

Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press to hold information sessions at 27th annual Doha International Book Fair 2016

Doha, Qatar: Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press will be participating in the Doha International Book Fair (DIBF) 2016 held at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center from November 30 to December 10, 2016 in booth B48.

“Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press aims to support the vibrant scholarly and literary culture in Qatar by empowering local talent and by focussing on the ingenuity of the Qatari and Arab population.” explains Fakri Saleh, Head of Arabic Publishing at HBKU Press. “We hope to attract and inspire new authors to see HBKU Press as the leading choice for publishing in Qatar, and as a cornerstone of Qatar's knowledge-based economy.”

This year, HBKU Press will actively participate in the DIBF by holding open forums for those interested in a variety of topics. Young Adult author, Eissa Abdullah, will hold a session that will explore writing for the unique market of Young Adults. As the renowned author of the best-selling titles, *Cesaran's Treasure*, *Cesaran's Treasure-The Gate of Katara* and *Delmun's Riddles* and *Shawk Al Kawadi*, Abdullah will delve into the specifics of character development and tone of voice regarding this ever-expanding niche market. This is definitely a session not to be missed by anyone interested in gaining perspective as an author geared towards young adult readers.

Another forum will centre around the critical biography, *Saladin*, written by Dr. Abdul Rahman Azzam. Saladin was one of the most famous players in Islamic history. This ground-breaking biography uncovers the real Saladin, placing him in historical context against the backdrop of the 10th and 11th-century Sunni revival, a powerful sweeping intellectual renaissance that would ultimately transform every field of Islamic thought. Azzam himself will be in attendance at the HBKU Press booth to meet with fans and followers and the session discussion will be facilitated by Fakhri Saleh, Head of Arabic Publishing at HBKU Press.

As an integral part of Hamad Bin Khalifa University, HBKU Press supports the publishing of academic books. For those interested in this facet of the publishing world, Dr. Alwaleed AlKhaja, Senior Editor at HBKU Press, will hold a session that will examine the developmental process of how to publish an academic book with HBKU Press. Dr. Alwaleed will go through the define academic publishing, explain step-by-step the submission and publishing process, explore the concept of open access publishing, and demonstrate how and why HBKU Press is the number one choice in Qatar and the Gulf for authors and researchers looking to get published.

HBKU Press will crown its participation in this year's book fair with a much-anticipated book signing and meet and greet with best-selling Qatari author, Abdulaziz Al-Mahmoud. The

critically acclaimed author of *The Corsair* and *The Holy Sail*, will launch his new children's graphic novel *Arhama*, an epic tale of an adventurer who comes to appreciate the value of learning and being prepared in order to succeed.

The Doha International Book Fair 2016 opens every day from 9:00a.m. to 10:00p.m., and on Fridays from 4:00p.m. to 10:00p.m. Details about our session dates and times can be found on our Facebook page (facebook.com/hbkupress) and on Twitter and Instagram (@hbkupress).

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ABOUT HBKU PRESS

Hamad Bin Khalifa University Press (HBKU Press), formerly known as Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing (BQFP), launched its program in 2010 as a world-class publishing house founded on international best practices, excellence and innovation. HBKU Press strives to be a cornerstone of Qatar's knowledge-based economy by providing a unique local and international platform for literature, literacy, scholarship, discovery and learning. Headquartered in Doha, Qatar, HBKU Press publishes peer reviewed journals, monographs, reference books, fiction and non-fiction titles for adults and for children. Aiming to promote the love of reading and writing, HBKU Press is helping to establish a vibrant scholarly and literary culture in Qatar and the Middle East