Applied Geosciences students marvel at Spanish geology

For the fifth time since the inception of the BSc programme at GUtech, the Applied Geosciences department of the university successfully organised an excursion to Spain with a group of 6th semester students. The 10-day excursion was held in Aliaga (Teruel Province, Aragon, in the Western part of Spain) and supervised by Asst Prof Dr Celine Ducassou and Dr Guilhem Estournes, with the help of Alina Götz.

"The students were studying one of the most classical exercises in Geosciences: Geological Mapping. Every day, they collected data on the field and had to combine the knowledge they acquired during their studies in different topics, in order to provide a geological map and a cross-section of their mapping area; then to reconstitute the geological history of the area from their observations," said Dr Celine, who has been organising the excursions in the past years.

The geological field area is located in the Geological Park of Aliaga and its surroundings. "This area is particularly well exposed and provides well-preserved fossils, sedimentary structures and interesting structural features like so-called faults and folds.

"The trip to Spain was a very educational and fun one. Aliaga Village is a remote area away from the city. The geology of Aliaga area is very amazing, the rocks, fold and faults can clearly be seen in the mountains. The trip was a one in a life time experience! To get an opportunity to map such an area and doing it independently was a both a challenge and an experience I would never forget!" said BSc Applied Geosciences student Ahlam Mohammed al Jabri.

For the Omani students, this excursion was also the opportunity to discover and adapt to a different culture and environment.