

## FAMILIES VISIT QATAR FOUNDATION'S TENT AT DARB EL-SAAI NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

*Fun Filled Activities Designed To Raise Awareness Of Local Culture And The Foundation's Many Initiatives*

**Doha, Qatar, 9 December 2014:** Thousands of students from across Qatar have visited the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development's (QF) tent at Darb El-Saaai today, the second day of the Qatar National Day 2014 celebrations.

The young people took part in a range of fun and educational activities based around Qatar Foundation's three pillars of Education, Science and Research, and Community Development.

In support of the Qatar National Vision 2030, the activities have been specially designed to engage the community with Qatar Foundation work and activities.

The events help introduce young people and the general public to QF's many initiatives and achievements supporting the nation in building a knowledge-based economy by unlocking human potential.

Praising Qatar Foundation, Mariam Al Marri, a Qatari teacher at Al Huda Elementary School, said: "I am delighted with the welcome that the children and I received. All the stations were very well explained by the members of staff and included detailed demonstrations. Through these activities, Qatar Foundation is helping to teach children to make something out of nothing, and this is truly admirable."

QF's participation in the 12-day celebrations and involvement from a wide cross-section of the community highlights the organisation's commitment to fostering an engaged society appreciative of its national identity and heritage.

Qatari visitor Khalid Muraikhi explored the QF tent, and said: "Qatar Foundation's participation in the Darb El-Saaai tent reflects the importance of this event for the Qatari people. The activities have been very well chosen, and everything is extremely well organised. QF is well-known for promoting events that preserve Qatar's national heritage, and it is clear by the huge crowds in the tent that this has been very successful so far."

Saoud Al Kuwari, another local visitor, also commented: "I really like the atmosphere within the tent. Plus, the event has been really well organised, and there is a range of activities on offer. It is wonderful to have this available for Qatar National Day."

The tent will be open throughout the Qatar National Day celebrations which, this year, are taking place from 8<sup>th</sup> December until 20<sup>th</sup> December. Open for all members of families. The

activities that include explanations and activities to promote sustainable living, riding and grooming lessons from QF member, Al Shaqab, as well as a reading corner of exercises designed to raise awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles.

Qatar National Day is celebrated every year, and is a national commemoration of Qatar's unification and independence.

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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>*