Inauguration of the Laboratory at Al-Istiqlal University

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- **Event Description:**

Al-Istiqlal University, in partnership with the Erasmus Program, has opened a computer laboratory in the College of Humanities as part of its new collaborative project (Enhancing ICT Competencies for Early Childhood Teachers in Higher Education Institutions in the Middle East and North Africa Countries 2023-2025 ICT4EDU) with partners from four European universities and nine universities from Mediterranean countries (Palestine, Jordan, and Egypt).

The laboratory was inaugurated today, Tuesday, February 6th, in the presence of Dr. Ali Ayida, Vice President of the University for Administrative and Financial Affairs, Dr. Nader Shawamra, Dean of the College of Human Sciences, Dr. Nael Zaid, Dean of the Intermediate College for Security Studies, and team members: Dr. Amer Shehadeh, Dr. Fawzia Marmesh, Dr. Anwar Abu Hanoud, and Dr. Ibrahim Al-Shuli. Also present were

Dr. Yasser Hamed, Head of the Security Sciences Department at the College of Human Sciences, Dr. Hossam Qaddoumi, Dr. Ziad Sharqawi, Assistant Academic Vice President, Dr. Iyad Masoud, Assistant to the President for Public and International Relations and Media, and Mr. Nour Keswani from international relations.

Dr. Ali Ayida emphasized that this collaboration with Erasmus reaffirms Al-Istiqlal University's commitment to strengthening research capabilities in education, developing an advanced technological environment to empower teachers, modernizing curricula, and providing training to positively impact education quality in the region, serving the local communities in the Jordan Valley and Jericho, with plans to extend the experience to all regions of Palestine.

Dr. Amer Shehadeh spoke about the project and its objectives, stating that implementing the ICT4EDU project is crucial for identifying best practices, influencing education policies and curricula, and integrating ICT teacher training to meet the needs of digitally literate youth and children.

It's worth mentioning that the ICT4EDU project is a 3-year initiative, starting in January 2023, funded by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union, and coordinated by the University of Jordan (UJ) with 12 partners from Europe and the Middle East and North Africa region. The ICT4EDU project aims to ensure that new teacher graduates are proficient in using ICT in teaching, and to enhance digital literacy for teachers and students, particularly in supporting children with special educational needs or disabilities, as ICT plays a significant role in facilitating the educational process.

- **Agenda and/or announcement poster:Mouse Pad/Brochure/Banner**

- **Attendance sheet:**

- **PPTs for training material** *(if applicable)*

- **Press release/social media** *(if applicable)*

- **Video** *(if applicable)*

- **Photos:**