



QCF GRADUATES 25 CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING COURSE PARTICIPANTS

QCF Provides Improved Career Guidance and Training to Help Local Youth

Doha, Qatar, 05 June 2016: Qatar Career Fair (QCF) has recognised more than 25 participants from its 'Career Advisor Training Course', the first programme of its kind in Qatar and the Gulf region.

Certified by Kuder Inc., a world leader in career planning services, the five-day bilingual course brought together career advisors, academic and vocational counsellors, human resources personnel, professors, instructors, scholars and parents.

QCF Director, Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori, said: "We are celebrating the recognition of the second batch of members of the Career Advisor Training Course, held for the first time in 2015. We are confident the participants have gained valuable career planning knowledge that will help them carry out their duties in a professional manner."

"The programme aligns with our mission to empower Qatari youth as they embark on their professional journey through effective career guidance and planning services. It also contributes to our efforts to raise awareness in the field of career planning and professional guidance to the benefit of the labour market in the region, thereby contributing to the achievement of the Human Development Pillar of the Qatar National Vision 2030," Mr Al Mansoori added.

The course focused on nine vital competencies: helping skills; career development and choice theory; assessment and career planning; the role of information technology in career planning; ethical guidelines; teamwork; the use of technology; employment research skills; and programme planning and implementation.

Graduates will continue to have access to an online knowledge portal that remains open for six months following the course.

One of the participants, Faisal Al-Nuaimi, Head of Career Counselling at Qatar Petroleum, said: "I participated in the Career Advisor Training Course to learn how to implement international best practices in career development in my professional life. The CATC has provided me with a lot of scientific and technical information, such as assessments and theories in the field of career planning and guidance, which will assist me as a professional in the field in providing guidance to those who need it."



Course instructors included Dr Spencer Niles, Director of the Center for the Study of Career Development and Public Policy at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr Mohamed Abul Ola, General Manager of Integral Training and Development Company, who holds a PhD from the Centre for Labour Market Studies at the School of Management, Leicester University in the United Kingdom.

As part of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), the QCF course provides participants with the necessary skills, knowledge and techniques to enable them to provide effective career advice and guidance.

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Qatar Career Fair – Your Future in Your Hands

Qatar Career Fair (QCF) is one of the centres operating under the auspices of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). 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 help Qatari citizens, through career development, to utilise their capabilities and skills in a competent and efficient way in different work sectors of the country. Moreover, it 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 in selecting their areas of specialisation and the careers which are most suitable to their qualifications and capabilities.

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

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