

ROTA VOLUNTEERS LAUDED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DURING RAMADAN

Iftar Honours Efforts of ROTA Volunteers

Doha, Qatar, 5 July 2016: Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) recently held an Iftar for the volunteers who participated in the Ramadan ROTA 2016 Project to acknowledge and celebrate their commitment to serving the wider community in Qatar.

The Iftar, which was sponsored by Occidental Petroleum of Qatar Limited (Oxy Qatar), was held at the Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) Student Center. During the event, 250 ROTA volunteers were praised for their dedication and hard work in participating in the month-long programme of community service activities.

Throughout the Holy Month of Ramadan, ROTA volunteers were actively involved in reaching out to members of the wider community, developing and strengthening relationships with partners and raising awareness of the value of volunteerism and community service.

“Our ROTA volunteers have demonstrated incredible commitment to our Ramadan initiatives. They played an integral role in ensuring we were able to successfully execute all our community outreach programmes,” said Essa Al Mannai, ROTA Executive Director.

“The Ramadan 2016 Project provides new ROTA volunteers with the opportunity to participate in voluntary service and to contribute to the development of communities in Qatar. We are extremely grateful for their unwavering dedication towards making a positive difference to the lives of others,” said Mr Al Mannai.

ROTA volunteer Khalid Albalushi said: “It has been an absolute honour to be involved in ROTA’s Ramadan 2016 Project. It enabled me to give back and engage with different members of the community in a meaningful way. Being a ROTA volunteer has taught me so much about the importance of building a deeper sense of community.”

Stephen Kelly, President and General Manager of OXY Qatar, said: “Oxy Qatar is honoured to be sponsoring this incredible Ramadan initiative. We are committed to making positive contributions to the wider community in Qatar and we’re delighted to partner with ROTA, an organisation that shares many of our social responsibility objectives and is actively involved in community outreach and development.”

ROTA is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). Its Ramadan 2016 Project Qatar supports the Human Development and Social Development Pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030 by equipping Qatari youth with the necessary skills to make a valuable contribution to society, while developing a spirit of tolerance, constructive dialogue and openness.

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About ROTA

Reach Out To Asia is a non-profit organisation launched in December 2005 in Doha, Qatar, by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. Operating under the auspices of the Qatar Foundation, ROTA is committed to providing high quality and relevant primary and secondary education, encouraging relationships among communities, creating safe learning environments and restoring education in crisis affected areas across Asia and around the world. ROTA envisions a world, where all young people have access to the education they need in order for them to realise their full potential and shape the development of their communities.

For more information about Reach Out to Asia, please visit: www.reachouttoasia.org

About Qatar Foundation

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. Qatar Foundation was co-founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Chairperson 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 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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