



REACH OUT TO ASIA TO HOST FIRST-EVER GLOBAL YOUTH CONSULTATION

Bringing Together Youth From Around The World For Action And Involvement In Humanitarian Issues

Doha, Qatar, 14 July, 2015: Reach Out To Asia (ROTA), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), is set to host the first ever Global Youth Consultation for the United Nation's World Humanitarian Summit (WHS). Taking place in Doha from 1st to 2nd September 2015, the Consultation will bring together over 100 youth from around the world between the ages of 18 and 30, including 50 young men and women from Qatar.

As a member of QF, ROTA believes in the importance of unlocking human potential as well as the development and power of human capacities in-line with the Human and Social Development Pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030. Sharing the view that youth must be recognised as critical actors in rethinking the global humanitarian architecture, ROTA, as the event host, is using its expertise, knowledge and resources to ensure that youth are given this opportunity on the global stage.

Essa Al Mannai, ROTA's Executive Director, said: "ROTA believes that young people worldwide must be recognised as critical players in rethinking the global humanitarian architecture. We are proud that ROTA, representing Qatar, is hosting the first-ever Global Youth Consultation for the World Humanitarian Summit where promising young people are reshaping the world with their dreams and ambitions."

Al Mannai added: "The Consultation will address humanitarian needs in our fast-changing world from their perspective. Through the event, ROTA aims to galvanise agreements on key priorities for adolescents and youth, share innovative youth-led initiatives and partnerships, provide a platform for the next generation to be heard, and ultimately inspire greater action and involvement of young people in humanitarian issues."

The Global Youth Consultation will provide an excellent opportunity for 50 young men and women from Qatar to make their voices and opinions heard. They were selected under strict criteria and were interviewed by ROTA's Youth Advisory Board. Members of the ROTA's Youth Advisory Board have been



rigorously trained to interview delegates and empower their peers in order to take the event to new heights.

The World Humanitarian Summit was initiated by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon to improve global disaster preparedness and response. The WHS Global Youth Consultation aims to shape the global youth position by gathering input from youth on humanitarian challenges and solutions. The Consultation will allow the views of youth to be incorporated into the UN Secretary-General's report and the overall recommendations for the World Humanitarian Summit, which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2016.

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About ROTA

Reach Out To Asia is a non-profit organization launched in December 2005 in Doha, Qatar, by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. Operating under the auspices of the Qatar Foundation, ROTA is committed to providing high quality and relevant primary and secondary education, encouraging relationships among communities, creating safe learning environments and restoring education in crisis affected areas across Asia and around the world. ROTA envisions a world, where all young people have access to the education they need in order for them to realize their full potential and shape the development of their communities.

For more information about Reach Out To Asia, please visit: www.reachouttoasia.org

About Qatar Foundation

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.

About World Humanitarian Summit – Global Youth Consultation, Doha, 2015

The World Humanitarian Summit is an initiative of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to improve global disaster preparedness and response. In the lead-up to the summit in 2016 in Istanbul, the WHS seeks to collaborate with youth to shape the future of humanitarian solutions. The WHS will leverage off of existing mechanisms and other post-2015 processes. The WHS will also try to engage in other events and processes that focus on youth.

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