

## **Qatar National Library holds first Board of Trustees meeting**

**Doha, 4 November 2013** – Qatar National Library held its first board of trustees meeting at the Arab and Islamic Heritage Collection building. This is in keeping with the directives of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, to establish Qatar National Library as a member of Qatar Foundation based on Decision No. 19 of the year 2013, and to appoint a board of trustees for it.

During the meeting, the board discussed the national library's strategic and business plans, in addition to reviewing its collection development strategy, which has been set up to meet the needs and interests of a diverse audience. Also on the agenda was an overview of the construction phases of the new library, which plans to open in 2015.

The Qatar National Library board is comprised of six members and led by His Excellency Sheikh Hassan Bin Mohammed Al-Thani, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Cultural Advisor of Qatar Foundation. The board is also comprised of Abdulla Al-Ansari, Director of Public Libraries, Soud Abdulaziz Al-Tamimi, Vice President - Operations at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, QF Education Division, Ellen Tise, Senior Director of Library and Information Services at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, a representative of Qatar Museums Authority and, a representative of Katara Cultural Village and Dr Claudia Lux, Project Director of Qatar National Library.

In attendance were Dr Abdullah Al-Sulaiti, Deputy Director for Research and Collections of the National Museum of Qatar; Dr Nadia Al-Mudahka, Director of Research and Studies in Katara; Dr Abdel Rahman Azzam, Communications Advisor of the Office of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser; and Saadi A. Al Said, Associate Director of Administration and Planning at Qatar National Library.

“As Qatar National Library continues to grow and develop, it is a huge benefit to be able to receive guidance from a board formed of such experienced cultural and information industry leaders,” said Dr

Claudia Lux, Project Director of Qatar National Library. “QNL’s Board of Trustees with their invaluable insight and expertise, led by His Excellency Sheikh Hassan Bin Mohammed Al-Thani, will have a tremendous impact on achieving the national library’s strategic objectives and will help establish QNL as an outstanding example among global libraries with all of its excellent functions, including being a research library, university library, and a leading metropolitan public library of the digital age.”

During the first board meeting, Dr. Lux presented an overview of the vast collection of valued online resources that QNL is currently providing freely to the entire state of Qatar. The online resources includes the latest bestsellers, classical works, concerts, top academic journals and documentaries. Anyone who lives in Qatar and has a valid Qatari ID/Residence Permit is eligible for free library registration and registration is available for public through the library’s website; [www.qnl.qa](http://www.qnl.qa)

QNL is a non-profit organisation under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. It is supporting Qatar on its journey from a carbon-based economy to a knowledge-based economy by providing resources to students, researchers, and the community in Qatar. Qatar National Library’s mission is to spread knowledge, nurture the imagination, cultivate creativity, and preserve the nation’s heritage for future generations. The library team is currently exerting all of its efforts to reinforce and facilitate the development of skills that will enable residents to participate in the global knowledge economy.

**-ENDS-**

### **Qatar National Library – Bridging with knowledge Qatar’s Heritage and Future**

Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organization under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). QNL is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon-based economy to knowledge-based economy by providing resources to students, researchers,

and the community in Qatar. It was announced in November 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

QNL carries out its mission through three functions, National Library, University and Research Library and a Metropolitan Public Library of the digital age. The National Library function collects and provides access to global knowledge relevant to Qatar and the region. It also collects, preserves and provides access to heritage content and materials about Qatar and the region. The University and Research Library function supports education and research at all levels by providing printed and digital library materials for students and researchers. Metropolitan Public Library delivers library services and information for everyone to enjoy reading, meet people and become information literate.

#### **MEDIA CONTACT**

For more information about Qatar National Library please contact:

**Gihan M. Baraka** +974 44546034

[gbaraka@qf.org.qa](mailto:gbaraka@qf.org.qa)

Learn more about Qatar National Library online at [www.qnl.qa](http://www.qnl.qa)

Twitter: @QNLlib

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TheQatarNationalLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/TheQatarNationalLibrary)