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Cities are hubs for ideas, trade, culture, science, production, social development, and other human activities. They play a crucial role in enabling people to achieve social and economic advancement. It is essential to mobilize support to ensure that policymakers are convinced of the need to include access to information in national and regional development plans.

On the sidelines of the Workshop on the Quality of Bologna Process Implementation, organized and hosted by Alnoor University, the university arranged a cultural tour for the participating delegations, led by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research for Scientific Research Affairs, Professor Dr. Haider Abd Dhahad, with the participation of several presidents of public and private universities, university vice presidents, college deans, and prominent academic and government officials. The tour included visits to a number of Mosul's historical, cultural, and religious landmarks, highlighting the ongoing efforts to revive the city's cultural identity and preserve its rich historical, religious, and architectural heritage. The delegation also visited *Baytuna Foundation for Culture and Arts*, the cultural wing of Alnoor University, as well as the Alnoor Center for Heritage Preservation, where they explored collections showcasing the authentic history and cultural legacy of Mosul. The tour concluded with a traditional Mosuli poetry and heritage evening presented by the renowned poet Waleed Al-Sarraf, attended by the participating delegations in a cultural atmosphere that celebrated the city's enduring identity and rich heritage. This event formed part of Alnoor University's commitment to enriching the workshop's academic program with cultural and heritage activities that strengthen communication among participants while showcasing the historical, cultural, and religious legacy of the city of Mosul.



As part of its commitment to academic and community engagement, Dr. Bashar Mahmoud Ali participated as a guest speaker in a panel discussion organized by the Mosul Families Council under the title *Private Higher Education: Alnoor University as a Model*. The discussion explored the significance of private higher education and its role in supporting sustainable development and serving the community through the experience of Alnoor University and the progress it has achieved in academic, research, and community service fields. During the session, Dr. Bashar Mahmoud Ali presented an overview of the university's journey, highlighting its educational, healthcare, and cultural initiatives, as well as its future plans for developing the university environment and strengthening its contribution to community service. He also responded to participants' questions and inquiries, providing valuable insights into the current landscape and future prospects of private higher education while emphasizing Alnoor University's role in advancing higher education in Nineveh and Iraq.



As part of Alnoor University's delegation program in the United Kingdom to expand international academic and cultural cooperation, the delegation accepted an invitation to visit The British Museum in London to explore one of the world's most significant collections documenting the civilizations of ancient Iraq and Mesopotamia. The delegation was welcomed by Professor Paul Collins, Curator of the Middle East Department at the British Museum and a renowned specialist in Mesopotamian archaeology and the Assyrian and Babylonian collections. During the meeting, discussions focused on Iraq's rich cultural heritage and the importance of strengthening academic and scientific collaboration in the fields of archaeology, cultural heritage, and museum studies. The delegation then toured the Museum's galleries, including the Assyrian collections and the Mesopotamian exhibits, where they viewed a number of the Museum's most distinguished artifacts, monumental sculptures, and reliefs originating from historic sites in Iraq, particularly Nineveh and the Assyrian palaces, which stand as remarkable testimonies to the grandeur of the Assyrian civilization and its enduring contribution to human history. The visit reflects Alnoor University's commitment to strengthening partnerships with leading international cultural, museum, and academic institutions, in line with its interest in archaeology and heritage tourism through its Tourism and Archaeology specialization, while also supporting scientific research and creating new opportunities for faculty members and students to engage with globally recognized heritage organizations. The delegation emphasized that the visit represents an important step toward establishing future academic and cultural cooperation between Alnoor University and the British Museum, particularly in areas related to the archaeology of Iraq and Mesopotamia, research collaboration, professional training, and the exchange of expertise, thereby contributing to the preservation and international promotion of Iraq's rich cultural heritage.

