

YCAT Today

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Dear YCAT Staff Members, Trainers and Teachers,

*Let me start by saying **Thanks to All of You!***

My sincere congratulations are sent to you as our first “pioneer batch” of trainees will graduate from Yanbu College of Applied Technology in only a few days.

For over two and a half years, 89 young Saudis were well prepared for the world of work. The credits belong to you, the trainers, teachers and support staff of YCAT! Everyone helped to set up Yanbu College of Applied Technology from its beginning.

Although it was a rough and sometimes wild beginning, it was also an enjoyable journey with our trainees and the whole Yanbu team. We have all developed personally and academically on our journey from the foundation of YCAT to the graduation of our first batch of trainees.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this journey! Great work everyone!

Working with wonderful, inspirational young people and seeing them succeed is the biggest reward for every college employee. Today I am very proud of our achievement. I believe with your continuous efforts, strong dedication and commitment, we will continue to improve our training program and will achieve even better results in the near future.

Of course, I congratulate every one of our “pioneer batch” trainees on the occasion of their congratulation! Mabruk!

In this edition YCAT TODAY features our activities across the Red Sea and on the coast of the Arabian Gulf. We also dip into past events and look ahead to the future of energy production, employment and the ever changing world of education.

We can't change without you, so we invite you all to take this journey with us.

*Reiner Behrend
Dean - Yanbu College of Applied Technology*



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Dean's Annual Meeting in Dammam



On the 25th and 26th of February Mr. Reiner Behrend, Dean of YCAT, participated in the regular meeting of all TVTC Deans. The venue chosen for the meeting was the Dammam College of Technology.

The meeting was shared by HE the Vice Governor for Training Dr. Rashed Al Zahrani.

For two days the Deans received the latest information on the new TVET project.

Special attention was given to the Capability-Building-Project that will start in a few weeks' time.

In five different work shops, the Deans were involved in different groups dealing with various topics, such as curriculum and the college learning environment.

The meeting was very fruitful as it also provided opportunity for bilateral discussions and exchange of information for the Deans.

Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC)

YCAT aims at providing job opportunities to our first batch of graduates.

SWCC is the biggest water desalination entity in the world. SWCC has 10.000 employees located at around 30 plants in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Four trimester 8 trainees did their cooperative training at SWCC in Yanbu. They did a final presentation on their cooperative training during YCAT's management meeting with SWCC representatives.

Afterwards, they gave an information session on employment and training opportunities for trimester 7 and 8 trainees in the auditorium of the ICT department.



YCAT Trainees off-shore - Production Technology team wins fishing competition



As an extracurricular activity, trainees from all departments have participated in a fishing competition. A white boat, blue water and sunshine were the framework conditions of the competition.

Fishing for the biggest catch was the contest. It was a pretty good day for fishing, with some big catches reeled in by our trainees. Congratulations to the winners, Moshari Alsharif (ICT), Ahmed Aloniny (ICT) and Ibrahim Alsayed (PT).

Dear Mr. Abdulaziz Alofi, Mr. Abdulelah Almujaali,

This is such wonderful news!! We're all really excited that your new baby arrived happy and healthy!
Congratulations!

Dear Mr. Abdulrahim Dawbi, Mr. Maad Alhussaini, Mr. Maher Althobyani, Mr. Hatim Alhujaily, Mr. Rakan Alenzi,

We wish you a lifetime of happiness, joy, and lots of memories.

Congratulations on your wedding!

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"Your Decision Decides Your Fate"



The Kingdom has launched the 31st Gulf Countries Traffic Week on Sunday with the motto "Your decision decides your fate." YCAT hosted the kick-off event of the Gulf Traffic Week activities in Yanbu.

It is a series of awareness programs in Yanbu in line with Gulf Traffic Week. The activities aim to increase the level of awareness in traffic safety for the local community.

Yanbu traffic department in cooperation with Saudi ARAMCO and other companies have started the activities of the Gulf Traffic week. The aim is to raise awareness among young people. Part of the event was a hard-hitting video of a car crash.

YCAT was represented with a booth at Dana Mall. Visitors had the opportunity to solder three different units: A LED-Chaser, called Knight Rider, an electronic dice and a water sensor. EET staff members supported all those interested in having their first experience in soldering and assembling electronic devices.

Yanbu Deputy Governor Khalid Al-Ghamlas said his city would take this opportunity to raise awareness regarding the dangers of traffic law violations.

He said, "An international survey showed 85 percent of road accidents are caused by humans and the most common age group of deceased victims is 25 to 29."

"The survey also showed that wearing a seatbelt can reduce the risk of injuries by 70 percent for both driver and passenger."



Towards a Green Future -

YCAT Delegation visits Medina College



Wind power generators on the seashore could be a YCAT project in the future. Renewable energy is the future of

generating electricity.

In this context, a YCAT delegation visited Madinah College of Technology in order to build up a partnership, to lead the initiative towards adding new courses to our college curriculum in which renewable energy is introduced to trainees.

Dean of Madinah College of Technology, Mr. Shakir Al-Thahri, welcomed YCAT's initiative. After showing the solar pedal station they have received from TVTC governor, Mr. Shakir also explained how they tried to introduce a new course in the TVTC system to train their trainees on this technology, but TVTC still hasn't confirm yet. Out of (MCoT) experience, we can be better prepared during implementation of our plans.

THE BEST OR NOTHING!

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Cooperation with Mercedes-Benz

On March 10, 15 Trainees went to Jeddah to visit the Mercedes-Benz factory site in Jeddah.

They were accompanied by Mr. Reiner Behrend, Mr. Hassan Alharbi, Mr. Nayef Yar, Mr. Bigad Alsharif, Mr. Halim Lichiheb and Mr. Philip Hanna. After an introduction round, Mr. Rolf Ohlinger gave a presentation on Mercedes-Benz. After that the group received a tour through the shop floor. Thereafter, trainees had the opportunity to talk to Mr. Khaled Nakshabandi on employment and cooperative training opportunities.

Mercedes-Benz offers our trainees paid cooperative training opportunities, as well as accommodation and transportation facilities. They receive a monthly payment of 1.500,00 SAR per month during the cooperative training period. Regarding the employment offer, they pay a monthly salary of 5.500,00 SAR.

YCAT management is working on a dual training concept in cooperation with National Automotive Industry.



Click - YCAT Photo Contest



14 trainees have participated in YCAT's first photo contest. Contestants were asked to submit photo-

graphs of the YCAT campus. The jury members were inspired by all the beautiful shots taken of the campus. On March 5, the awarding ceremony took place in the Dean's Hall.

Mr. Hasan Aljuhani was awarded the first prize for his photograph which showed the entrance of the Mechanical Technology Department at sunset.

He received a Canon digital reflex camera. Mr. Moath Mohammad Al-

shareef won the second prize and received a Go Pro camera. Mr. Abdulqader Ahmed Abdulmohsen Sunbol won the third prize and got a photo printer. The winner will cover the events of the upcoming Governor's soccer competition hosted at YCAT. All other participants received a certificate of participation.

Entries will be on display soon.

GOOOOAAAAAL - YCAT hosts TVTC Governor's Soccer Cup

YCAT is hosting the second part of the qualifying of the Governor's soccer cup. Along with our YCAT football team, the teams from Jeddah College of Technology, Tabuk College of Technology, Bisha College of Tech-

nology and Alhasa College of Technology played a tournament. The winner will be promoted to the final round of this year's Governor's Cup. Mr. Youssef Alomari was assigned as coach of YCAT's soccer team.

Good luck and fair play!



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