

## QATAR FOUNDATION NATIONAL SPORTS DAY ACTIVITIES HONORED AS BEST IN REGION

### *Organisation Earns Best Sporting Event Accolade At 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East EVENT Awards*

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**Doha, Qatar:** Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development National Sports Day 2014, which drew a crowd of nearly 14,000 people earlier this year, has been honoured for hosting the ‘*Best Sporting Event*’ in the Middle East.

Judges of the 7th annual Middle East EVENT Awards in Dubai acknowledged the sterling efforts of Qatar Foundation in staging the annual showcase promoting health, fitness and sport.

The award recognises an outstanding event, or set of events, with regards to organisation, creativity and athletic value. Events vying for the award must be public and can either be a one-day affair or a series of events organised under a main theme.

Qatar Foundation organised its National Sports Day 2014 celebrations on February 11, offering a range of sporting activities and competitions during the Qatari national holiday dedicated to the celebration of healthy living.

A full day of fun sports competitions that catered to the entire family, as well as those with special needs, was held in six different locations across Education City.

Commenting on the honour, Mr Ali Abdulrahman Al Muftah, Qatar Foundation Executive Director Support Services and National Sports Day chairman, said: “We are delighted to receive the Best Sporting Event award as the Qatar Foundation National Sports Day 2014 was a culmination of our ongoing efforts throughout the year to engage the Education City community in sports, fitness and a healthy lifestyle.”

“Qatar Foundation offers modern sporting facilities and health services to its community as part of our commitment to encourage a healthy lifestyle.”

There were more than 300 organisations competing for 17 different categories at the Middle East EVENT Awards.

**Image Caption 1:** Mr Ali Abdulrahman Al Muftah, Qatar Foundation Executive Director Support Services is pictured centre flanked by Mr. Mohamed Al Naimi, Community Affairs



director (left), and Mr. Mohamed Shaheen, Recreation Supervisor, together with senior recreation team members.

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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 a carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

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 commercializing 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.

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