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Hamad bin Khalifa University's Discover Education City 2013 Concludes

Doha, 5 October 2013 – Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) and its partner universities hosted their annual recruitment event, Discover Education City (DEC), on October 1st and 2nd at the HBKU Student Center.

A large number of high school students, along with their parents and high school administrators from across the country attended this year's DEC. Throughout the two-day event, visitors had the chance to learn more about HBKU and its partner universities, with a specific focus on the undergraduate programs they offered.

Some of the highlights of DEC 2013 included sessions in English and Arabic on out of classroom opportunities; information on admissions to HBKU's partner universities, as well as standardized testing requirements and a presentation about the Financial Aid programs available.

HBKU's Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Khalid Al-Khanji, said after the event: "Discover Education City is one of our most important annual events as it allows high school students and their parents to begin thinking about future academic endeavors."

Both HBKU and its partner universities were present over both days to assist students and address any queries that they had. The partner universities included Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar), Weil Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q), Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMUQ), Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMUQ), Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (SFS-Q), and Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q).

During DEC, HBKU's Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator, Khalifa Al Salahi, said: "Although Discover Education City is the kickoff event for the year, it paves the way for a wide range of activities that HBKU's Student Affairs hosts throughout the academic year. These include various programs, sessions and workshops, which are all designed to stress to students, parents and counselors, how important it is to prepare for university well ahead of time."



Rashed Al Kubaissi, a high school student in his senior year said: "We were expecting to meet university representatives who would only give us brochures and promotional material. However they took their time; sat with us, and were patient in explaining the admissions requirements. Having all the university representatives in one place was also helpful as we had the chance to look into all career opportunities offered. It was a very helpful event."

Over the years, DEC has become one of the key events on HBKU's calendar, with 2013 marking the 10^{th} year of this annual event.

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