

QATAR FOUNDATION WELCOMES VISITORS TO QATAR'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

*A Host of Educational Activities To Focus On Education, Science and Community Development
For Almost Two Weeks At Darb El-Saai Grounds In Al Saad*

Doha, Qatar, 6 December 2014: Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is welcoming visitors to a special tent at Darb El-Saai as part of the State of Qatar's Central National Day Celebrations taking place over a period of almost two weeks.

The tent will feature various activities and events showcasing Qatar Foundation's pride in supporting the national identity and nurturing a sense of belonging in Qatar.

From Monday 8 December until Saturday 20 December, Qatar Foundation's tent will include exciting and creative activities while promoting QF's continuous mission to build a knowledge-based economy and develop human and social capabilities in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030.

Event highlights include a large number of interactive activities presented by QF's various members and centres for young people. The activities are colour-coded to demonstrate the purpose of each activity.

There are also knowledge-based visual exhibits and musical shows, highlighting the Foundation's entire cycle that starts with instilling the love of learning in young people. This holistic approach to education continues to put students on the right path to creating a culture of knowledge-seeking. It also creates a scientific research platform among young people to develop their skills for key industries in Qatar and, in turn, contribute to the nation's progress.

Developing young people and their bond to Qatar's heritage

The activities at Qatar Foundation's tent at Darb El-Saai include a reading corner for young people, introducing them to Qatari heritage in order to create a powerful bond with Qatar's culture and history.

QF member Al Shaqab will give special riding and grooming lessons as well as horse healthcare tips outside the tent in an interactive and educational setting. This activity will allow visitors to explore the world of horses, which is deeply rooted in Qatari heritage. It provides an engaging experience for the community and in alignment with QF's mission to encourage community development, enhancing cultural life and preserving the country's traditions.

To help children choose a career path that serves the nation's development, the tent offers simplified class activities for them to learn about a variety of professions.

Throughout the National Day Celebrations, QF Radio, Qatar Foundation's in-house broadcast station, will provide children with the opportunity to play the role of a radio reporter and interview visitors. By simply interacting with the general public, this activity will boost children's confidence and self-expression by conquering their own shyness and fear in order to unlock their potential.

QF Radio will also be providing special coverage, featuring many exciting programmes and live broadcasts from the location of the celebrations on its Arabic channel on 93.7 FM and its English channel on 91.7 FM.

Activities for a healthy and sustainable lifestyle

There will be additional activities and events at the tent to encourage visitors to lead a healthy lifestyle in order to bring up healthy generations capable of building the future. This is where children choose their favourite ingredients and work out on stationary bikes to make their own smoothies. For adults, there are also various health activities, including weight and fat measurements.

A number of exhibits and activities have also been set up to promote sustainability and environmental conservation. These include a botanical exhibition for native plants and seeds, in addition to art activities that use recyclable materials such bottle caps to promote sustainability.

To encourage young people to master the art of dialogue, Qatar Foundation's tent will also contain a special corner for QatarDebate. This is where discussions about various subjects related to the Foundation's pillars and the objectives of Qatar National Day will take place.

Contests and workshops

The fun-filled activities include leading children into the tent to the sound of the Qatar Leadership Academy Chorus's rendition of the Qatar National Anthem, as well as various exhibits for schools. When inside the tent, children will be quizzed at various stages with the opportunity to win valuable prizes by testing their knowledge.

Qatar Foundation's tent at Darb El-Saai will also provide visitors with many opportunities to participate in arts and crafts workshops. These include fashion design, embroidery, leather products as well as introductions to pearl extracting.

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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. Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, 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 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.

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