

# YCAT Today

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*Dear YCAT Staff Members, Trainers and Teachers,*

*Dear Colleagues,*

While I am writing these lines, I am handing out graduation certificates to our first graduates. In these days, we are transforming YCAT trainees into YCAT alumni. YCAT alumni are our ambassadors in the world of work. Their performance will show our quality of education and training. School to work transition is a significant challenge for all colleges and institutes, and we will have to put a lot of effort into this transformation for the coming phase. It is our goal to help our trainees to become productive members of the Saudi society. Young YCAT graduates have career ambitions, and it is part of our responsibility to prepare them technically and personally for the job market.

Let us all take up the challenge and strive toward academic excellence and putting knowledge as the basis of our action to reach this goal. Therefore, it is important to establish a strong relationship with the private sector industry. YCAT cooperative training supervisors play an important role in maintaining strong ties with the industry.

Enrolment numbers are being shaped by two factors: Our physical capacity and recruitment activities. To recruit first class trainees, we have to do first class marketing. Attraction, recruitment and retention are our targets. Therefore, I want to thank those of you who contributed to successful participation in the Al Nafees High School Education Fair.

A team of GIZ experts in the field of Technical Vocational Education Training are currently at Yanbu College of Applied Technology to prepare a College Improvement Plan (CIP) for the next three years. I am confident that the base built in the last three years will provide a strong foundation for the next three years. A positive commitment will enable us to be path-finders of modern technical and vocational training education.

In the third volume of YCAT TODAY, we introduce our new colleagues, report on a visit from a Saudi Aramco delegation, and we give you an update on recent and upcoming events.

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for everyone, who has contributed to this volume of the YCAT TODAY.

Enjoy reading!

Reiner Behrend

Dean



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## SAUDI ARAMCO DELEGATION VISITED YCAT

*by Ahmed Ahmed*



In a very positive initiative, Saudi Aramco visited YCAT on April 9 expressing their interest in our graduates. Mr. Noujaim, the Vice Dean of Training, welcomed the Saudi Aramco team on behalf of the Dean and YCAT staff.

He started the YCAT presentation by explaining our policies, mission, and vision. A brief introduction of each department then followed which was presented by the YCAT Heads of Department.

The Aramco team next started the discussion stating their clear interest in YCAT curriculum and how it is applied. In the same context, Mr. Eltahir Abdelbagi, Supervisor of the Electrical Skills Unit, suggested Aramco's feasibility study to work on filling the gap between vocational training system and industry.

In addition, Mr. Eltahir suggested some topics to be added to the Electronics and Electrical Technology study plans due to the necessity of them in the industrial field.

After a very informative discussion, The Saudi Aramco team requested a tour of the campus to take a closer look at the labs and workshops trainees use during training sessions. Mr. Abdelgayoum Elnour, Aramco's Career Counselor, stated that the main reason for the visit was to screen the college for any further possible cooperation between YCAT and Saudi Aramco.

This initial meeting served the purpose very well leaving a very good impression on Aramco's Screening Team. We look forward to developing relations with Aramco in the near future.

## YCAT's Participation in the Al Nafees High School Education Fair

*by Michael Ford*



On April 13-15, The Ibn Al Nafees High School in the Royal Commission held an Education Fair on their campus.

The Yanbu College of Applied Technology, Taiba University, the Yanbu Industrial College,

and others all displayed and discussed with the students their individual programs to these excellent students.

The Electronics and Electricity Technology Department, along with General Studies and Trainee Affairs, represented our college at this exhibition. Mr. Thomas Hitzner, Head of Department at YCAT for Electronics and Electrical Technology (EET), and his trainers led the way in discussing our specialization programs and encouraged the students to participate in some exciting electronic demonstrations. They encouraged the students to come out to the YCAT campus in the next few weeks and join our trainees in developing skills and projects together. Over 85 Ibn Al Nafees students were so impressed they registered for the upcoming field trip to YCAT!

In addition, Michael K. Ford, Head of Department for English and General Studies at YCAT, was also on hand to speak with the students about the benefits of our English medium language school and the Foundation program. Many thanks to all of those who made this special event a smashing success.



