally, the best-accepted abstracts by KAUST will be invited to spend an exciting, event-filled week at KAUST from January 15 to 20, 2017.

Share your abstract and join KAUST for a week of inspiration this January 2017

All Colleges are invited to participate:

- CEIT with Science and Engineering Projects
- CBA with Technology Transfer Projects
- JCA with Scientific Illustrations

Groups with members from different colleges are encouraged too.
In accordance with the Kingdom’s Vision 2030, and in fulfillment of UBT’s philosophy represented in its slogan “Education for Job Opportunities”, and as a support for ambitious youths to turn to Business owners, RCC in collaboration with King Abdullah University for Science and Technology (KAUST) has organized a seminar entitled “Innovating at speed: Why joining a startup accelerator is important for you?” It took place in CBA on both campuses, Sari and Dhahban and was conducted by Mr. Abdulrahman AlJiffry, Innovation Academy Lead, Entrepreneurship Center - KAUST and Ms. Amal Dokhan, Program Design Lead, Entrepreneurship Center - KAUST.

Mr. AlJiffry supports a diverse portfolio of deep technology start-ups, drawing from consumer electronics to education to clean tech. In his capacity as part of the team that brought about the founding of the Innovation Academy (IA), Abdulrahman headed KAUST’s accelerator program during the 2006-2011 period of the Entrepreneurship Center and supported the KAUST’s entrepreneurial efforts. KAUST then served as the Bayt(High Tech) Innovation Supporting Entrepreneurship (BHISE) program advisor during the program’s first and second summits, December 2012 and 2013. After the founding of the KAUST Entrepreneurship Center.

During his time in BHISE, Abdulrahman mentored several venture-capital-backed technology-focused start-ups that were later acquired or joined the high-tech sector. He also managed the Business Development Arm, advising start-ups in the technology industry on how to secure funding and grow their businesses.

She, Ms. Amal Dokhan, has a broad range of expertise in management and marketing, particularly in the field of technology and entrepreneurship. After completing her master’s in business administration, she joined the KAUST Entrepreneurship Center as a program manager during the first Taseqta program aimed at turning ideas into successful businesses. She has been instrumental in the development of educational initiatives and has wide experience in management consulting and entrepreneurship.

Mr. AlJiffry and Ms. Dokhan co-organized the seminar “Innovating at speed: Why joining a startup accelerator is important for you?” to introduce the concept of startup accelerators and their role in supporting and accelerating the growth of early-stage startups. The seminar aimed to introduce the concept of startup accelerators and to provide insights into the importance of joining a startup accelerator for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The seminar was held at the Prince Sultan Auditorium-CBA on Monday, 17th of October 2016, from 12:00 to 18:00.

Innovating at speed: Why joining a startup accelerator is important for you?

How do I start a startup? It is a question many first-time entrepreneurs find difficult. Start-up accelerators are a critical part of the startup ecosystem, and joining an accelerator program can save potential entrepreneurs time and money they may not afford to lose in the early stages. In this talk, we will discuss how startups can benefit from joining a startup accelerator and how these programs can help accelerate innovation and growth.

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In collaboration with King Abdullah University for Science and Technology (KAUST), RCC has organized a workshop entitled “EndNote”. The workshop was delivered at UBT campuses in Sari and Dhahban. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Stephen Buck. Dr. Buck is Subject Specialist- Physical Sciences and Engineering at (KAUST). The aim of the workshop was to show researchers how they can integrate references in their research papers using the software “EndNote” which makes it as easy as "a press of a button". This workshop comes second in a series of workshops the RCC is delivering to help faculty and staff learn techniques used in the research process. The workshop was attended by UBT faculty, and staff who have interest in research. The attendees were impressed by the way the workshop was delivered for being simple and effective. They got hands-on experience as they applied genuine examples. RCC is delighted to have Dr. Stephen Buck in the future to deliver other workshops as Dr. Buck brings along a lot of knowledge and deep experience with him.
**CBA ACCOUNTING DAY**

**ABSTRACT**

With SOCPAS deadline of 2017 looming, companies are starting to realize the SOCPAS reviewing each individual IFRS implications of adopting the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). IFRS some IFRS Standards and is ongoing for the remaining ones. The impact of IFRS on the structure of the balance sheet and reported results have a direct impact on credit ratings, analysts assessments, borrowing costs and dividend payment policies, all of which affect the performance of shares on the exchange. It is considered that the application of IFRS has a far more reaching impact than just affecting the accounting entries which requires careful management of stakeholders. IFRS affects financial results and changes the shape of the balance sheet. It can affect key performance indicators against which insurance companies in Saudi Arabia (both listed and unlisted) to report using IFRS Standards. SOCPA standards currently apply to all other companies.

