



Press Release

ROTA AND VODAFONE QATAR CONTINUE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN CAMBODIA WITH INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS FOR GIRL STUDENTS AND TEACHER VOLUNTEERS' TRIP

Educational Training Trip To Phnom Penh Featured Teaching Technique Workshops

Doha, Qatar, 17th February 2015: Reach Out To Asia (ROTA), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), has completed its trip to Cambodia where 26 ROTA volunteers, students and teachers from Qatar-based independent schools for girls, travelled to conduct vital educational training for local schools. The trip was part of the ROTA International Outreach Program, funded by Vodafone Qatar.

Dana Haidan, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Vodafone Qatar commented: "We have a fantastic partnership with ROTA that we are proud of, part of the 'Vodafone Better World' CSR program. Through this partnership, we aim to support ROTA in its mission to promote the concept of community service and international volunteering among Qatari students"

The volunteers visited Cambodia's capital city Phnom Penh from 17 to 24 December where they conducted a number of workshops for the benefit of local teachers and staff of Hun Sen ROTA School and other schools.

As a member of QF, ROTA believes in the importance of unlocking human potential as well as the development of human capacities. Through this latest trip to Cambodia, ROTA is supporting QF's mission to provide world-class education and help foster progressive societies by addressing immediate social needs.

The schools that participated in the trip include Amna Bint Wahab Secondary School for Girls, Al Bayan School for Girls, Al Sailiyah Secondary School for Girls, and Qatar Independent Secondary School for Girls. The number of workshop attendees reached up to 400. The workshops



addressed skills development and cultural exchange; as well as sports training, hygiene, environment awareness, and teaching techniques.

The main aim of such trips is to expose volunteers to the reality faced by in-country ROTA beneficiaries in order to raise awareness of the importance of education as a tool for change. These trips further develop volunteers' psychosocial life skills and showcase international volunteering experiences that inspire more youths to take part in Qatar-based volunteering activities.

Mr Essa Al Manaai, ROTA Executive Director, said: "At ROTA, we give special attention to volunteers and training trips to the most affected areas in the world. The independent girls' schools activity cements the importance of collaboration between all members of the local community, to work as volunteers in order to raise awareness of the importance of education for creating dynamic and advanced societies. We also extend our gratitude to Vodafone Qatar for their continuous support of ROTA's efforts to ensure equal educational opportunities for all"

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About ROTA

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About Qatar Foundation

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. Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, 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 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.