



US 'CLOCK MAKING' TEENAGER AHMED MOHAMED VISITS QATAR FOUNDATION

American Teenager Tours Education City And Its Facilities

Doha, Qatar, 04 October 2015: Ahmed Mohamed, the 14-year old clock-making teenager from Texas, visited Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) today to see its world-class academies and universities.

The teenager and his family spent more than three hours touring Education City's extensive grounds and campuses. He was invited through QF's Young Innovators Program, which is part of the Foundation's on-going dedication to empowering young people from home and around the world to foster a culture of innovation and creativity.

As part of his visit, Ahmed viewed Qatar Academy, an institution that provides pre-school, primary and secondary education and prepares students for advanced study and higher education, with its Deputy Director Maha Al Romaihi and a student representative, Abdulla Al Subai. The teenager was shown the academy's classrooms, facilities, science laboratories, libraries, art department and the film room.

The teenager then moved on to Hamad Bin Khalifa University's Student Centre where he was welcomed by Jassim Al Muftah, Assistant Director of the Student Centre – HBKU Student Affairs, and toured the facilities, which included visiting the entertainment and recreation area, where he met with and socialised with the students who flocked to take photos with him.

Ahmed was then welcomed at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMUQ), which offers undergraduate programmes in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science, and information systems. The 14-year-old and his family were shown around by Feras Villanueva, Manager of Alumni Relations/Media Support, and visited the University's campus including the extensive library.

The visit to CMUQ was followed by a visit to Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ), which offers Bachelor of Science degrees in chemical, electrical, mechanical and petroleum



engineering, as well as two graduate degrees in chemical engineering, where Ahmed met with the Vice Dean Eyad Masad, faculty members and students, and he viewed the lecture halls and sports facilities.

Ahmed then met with Hamad Al Kuwari, Managing Director of Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP), a free-trade zone that serves as a hub for start-up enterprises and hosts leading technology companies from around the world. The teenager was impressed with the innovative and extensive developments he saw at QTSP.

Ahmed expressed his gratitude, saying: “I have had an incredible day touring Education City. The amazing facilities and programs on offer are really impressive and everyone I have met has been so welcoming and friendly. I am so grateful and happy to have been given this opportunity.”

Shortly after Ahmed’s talents were brought to the public eye, QF contacted Ahmed’s family and issued an invitation in recognition of his scientific and engineering capabilities that have recently earned him invitations to the White House, MIT and Harvard.

Ahmed is not the first young innovator to be impressed with QF, previous young talents have gone on to flourish after studying through QF’s Education Cycle. Palestinian Iqbal Al Assaad, went on to become the youngest ever medical graduate from Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar in 2013. Additionally, Mursi Khalid Mursi Saleh, from Sudan, began studying at Qatar Academy in 2006. Mursi is the first child from the Middle East to become a member of Mensa – the most prestigious IQ society in the world.

As an incubator of knowledge and talent, QF values being multicultural and diverse. The Foundation strives to attract bright young minds and talent and encourages gifted youth to reach their full potential.

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