



## **QATAR CAREER FAIR OPENS REGISTRATION FOR CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING COURSE**

*Specialised Course Aims To Equip Participants With Vital Career Guidance Skills And Empower Qatari Youth*

**Doha, Qatar, 4 April 2016:** Registration for the second edition of Qatar Career Fair's (QCF) Career Advisor Training Course (CATC) is now open. Launched in 2015, it is the first specialised programme of its kind to be offered for career advisors in Qatar and the Gulf region, and this year it is set to take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Certified by Kuder, a world leader in career planning services, the QCF course aims to equip participants with essential career guidance and planning skills, as well as the necessary tools to assist youth along their career journeys.

Offered in both Arabic and English, the course is open to the public and will be especially useful for career advisors, academic and vocational counsellors, human resources personnel, professors, instructors, scholars, and parents who play a key role in their children's career decisions.

Commenting, Mr Abdullah Ahmed Al Mansoori, Director of QCF, said: "We have attached a great deal of importance to this course because it will allow individuals to further their professional development. And it will offer in-depth knowledge of technology-based applications that can be used to enhance careers."

"Educational institutions will also benefit from the programme; it will enable them to help students make better, more informed choices about their post-secondary majors. This in turn will increase productivity on the job and personal life satisfaction," Al Mansoori added.

Additionally, throughout the duration of the course and six months thereafter, participants will have access to an online portal which will serve as a knowledge bank.

Dr Spencer Niles, who currently directs Kuder's research programme and coordinates Kuder's Research Review Board, will present the course along with Dr Mohammad Abul-Ola.

A distinguished professor and department head for Educational Psychology, Counselling, and Special Education, Dr Niles currently serves as the director of the Center for the Study of Career Development and Public Policy at Pennsylvania State University.

Dr Mohammad Abul-Ola is general manager of Integral Training & Development, a specialised firm that operates in training, learning, knowledge, and education fields. He holds a PhD from the Centre for Labour Market Studies at the School of Management at Leicester University in the UK and has over 18 years of professional experience. Over the last four years, Mr Abul-Ola's research has focused on the



sociology of work, in particular the fields of transition from school-to-work, education-industry partnerships, and career advisory and guidance.

Furthermore, those who register to take the Career Advisor Training Course will automatically be accepted into the Introductory Career Advisory Course, which will be hosted by QCF on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, at the Education City Clubhouse. The one-day intensive training session, which is accredited by the Association of Career Professionals International (ACP International), aims to equip counsellors and career advisors with the necessary skills and advisory methods to enable them to provide effective academic and career guidance.

QCF is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), and, the course which aims to empower the Qatari youth, reflects QCF's commitment to supporting QF in its mission to unlock human potential and promote a knowledge-based economy.

### **Image Captions**

**Image 1:** Participants from last year's Career Advisor Training Course (CATC), organised by Qatar Career Fair (QCF).

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### **Qatar Career Fair – Your Future in Your Hands**

Qatar Career Fair is one of the centres operating under the auspices of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. The goal of the centre is to develop and implement a number of programmes and initiatives that aim to spread career awareness and establish a career culture in society. It also seeks to achieve reassurance to Qatari citizens through career development, which would lead to utilising their capabilities and skills in a competent and efficient way in different work sectors of the country. Moreover, it also aims to create an atmosphere of career awareness as well as skills and capabilities development amongst students and graduates by enabling them to wisely plan for their future career paths, especially to select their areas of specialisation and the careers which are most suitable for their qualifications and capabilities.

### **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.

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