

Qatar Foundation's Education City Concept Wins Prestigious World CSR Congress Award

Doha, 4 March 2014: Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development has won this year's prestigious Sustainable Leadership Award at the World Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Congress, for its sustainable Education City Concept.

This accolade was awarded to Qatar Foundation at the Congress held in Mumbai last month. Considered by the Advisory Council as an enterprise actively catering to the adoption of sustainable living, the Education City Concept was regarded as an innovative method in which to permeate sustainable living across Qatari Society.

The World CSR Congress is an annual forum at which global leaders advocating the value of sustainable CSR, in regards to the future development of societies and nations, convene to acknowledge and discuss global corporate efforts.

Noting that this award is a notable achievement, with regards to Qatar Foundation's ongoing effort to unlock human potential, Engineer Jassim Telefat, Group Executive Director of Qatar Foundation Capital Projects and Facilities Management, said, "Qatar Foundation seeks to support the country's development plan put forth in Qatar National Vision 2030 (QNV). Therefore, the activities of all the centres and universities under its umbrella are built on the philosophy of advancing educational, scientific and community development."

Eng Telefat added, "Qatar Foundation remains dedicated to the sustainable development of Qatar and its community. Equally as important are our continued efforts at Education City to raise awareness in the local community, especially among the youth, about green living."

The Education City Concept embraces the four pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030 (QNV) – economic, social, human and environmental development. In that it offers to Qatar's population and private sector some of the world's top-class tertiary institutions for the development of human capital.

Socially speaking, Education City upholds Qatar's cultural heritage through its architecture, while promoting the role of women in the field of science, and hosting global congresses such as the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE).

In terms of its contribution to the economic pillar of the QNV, Education City encourages and supports the diversification of Qatar's economy through research and development for the benefit of local and international industries.



Environmentally, Education City makes great efforts to raise ecological awareness through green building and sustainable development. These efforts continue to be recognised internationally, most recently at last year's Big Projects Middle East Awards at which Qatar Foundation was decorated for the Education City Student Housing Complex, which is the world's only LEED Platinum certified student housing development.

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Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organization 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 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.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit <http://www.qf.org.qa>