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## Importance of Religious Diversity

The Faculty of Law at Tishk International University (TIU) organized a national workshop titled “Importance of Religious Diversity in Kurdistan – Iraq” on November 19, 2024.

The workshop featured two speakers: Asst. Prof. Dr. Hussien Balisani, Dean of the Faculty of Law, and Asst. Prof. Dr. Kaban Abdulkareem Al Shex Ali, from the College of Islamic Sciences at Salahadin University. The moderator was Mr. Badr Muhammed Tahir, Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Law.

During the event, speakers and attendees discussed the importance of religious diversity, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence. The discussion also touched on promoting harmony in society and the need to respect all individuals.

On behalf of the Faculty of Law, Dr. Hussien Balisani expressed gratitude to the speakers and moderator. He emphasized the faculty’s commitment to hosting similar academic and international workshops in the future, reinforcing the university’s dedication to providing a comprehensive education that extends beyond traditional classrooms.

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# TIU Pharmacy's 2025 Autism Awareness Community Project

For the past seven years, the Autism Awareness Community Project has been an integral part of the academic year at Tishk International University (TIU)'s Faculty of Pharmacy. As part of this ongoing commitment, a special event was held in April 2025 to commemorate World Autism Awareness Day. This event was a key component of the Autism Care and Awareness Community Service Project, which aims to enhance understanding and support for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

## Key Project Initiatives

The Autism Community Service Project is led by a dedicated team of students and staff who meet at the beginning of each academic year to plan activities and set goals.

On February 26, 2025, the team organized a major food fundraising event. This initiative successfully brought together students, teachers, and community members to promote autism awareness and raise essential funds. The collective efforts and collaboration within the Faculty of Pharmacy were crucial to the success of this event.

In April, a delegation from the Faculty of Pharmacy's Administrative Office visited the Erbil Autism Centre. The purpose of the visit was to observe the progress of the trained children and assess the center's needs, reaffirming the faculty's commitment to providing continuous support.

## Impact and Celebration

The Faculty of Pharmacy was proud to organize a special event on April 24, 2025, at the Autism Centre to celebrate Autism Awareness Day. The funds raised were carefully utilized to purchase critical supplies and thoughtful gifts for the students at the center. This gesture was intended to provide essential tools while also demonstrating genuine care and support for their well-being and inclusion in society.

During the visit, students and teachers spent quality time with the children, participating in a variety of fun, interactive activities such as face painting, which was a popular choice. The experience was profoundly touching for everyone involved, highlighting the importance of empathy, compassion, and active community engagement.

The Faculty plans to continue these vital outreach activities in the future, with the primary goal of strengthening the bond between the university and the autistic community. This entire project was made possible through the continuous support of Dr. Abdulsamad Salahuddin, Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Dr. Mohammed Javed Naim, Head of the Pharmacy Department, and the wider university.

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# Autism Care and Awareness Community Service Project

Initiated on October 6th, 2022, and accomplished on May 18th, 2023, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University (TIU) successfully implemented this year's Autism Care and Awareness Community Service Project. The project was carried out under the supervision of Dr. Rozhan Arif, the Dean of Students Representative and Coordinator of the Faculty of Pharmacy, along with Research Assistants Dr. Saya Ameer and Dr. Sarmad Jabbar, as well as other supervisors including Dr. Ibrahim Khudhair, Dr. Omar Najmaddin, and Dr. Mohammed Sultan. Numerous volunteers from different grades also participated in the project.

Each year, the organizers of this project plan a series of activities aimed at raising awareness, understanding, and acceptance of autistic individuals. These activities span over several months and involve a range of preparations, workshops, fundraising events, and visits to autism centers to enable students to engage with and witness the daily struggles of those affected.

The project began by obtaining permission from the center's director on October 6th, 2022, to commence the project and coordinate access. Organizers established a communication group with volunteers, assigning responsibilities and distributing tasks. Meetings were held with the volunteers to design brochures, assign tasks, and schedule activities including shopping.

One of the key events was a fundraising event held on February 22nd, 2023, aimed at gathering support and financial aid from TIU students, staff, and external individuals. Faculty-student volunteers worked diligently to collect funds through various activities, such as selling homemade foods and handicrafts, providing henna designs, conducting competitions, and offering blood pressure, blood sugar, and body mass index measurements. TIU Presidency, staff members, and students enthusiastically visited the stands and made significant contributions to the fundraising efforts.

On March 30th, a group of volunteer students from the faculty, accompanied by their supervisor, Dr. Saya Ameer, went shopping to purchase stationery items for autistic children at an Autism Center in Erbil. The students and supervisors packed the bags with the items, prepared sweets, and adorned the center with balloons and other decorations ahead of the ceremony held on April 2nd, which coincided with World Autism Day.

During the ceremony on April 2nd, nearly 17 volunteer students, along with supervisors and other doctors, including the Dean and Head of Department, visited the Autism Center. The event took place in the presence of the children, their families, and invited guests. Brochures containing practical advice on caring for autistic children were distributed to parents, aiming to provide them with support and guidance.

The event included various activities organized by the volunteers to engage and entertain the autistic children and their families. These activities encompassed face painting, hand printing, and other interactive experiences, allowing the children to express themselves creatively and enjoy the event. The success of the project was evident as the children and their families expressed their gratitude for the volunteers' efforts and the Faculty of Pharmacy's involvement.

Finally, on May 18th, 2023, the Pharmacy Faculty arranged a final and comprehensive visit to the center to deliver all the gifts prepared for the autistic children and their teachers. These gifts included specialized toys and exercises tailored to each child's autism and cognitive impairment level. Students also had the opportunity to engage in various activities with the autistic children throughout the day.

We hope that all the goals and objectives of this project have been achieved. The project serves as a motivation for our students to care for and raise awareness about autism within our community. Continued collaboration and contributions are essential to further develop the educational support for autistic children and meet their specific needs.

# Orphanage Center Visit by Faculty of Pharmacy

As part of its ongoing commitment to social responsibility, the Faculty of Pharmacy at Tishk International University (TIU) organized a visit to the Orphanage Center in Erbil on June 30, 2025. The initiative was a component of the faculty's community service project, aiming to provide support and joy to the children at the local center.

## Project Initiatives

The project began with a successful fundraising campaign held on campus on February 26, 2025. The event was a collaborative effort involving the Dean of Students, faculty research assistants, and pharmacy students. Activities such as food preparation, interactive games, and the sale of handmade artwork contributed to the generous collection of funds.

Following the campaign, a meeting was held with the orphanage center's management to identify the children's specific needs. Based on this, major renovations were carried out on the garden and playground. Additionally, new seating benches and rechargeable lights were purchased and provided to the center as part of the renovation efforts.

## Impact and Experience

The visit had a heartfelt impact on both the children and the participating students. The children received essential supplies and thoughtful gifts that brought them joy and a refreshing break from their daily routines. Simultaneously, the students experienced a profound lesson in empathy, compassion, and the importance of giving back to the community.

Throughout the day, students demonstrated creativity and kindness through various activities, including group games and interactive play sessions. This project was a successful example of community engagement and collaboration, reflecting the values of compassion, social equality, and collective action. It also reinforced the role of higher education in addressing social challenges while nurturing the spirit of service and unity among students and staff.

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