Dr. Gad Elbeheri noted that the second transition from Diploma to Degree presented a greater challenge since it involves a shift from the vocational approach at Diploma level to the academic style in the Degree programs. The Dean emphasized that ACK has streamlined the 2+2 model by combining the separate Diploma and Degree programs into a consolidated School so that students stay within the one umbrella structure from the start of their Diploma to the completion of their Degree. There is a Head of School for Engineering and also for Business and within each School there are Heads of Program and Year Coordinators.

We then asked Dr. Gad whether any consideration is being given to recording selected classes and lectures so that students can refer to them later for revision. He commented that this might create some sensitivity between students and instructors; however, it could be implemented upon student request and instructors’ agreement.

Next, we queried Dr. Gad about his attitude towards the social media and if ACK could use this medium more for educational purposes. He replied that he acknowledges the importance of social media and supports it; however, within educational settings it must be focused on improving the learning environment and not just for idle gossip.

When we asked Dr. Gad what he loves to do the most when he is not in ACK he replied that he enjoys watching movies and also likes to relax by walking his dog on days when the weather is nice.

Our last question to Dr. Gad was about the place that he would choose to go to for his next holiday and why. He stated that he would love to pay another visit to Tasmania (Australia) and the United States of America, particularly to the State of Colorado mainly to enjoy the scenery of the mountains and lakes. Also, if he had the chance he would like to travel to New Zealand for a similar experience.