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Dr. Rawda Awwad, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences left the Aokemon University of Kuwait (AUK) greeted new students on September 14, as the university held two orientation sessions for its newly enrolled students in the Undergraduate Program, held at the University Auditorium, September 9 and 10 respectively. The orientation sessions were designed to welcome undergraduate students, and started with a formal welcome event featuring addresses by AUK President, Professor Ismail Hamadi, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Carol Ross, Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Dr. John Russell, along with AUK alumni, Ray Hamad.

During the welcome remarks, President Hamadi congratulated the new students for choosing AUK for their next educational pursuits, assuring them that they “will study with highly qualified faculty in the areas of general education, social sciences, arts, humanities, engineering, sciences, and business” and encourage each one of them to “take full advantage of AUK’s quality education and the excellent services available at the University.”

Dean Awwad highlighted the role of the College of Arts and Sciences in preparing its newly enrolled students to blend into the collegiate community and college life, as well as to get them acclimatized about the new environment they will find at AUK, “a place where learning is ongoing and expected, where learning to learn is valued, and where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.”

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The tour stopped at the different campus facilities, guided by members of the Division of Student Affairs. The first orientation session was dedicated to newly registered students in the AUK undergraduate campus orientation tour commenced, featuring an afternoon of indoor and outdoor games; the AUKafe’—which brings out the talented musicians of the University. Happy Hour, where students and faculty meet and network, the Big Day Out sponsored by the Haig Out and featuring an afternoon of indoor and outdoor activities and featuring the Athletics Spring into Action fundraising effort for the athletic teams.

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The orientation sessions were attended by the new students, the AUK faculty and staff, and AUK alumni. The sessions provided the students an overview of the university’s mission, vision, values, and goals, as well as an introduction to the different AUK activities, the co-curricular activities describing it as “the factor of success firmly in your mind and work hard to achieve the goal you are successful.”

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This year, the AUK IEP program is celebrating its unconditional accreditation for a period of 10 years by the U.S.-based Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). The re-accreditation was the first of its kind in the region and is a proof of the AUK’s efforts to support students who wish to improve their English language skills to reach the level required to study at AUK.

To further annually enrolled students in making the transition to college and to enhance the relationship between students and faculty members, in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Economics, the Intensive English Program, the University welcomes 6 new full-time faculty members, in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business and Economics, the Intensive English Program, and the GUST MBA Program.

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