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WCMC-Q welcomes Qatar's future physicians

Doha – August 25, 2013: Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) has introduced its new intake of students to the college with a week of orientation exercises.

The new students, who have joined the college's foundation and pre-medical programs, took part in a series of sessions designed to introduce them to their classmates, faculty members and life at WCMC-Q.

The five-day program of events, which ran from 18–22 August, also included sessions to introduce students to the university's electronic library, computer services and key study and time-management skills. The students received their new laptops and took seminars and workshops on English language skills, academic integrity and the college's QLearn electronic learning resource.

There were plenty of breaks from the world of academia, however, as the students participated in icebreaker sessions, visited Hamad Bin Khalifa University's Student Center and Katara cultural village, and enjoyed a murder mystery evening and an Arabian culture night.

A total of 21 students will take the foundation course in the 2013-2014 academic year, and 45 are enrolled on the first year of the pre-medical course. In total, 27 of the new students are male and 39 are female, with 15 different nationalities represented by the new cohort. Twenty of the 21 foundation students are Qatari nationals, and there are 13 Qatari students out of 45 enrolled on the first-year pre-medical course.

Dr. Javaid Sheikh, dean of WCMC-Q, welcomed the new intake to the college.

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He said: "It is my great privilege to welcome our new students to WCMC-Q on behalf of everyone at the college.

"The enthusiasm, optimism and energy of the students is wonderful to see and gives us great hope that they will meet and overcome the challenges that lie ahead on the foundation and pre-medical courses. With hard work and dedication these young people can become part of the new generation of doctors that we at WCMC-Q are helping to produce here in Qatar.

"I wish the new students every success in their endeavors and I look forward to seeing them progress towards the ultimate goal of becoming qualified physicians."

Qatari foundation student Abdulaziz Abdulghani, 17, said he was looking forward to launching himself into both his studies and sporting life at WCMC-Q.

"I have a great interest in neurology so I'm really excited about beginning my classes and learning more about it," he said. "But I also love playing football and tennis so I can't wait to join the student teams and play against my new classmates."

WCMC-Q needed no introduction for 18-year-old Qatari pre-medical student Hanof Ahmed, a graduate of the university's foundation program.

She said: "I know the university and quite a lot of people here, but I'm really looking forward to meeting my new classmates. I'm a little nervous about taking the step-up to pre-med because it's a very rigorous program, so I'm just hoping I will do well if I work hard."

Students on WCMC-Q's two-year pre-medical program take courses in biological science, chemistry, physics and calculus in the first year, while in the second year courses tackle subjects including neuroscience, medical ethics, human genetics, organic chemistry and immunology. Successful completion of the pre-med course prepares students to take WCMC-Q's four-year medical course, which is the only U.S. accredited M.D. degree offered outside of the U.S. The

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foundation course covers the basic sciences, English and mathematics, and prepares students for the pre-med course.

Indian pre-medical student Dayyan Adoora, 18, hopes his studies will eventually lead him to a career in radiology.

“Radiology is a part of medicine that’s really growing,” he said. “I know it’s going to be a long and hard journey to get there, but I love studying the sciences and I’m looking forward to the challenge of learning the difficult material on the course.”

The final day of orientation saw the students host a lunch for WCMC-Q’s catering and maintenance staff and package donated clothes and other items to be presented to Qatar Charity.

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Photos Captions:

Photo 1: Group photo with Dr. Javaid Sheikh (back, center).

Photo 2: Qatari students

Photo 3: Qatari students

Photo 4: One of the ice breaker sessions

Photo 5: Students pack donations for Qatar Charity

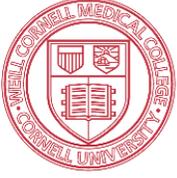
About Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar is a partnership between Cornell University and Qatar Foundation. It offers pre-medical and medical courses leading to the Cornell University MD degree with teaching by Cornell and Weill Cornell faculty and by physicians at Hamad Medical

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Corporation and Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital who hold Weill Cornell appointments.

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