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## Senior GIZ TVET Experts to assess YCAT

By Philip Hanna



A team of GIZ experts for Technical Vocational Education and Training is currently visiting Yanbu College of Applied Technology – some of you may have met the gentlemen – to assess the College on various relevant levels of its operation.

At the heart of the initiative is the plan to improve the college's performance significantly over the course of the next three to five years with the help of a strategic College Improvement Plan (CIP), as requested by the CoE and TVTC.

The analysis, which Mr. Schmidt (Head of Mission, former Executive Director Arab Region at GIZ and former GIZ Country Director in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and his team are going to conduct within the next weeks, will include interviews with trainees, trainers and administrators and it will provide an opportunity for each of these groups to deliver an honest feed-back about aspects that need improvement.

Yet the analysis will reach even deeper than this: A total of 11 relevant dimensions of our college (Trainees,

Government & Management, Leadership, Teaching staff, Curriculum, Training & Assessment, Learning Environment, Trainee Services, Infrastructure, Training Output & Outcome, Households and Community, Employers) will be analyzed to create a clear idea on where we currently stand.

Starting from that baseline – the clear understanding of YCAT's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges) – the senior TVET experts will develop a strategy to improve the college step by step. The initiatives following from this strategy (meaning: the break-down of the strategy into smaller actionable steps) will include every single member of the college and will require everybody's contribution and share of work over the next three to five years.

## STAFF NEWS

### New Colleagues at YCAT by Mr. Badr Alhazmi



Mr. Badr Alhazmi is from Madinah, Saudi Arabia and has a Master's Degree in Applied Linguistics from Griffith University in Australia. He has 14 years of experience in academia and leadership.

In his practical experiences, he worked as Dean of Yanbu College for three years and as Vice Dean for Training at Yanbu College of Technology for 4 years. In training experience, he is an international trainer accredited by INTRAC (International Training & Development Academy) in Britain, Strategic Management Counselor and practitioner accredited by the British development and consultancy company, SKILIS and

International Trainer accredited by the American institution, LJI SEMNARS. He has completed some training programs in a number of governmental authorities, companies and agencies in programs titled: Effective Communication Skills, Discover Your Internal Space; Administrative Leadership; and other administrative and self-development programs.

He has attended some courses in Strategic Planning in Vocational & Training Systems held in Torino, Italy, Strategic Planning & KPI Management in Seoul, South Korea and training the Leaderships to make Technical, Vocational Training Successful in the cities of Helsinki and Jyväskylä, Finland and some courses in leadership in some countries like Japan, Australia, Dubai, Scotland and New Zealand. His wisdom in life is: The best things in life come with patience and life always offers you a second chance. It's called tomorrow.

### Abdulkhaliq Khalid Al Ghamdi



Abdulkhaliq Khalid Al Ghamdi is from Jeddah. He has a BET, Bachelor of Engineering Technology, in the field of Production Technology and a Vocational Trainer Certificate in the field of Vocational Pedagogy from the Technical Trainers College in Riyadh. He also has an English Language Certificate from the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation in Jeddah.

He was trained at the Institute of Royal Saudi Air Defense Forces in Jeddah and at the Arts tile factory in Jeddah. As for his work history, he worked in a Technical lab at Dar BSM Company in Jeddah, which was contracted work with Jeddah Municipality. The specifics job commands were Test material, Quality, and Load / Force.

Dear Mr. Ali Altaleedi,

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

*Congratulations on your wedding!*



### Backup your data...always!

It's advisable to make backups on a regular basis at least once a week by saving your data on external drives or on CD/DVDs.



## How to use the fire extinguisher by Ahmed Johani

### When To Fight The Fire...

Fight the fire only if all of the following are true:

- Everyone has left or is leaving the building.
- The fire department is being called.
- The fire is small and confined to the immediate area where it started (wastebasket, cushion, small appliance, etc.).
- You can fight the fire with your back to a safe escape route.
- Your extinguisher is rated for the type of fire you are fighting and is in good working order.
- You are trained to use the extinguisher and know you can operate it effectively.

If you have the slightest doubt about whether you should fight the fire — DON'T! Instead, get out and close the door behind you.

### PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL TIMES!

Stay low. Avoid breathing the heated smoke and fumes or the extinguishing agent.

