



QATAR FOUNDATION HOSTS FINAL MARATHON IN QATAR RUNNING SERIES

Demonstrated QF's Commitment To Creating A Sports-Loving Society

Doha, Qatar, 12 March 2016: Over 150 men and women gathered to take part in the final race of the Qatar Running Series, which was hosted by Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) on Friday morning.

Organised in collaboration with Z Adventures and Crunch, the last race in a six-part series took place in Education City and was entitled 'QF Classic'. Catering to all abilities, the event featured four separate races, and included a marathon, a half marathon, a 10 kilometre run, and a five kilometre run. The event demonstrated QF's dedication to encouraging members of the community to adopt healthy, more active lifestyles.

Hend H. Al-Mousawi, Senior Supervisor, Recreation Services, Qatar Foundation, said: "We are delighted to have played host to the final race of this very successful running series. Not only did dozens of local runners compete in the different races today, but it also brought together a number of regional and international enthusiasts. At Qatar Foundation, we are committed to engaging the community and raising awareness of the importance of wellbeing, and today's race is tangible evidence of this dedication."

Simon Jones, Recreation Supervisor, Qatar Foundation, continued, saying: "Promoting healthy lifestyles is very important for Qatar Foundation. Recreation Services is responsible for managing a variety of facilities and activities that cater to the community. Education City is great for this type of event, because we have designated walkways and cycle paths throughout the campus."

The Qatar Running Series was created by Ziyad Rahim, CEO of Z Adventures. An accomplished long-distance runner, Ziyad holds 10 Guinness World Records in long-distance running. Explaining how Qatar Foundation was eager to be a host venue, Ziyad said: "I contacted a number of different organisations to partner with us. The first one to come forward was Qatar Foundation, and they hosted the first event in November. Such was the success of the first race, QF went on to host the season finale, too. I would like to thank Qatar Foundation, the work that was put in by the whole QF team was absolutely tremendous, and our runners thoroughly enjoyed the event."

The race attracted a number of world-class competitors from around the world, including Klaus Westphal, from Germany, who has taken part in marathons all over the world. By participating in the QF Classic, Klaus has run competitively in 111 countries. Additionally, married couple Peter Bennett and Yen Ngugen flew in for the weekend to complete country number 96.



Image Captions:

Image 1: The winners of the final race in the Qatar Running Series, which took place at Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) on Friday.

Image 2: Participants gather at the starting line of the final race in the Qatar Running Series, which was held at Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) on Friday.

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Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

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