



## **'BAYT QATAR' TO SHOWCASE A WIDE RANGE OF QATAR FOUNDATION'S INITIATIVES**

**Doha, Qatar, 3 August 2016:** Qatar Foundation (QF) is to demonstrate its cultural initiatives to a global audience at Bayt Qatar, the Qatar Olympic Committee's hospitality house at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil this month.

Al Shaqab and Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), members of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), will each showcase Qatar's rich culture and diversity at the hospitality house. The Al Shaqab Arabian Horse World Championship interactive screen will give visitors an opportunity to learn about Qatar's rich equestrian heritage and its world-class equestrian facilities. HBKU is to make a range of books relating to Qatar available at its Rio bookshop, while documentaries will be screened to highlight Qatar Foundation's extensive sporting initiatives.

In addition, the Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG), a QF center that highlights the botanical terms mentioned in the Holy Qur'an will have a presence at Bayt Qatar; while Stars of Science, an "edutainment reality" TV program initiated by QF that inspires excellence in innovation, will exhibit a sports-related invention from the program on how camel injuries are identified and classified by specific casts.

"Qatar Foundation is committed to harnessing the opportunity of the Rio 2016 Games to promote cross-cultural learning between Qatar and Brazil. Both countries share a deep passion for sports and we believe this prestigious sporting event provides a valuable opportunity for us to strengthen ties between the countries and encourage future cross-cultural collaborations," Fahad Saad Al Qahtani, President of Community Development, QF, said.

"Through the extensive facilities and cultural activities at Bayt Qatar, the passion for life and sport of both countries will further encourage cultural exchange. Leaving a lasting legacy of Qatar and its achievements in Rio."

"The Olympic Games provides an occasion like no other to unite all countries, cultures, backgrounds and beliefs in a display of the very best of humanity. Qatar is a nation passionate about sport and we are very proud to be a part of the Olympic movement," Mr Al Qahtani concluded.

As Qatar sends its largest and strongest ever Olympic squad to the games, a total of 38 athletes across 10 sports, Bayt Qatar will welcome people from around the world to celebrate Qatar's warm hospitality. A former museum and historical heritage site, the Olympic hospitality house is to include an exhibition on Qatar's culture, heritage and history



as well as its sporting past, present and future. A dedicated Majilis will also be set up to host guests in a relaxed setting, while an outdoor souq will give visitors an authentic Arabic experience.

A full entertainment program at the hospitality house will highlight a progressive society, creating a celebration of Qatar's culture and heritage in the heart of Rio.

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### **Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential**

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. QF was co-founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Qatar Foundation's Chairperson. QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.