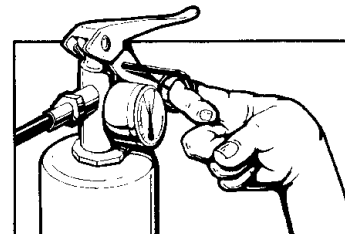
If the fire starts to spread or threatens your escape route, get out immediately!

### Remember:

If you are called on to use an extinguisher, just think of the word "P.A.S.S."

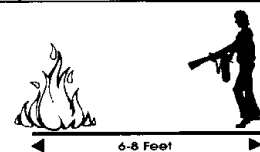
## PULL

the safety pin at the top of the extinguisher.



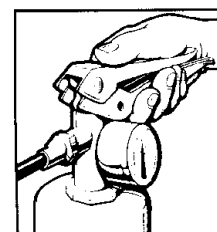
## AIM

the nozzle or hose at the base of the flames. Stay between six and eight feet away from the flames.



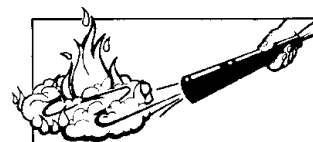
## SQUEEZE

or press the handle.



## SWEEP

from side to side at the base of the fire until it goes out.



By following these procedures, a fire can be extinguished in the quickest and safest manner possible.

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## Open Day Program at Al - Ahlaam Beach Safari Camp

by Esam Alahmadi



On May 6 the program will start at 1:30 p.m. when the activities leaders start to gather and lead the participants to the event location - 38 Km to the north of Yanbu using the YCAT bus. After having a great lunch at the seaside, Mr. Esam Alahmadi will give an introduction

about the extra-curricular activities.

At 4:20 p.m. the activities leaders, with the help of the scouts team, will start the afternoon fun program with beach soccer, volleyball, beach buggy, swimming and snorkeling (only good swimmers were allowed to swim). After Sunset Prayer a directive short speech to the trainees will be delivered by Mr. Abdullah Alshlui while soft drinks are served.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Esam Alahmadi will lead and conduct some team building games. At 9:30, the camp fire ceremony will begin and dinner will be served immediately after that.

## The importance of Being Punctual

by Philip Hanna

Punctuality is a life skill, and a courtesy that is expected of our trainees as part of preparing our trainees for adult life, including employment.

Being punctual shows you are dependable. Being punctual builds and reveals your discipline. Punctuality shows integrity.

"Punctuality is the politeness of kings." - Louis XVIII

If a teacher enters the class early, he is establishing good habits of punctuality by that. By being well organized and punctual, the teacher sets an excellent

example for the students to follow.

### Good practice:

College teachers have improved punctuality by making the first five or 10 minutes of the lesson particularly appealing to learners.

Teachers use this time to give learners valuable information about assessments, make announcements and provide news and up-dates, so that learners feel they are missing something critical by being late. The first activity in a session then rewards punctuality.

If you have any suggestions to improve attendance and punctuality please send an email to: philip.hanna@giz.de



## 100% Early Bird Student



Hussam Janby is a student in the electronics Department. He is very punctual that he is never absent or even late for a single day during since he started semester one and up to the day. We interviewed him as an example for the punctual student in the English department to find out what motivates him.

Could you tell us a little about yourself? My name is Hussam Fawzi Janby. I am a student in TVTC; Electronics Department. I am originally

from Jeddah, but is live here alone in Yanbu during the weekdays. I like to get back to visit my family in Jeddah every two weeks.

### How would you describe yourself as a student?

My background to date has been centered on preparing myself to become the best student I can possibly be. That means preparing myself properly for college. Let me tell you specifically how I do that. I am an early bird, I get up around half past five every morning and that allows me to be ahead of schedule and at college before the classes are due to begin. It also gives me an energy boost so I can attend all the classes and get my homework done on time.

### How has your college experience changed you so far?

Without doubt college experience has developed my skill in all aspects; my English language skills have improved no end. I am punctual, I have good communication skills, lots more confidence, hands-on learning experiences and interaction with other students and teachers, it's been great.

### What specific goals have you established for your future?

I want to work for ARAMCO or SABIC in the future, where they will train me for a further year after I finish college. I plan to improve my interpersonal and technical skills. My career goal is to be the best electronics technician I can be for the company I work for.

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