**Dr. Steven Harmer**

Technical Director, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

**Introduction**

- Steven has been with Deloitte for 20 years, 8 of which were in SOUTHERN AFRICA.
- Steven commenced working at Deloitte October 2013 and was appointed as the KSA Technical Director in December 2015.
- Steven obtained his qualifications at the University of Cape Town and the University of South Africa.

**Experience**

- Having originally joined Deloitte 20 years ago, he has extensive personal experience in serving significant clients, both listed and unlisted in a wide variety of industries, for example projects, West Africa, mining, retail and hospitality.
- Steven has worked with IFRS for over 20 years.
- Assisting with changes in many WIP to adapt to standards in the standards and application of accounting policies that comply with IFRS.

**Application IFRS in Saudi Arabia**

**Wednesday 19th October, 2016**

13:00 – 14:00

Al Faisaliah Auditorium
CBA cordially invite you to attend the seminar entitled:

The Adequacy of Programs Used by the Auditors on Jordanian Companies Operating in Electronic Commerce and its Impact on Accounting Disclosure

This study aimed at identifying the extent of programs sufficiency that auditors use on the companies operating in e-commerce. A questionnaire was designed and distributed to a random sample from the population that consists of external auditors. (30) Questionnaires were distributed, while (25) were retrieved (SPSS) was used to analyze the data and extract the values of duplicates, standard deviations, means and test hypotheses of the study. The study concluded that the e-commerce is the challenge facing auditors and that the ready-made software used in auditing is essential and important in the process of auditing the operations of e-commerce. The researchers found a set of recommendations; the most important was that audit offices must provide these software and work to raise the skills of auditors in dealing with this software, they also advised companies to disclose about the operations of e-commerce in their statements which facilitates the process of financial audit of their accounts.

**Keywords:** Audit Software, E-Commerce, Auditing Skills, Auditing Offices, Disclosure

Dr. Majed Alsharayri
Faculty member of CBA

My name is Majed Alsharayri, I am a new faculty member of CBA, I joined UBT fall 2016 as professor of Accounting. I am very excited to be here with you. I have discovered during my years as an academic that I am always trying to balance productivity with morale. I am sure you are all familiar with. Today I am going to share with you an article that published in 2012.

**Wednesday 26th of October 2016**
12:00 pm
You are cordially invited to attend the seminar entitled:

**Small is the next big thing: Introduction to Nanotechnology – Vision 2030**

**ABSTRACT**

Throughout history, technology and business have gone hand in hand. New technology discoveries and inventions have shown the need for new applications that are considered as the source of opening new businesses. If these applications are not useful, the technology will remain an abstract curiosity.

As an emerging technology and having a broad impact across different sectors such as (Health, Automobile, Renewable energy, agriculture, Transportation, construction, Water desalination, etc...), Nanotechnology is a modern technical knowledge which implies the engineering concept at atomic scale. It involves the manipulation of the atomic structure at nanometer level (10-9 of a meter), to create new material that can be used at a very small scale to drive new innovative industries. It is considered as the potential to supply new products and knowhow to new and existing industries. This is due to the Nanomaterials and nanostuctures that are taking lots of attention in the research and industry owing to their unique capability in the fabrication of new structures at the atomic level and the production of novel materials that have high potential application in energy harvesting to increase the energy conversion efficiency and decreasing the fabrication cost.

In this presentation, the speaker will introduce the concept of Nanotechnology and its application in our life.

