

“Thinking like Policy Analyst Workshop” concludes at QFIS

Doha, Qatar, 01 February, 2014- The workshop on “Thinking Like a policy Analyst” held by Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS), Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) has concluded its nine modules this month.

The Public Policy in Islam Master Program workshops are aimed at executive employees working for the public and private sectors in Qatar. University faculty and experienced practitioners presented nine different modules, every Tuesday, for successive weeks, from 19 November 2013 to 14 January 2014.

The training program combined theory and practical knowledge on the intricacies of Public Policy and Islam through case studies. The primary objective was to introduce and elaborate on the contemporary social and economic challenges from an Islamic-based perspective.

The Workshop Series finished with a closing ceremony, and case study presentations by the participating groups. Dr Evren Tok, the Academic Coordinator of the program, said that the workshop programme brought together a vibrant group of professionals with high-profile careers in Doha and the positive learning environment led to an extremely productive program.

Dr. Tok said, “The skills these professionals have been exposed to will enable them to analyze a policy from an Islamic perspective. Their professional experience has now been enhanced with knowledge to tackle contemporary challenges currently facing policy makers in the Middle East.”

The workshop participants included employees from various government and private sectors who occupy several executive and senior positions. Participants held different opinions about the workshop depending on the nature of their job. However, most of them agreed that the

workshop would improve their work performance, management skills and decision-making capabilities.

In February 17 to 20, Public Policy in Islam Program at QFIS is holding a public policy executive training called “Policy and Program Evaluation” presented by Professor Leslie Pal from Carlton University.

The Master Program of Arts in Public Policy in Islam at Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS) is a multidisciplinary program that is designed to respond to contemporary social and economic challenges from an Islamic-based perspective. So far, it has introduced a number of lectures, seminars, conferences and workshops that prepare a progressive cadre of leaders, capable and willing to govern in accordance with the noble values and ethics of Islam; promoting social and economic development; and enhancing the quality of life of all citizens regardless of race or creed. Public Policy in Islam Program conducts this workshop in collaboration with the Executive Training Program at QFIS. It offers a large variety of training programmes that are related to Islamic finance & banking, Islamic insurance, Risk and Asset Management as well as Strategic Leadership & Public Policy.

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