

Qatar National Library wins a prestigious IT award

Doha, 8 February 2014 – Qatar National Library's Associate Director for Information Technology Krishna Roy Chowdhury, has won the 'Chief Information Officer (CIO) 50 Award 2014', as QNL was named among the top 50 organisations in the Middle East for its outstanding achievements in IT. The 'CIO 50 Awards' are presented by the Computer News Middle East Magazine (CNME), the Middle East's leading IT publication, to honour the many innovative ways that IT professionals deliver competitive advantage or accelerate business success.

The event was organised in Dubai by CNME and was attended by senior IT experts and chief information officers from across the Middle East to recognise organisations that have accomplished commendable work in the IT domain.

Ms Krishna Roy Chowdhury, was chosen for introducing advanced technologies and innovative initiatives aimed at improving QNL's business efficiency, and optimising an efficient business process.

Commenting on this award, Ms Chowdhury said: "This award further motivates the library's Information Technology's department to constantly challenge ourselves." She further added: "The innovation lies within the broad scope of technical library services that QNL has embarked upon. The holistic information and educational services QNL is offering, coupled with partnerships with international libraries, are technically vast. We are exerting all efforts to introduce innovative and efficient ways of doing business in order to foster greater collaboration, whether internally or with the library's different partners and stakeholders."

“Receiving this prestigious award reflects Qatar National Library’s commitment and focus on achieving excellence in Information Technology, which is a key business enabler in the library and information world,” said Qatar National Library’s Project Director Dr Claudia Lux. “We are delivering on our promises to serve the entire community by providing and introducing technologies that facilitate the experience of our many users’ types. In addition to the valuable and vast collection of online databases QNL is currently providing, the library will also introduce the Gulf and Arab Science online portal which will be accessible remotely through a mobile phone or any other handheld device.”

CNME has been the number one link between regional IT players and their key target markets for over two decades. The magazine drives messages of local relevance, business benefit and technology into focus, along with news analysis and exclusive interviews with global IT players. It covers all the important IT sectors in depth, combining compelling features, best practice case studies, and analysis of market trends through focused sections.

Qatar National Library is currently offering free, online access to a vast collection of online resources including the latest bestsellers, classical works, concerts, top academic journals and documentaries. QNL’s registered members can access a complete list of online resources by visiting <http://www.qnl.qa/find-answers/online-resources>. Anyone who lives in Qatar and has a valid Qatari ID/Residence Permit is eligible for free library registration. To register, please visit <https://library.qnl.qa/selfreg>.

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

Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organisation 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.

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