**Wednesday 14th December, 2016**
12:00 – 13:00
At Sari campus

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**Dr. Basma El Zein**
Director of Research and Consultation Center (RCC)

Basma El Zein, PhD, Director of Research and Consultation Center (RCC). She has 37 years of experience in academic and research institution. Previously, she was appointed as the director of the research and curriculum development unit at CEIT. She was a Research Scientist at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), and previously a faculty member at Dar Al Khaleej University, Bahrain and an associated researcher at the Institute of Electronique, Microelectronique et Nanotechnologie (IEMN), Lille, France. Dr. El Zein is a senior member of IET, member of ACS, MRS, SPIE, ECS, IET and Lebanese Engineering syndicate. She has been selected as Solar Pioneer by Middle East Solar Industry Association (MESIS) during the World Future Energy Summit (WFES) 2016 in Abu Dhabi. Dr. El Zein gained her master degree in engineering (Electrical & Electronics) with distinction from Lebanese University, Tripoli Lebanon. Then she received her PhD in Nanotechnology Engineering from the University of Lille 3 with high distinction. Her recent research interests include working on nanostructures for third generation solar cells, energy harvesting and energy storage. She gained 2 grants in 2015 from King Abdullah City for Science and Technology (KACST) with a fund of 3.2 million SAR, to support her research on Nanostructures for Photovoltaic applications, where she is mentoring PhD students and collaborating with many international research centers (England, France, Sweden, USA and Switzerland). The main objective of her research is to develop an equipment with high efficiency and long durability solar cells. In addition to this, she is exploring new materials such as kestene, perovskite and protein to be used as light absorber for field printed perovskite solar cells.

Some of her previous researches include: Telecommunication, artificial intelligence, self-control and autonomous by programmable logic controllers and Computer Vision. She was received many award such as what is the world, 2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century in 2010 and Top 100 education in 2010. She is a reviewer in many international peer-reviewed journals, the chair or co-chair and on the committee of different international conferences, she published in many international journals and had one patent filed in USA. Dr. El Zein, has long experience in curriculum review and development, she has a diversified knowledge in various scientific streams, coupled with 37 years of experience in teaching, Project management and research. She also supervised 154 final year projects bachelor degree.
The University of Business and Technology is proud to announce “IEEE UBT Student Branch”

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineer (IEEE) is considered as the world’s largest association for technical professionals with more than 420,000 members from 160 countries. There are more than 3000 student branches in more than 100 countries around the world. The IEEE fields of interest are: sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). UBT IEEE Student Branch will organize different seminars, workshops, and technical projects throughout the academic year 2016/2017.
COMING SOON

UBT Technology Transfer & Entrepreneurship Week

18th to 20th of December 2016

Design Thinking

Internet of Things (IoT)

LEAN Methodology
UBT – RCC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

FIRST CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSAL 2016/2017

Date To Remember:
15th of January 2017
What to submit:
- 2 Hard Copies
- 1 CD/USB Soft Copy

BRIEF PROCESS

1. Prepare your proposal with your RCC College Coordinator
2. Check with your HOD
3. Check with your RCC Coordinator you last Proposal Version
4. Get the approval of the Dean
5. Receive External reviewer evaluation report
6. Scientific council approval
7. Start your project

RESEARCH AREAS

Flagship Research

FOR ANY INFORMATION: RCC-Publicationservices@ubt.edu.sa; RCC-Researchservices@ubt.edu.sa
ANNOUNCEMENT

RCC 2nd Research Symposium (Poster session)

Are you involved in an interesting research Project or in a collaborative research that you would like to discuss or show to your UBT colleagues?

Why not present your work in the RCC 2nd Research Symposium (Poster session) that will be held in March in the Library Dhahban Campus.

RCC welcomed you to participate in its 2nd research symposium, where the best poster for each college will be awarded and recognized on that date. The selection of the best three posters from each college will be done by a panel of judges from UBT.

Instructions:

1. You can participate with max 3 posters
2. Please fill in the registration form
3. Use the attached Poster template
4. Send you PPT version to RCC Publicationservices by max 30th JAN

Looking forward to meeting you there.

For any further information: RCC-Publicationservices@ubt.edu.sa
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- **Technology Transfer & Entrepreneurship Week**
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**Deadlines:**
- **25th of December 2016**
- **30th of June 2017**
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