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**A high level delegation from AL-ISTIQLAL University, Palestine on two day visit to JMI**

A delegation from AL-ISTIQLAL University, Jericho, Palestine led by its President Prof. Saleh Kh. Abousba are on two day (17-18 December) visit to JMI. Today, the delegation was formally received by the Vice Chancellor( Officiating), JMI Prof. Shahid Ashraf, Registrar, JMI Mr. A. P. Siddiqui(IPS), Prof. Mukesh Ranjan, Coordinator, Office of International Relations, Deans of all the Faculties and officers of JMI.

The delegation had a long interaction with the VC, JMI, Registrar and Deans of the JMI on improving the academic tie-ups between the two universities. Both the universities had already signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) in 2015 during the state visit of former President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee to Palestine. Speaking on the occasion the President of the AL-ISTIQLAL University Prof. Saleh Kh. Abousba said, “We are looking forward to enhance our relationship with JMI . Our university is new that is why we are looking for more cooperation from JMI for new avenues in curriculum and setting up new colleges in IT, mass communication etc . This opportunity is very crucial to us and we are looking for cooperation in many subjects and looking forward to learn from your experience in teaching and research.”

A short film of JMI and AL-ISTIQLAL University were also shown during the meeting. Vision, strengths and objectives of both the universities were discussed during the meeting. The university is seeking academic collaboration with JMI in the field of forensic science, law, mass communication, natural science etc. Officiating Vice chancellor of JMI Prof. Shahid Ashraf said, “ JMI is now 98 yrs old and it will be celebrating centenary year in 2020. We have moved a lot and JMI has improved its national ranking among more than 3000 institutions. We are among the top 20 Institutions which includes IITs and IIMs also . JMI is among the best in some of the subjects like mass communication, engineering, dentistry, social sciences , humanities , law etc and hopefully we will be able to provide some value addition to our collaborating partners from Palestine. “

After the meeting the delegation visited Department of Chemistry, Computer Science, Centre for Nan science& Nano Technology and Centre for Interdisciplinary Science of JMI. The delegation will again visit JMI tomorrow and will go to see the infrastructure at Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Faculty of Law, AJK Mass Communication & Research Centre, Centre for Distance and Open Learning and Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution of JMI. After visiting these faculties and centres the delegation will have an interaction with the Vice-Chancellor and Coordinator, International Relations, JMI.

AL-ISTIQLAL University was established in 1998 under the name of “The Palestine Academy for Security Sciences”. It is the first public higher education institution of its kind in Palestine, that is specialized in security sciences. The university works on providing high quality of education in specializations related to security sciences.

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