

JCAHPO CHIEF VISITING KKESH

William Astel, MD, Consultant Pediatric Ophthalmologist and President of the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology Organization (JCAHPO) and Lynn Anderson, PhD, JCAHPO CEO, are scheduled to visit King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital (KKESH) on 29/3/2009 until 1/4/2009, corresponding to 2/4/1430H until 5/4/1430H. The reason of this visit is to computerize the JCAHPO written exam administered in the Hospital following the lead of centers in the United States of America. This new technology will ensure accuracy and quality of the test. KKESH is the only center in the Middle East that administers JCAHPO written and applied tests for Ophthalmic Technicians. The written examination system was adopted by KKESH in the Clinical Assistant Program (CAP) since the program started in 2001. After that, a visit by the JCAHPO's team took place in 2003 after which the program was accredited. To date, 30 Clinical Assistant Program (CAP) tests have been administered at KKESH.

Dr. AbdulElah bin Abbad Al-Towerki, KKESH General Executive Director, stated that this visit of the JCAHPO President and the CEO is important to modify the test administered at the Hospital to keep up with the new systems. In addition, this visit comes to enhance cooperation between the Hospital and the leading international medical centers and to improve the services offered to patients as per our Government's guidance.

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