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## **ROTA VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATE GARANGAO WITH CHILDREN IN HOSPITALS**

*Garangao Celebrations Made Possible Thanks To Willing Volunteers And Generous Sponsorship  
From Occidental Petroleum Qatar*

**Doha, Qatar, 15 July 2015:** Last week, as part of Reach Out To Asia's (ROTA) Ramadan 2015 Project, committed volunteers gave up their time to celebrate Garangao with paediatric patients at Al Wakra Hospital and Hamad Medical Corporation. The festivities were funded by Occidental Petroleum Corporation (OXY Qatar), the exclusive sponsor of ROTA's Ramadan 2015 Project.

As a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), ROTA believes in the importance of unlocking human potential as well as the development and power of human capacities. ROTA's annual Ramadan Project aims to raise local awareness of the value of volunteerism and community service, and is aligned with the Human and Social Development Pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

For the ninth consecutive year, ROTA's enthusiastic and motivated volunteers shared Garangao celebrations with the children at Hamad General Hospital. This year was the first time ROTA included Al Wakra Hospital in its Ramadan 2015 Project. Around 40 ROTA volunteers took part in the festivities, interacting with children in both the inpatient and outpatient wards, spreading happiness, and distributing toys.

Mr Essa Al Mannai, ROTA's Executive Director, said: "Reach Out to Asia continues to carry out its Garangao activity in order to cheer up children with various medical conditions. I thank Allah for the positivity and determination of ROTA's volunteers to give back to those in need."

Al Mannai added: "I would like to thank the officials at Hamad General Hospital and Al Wakra Hospital for enabling us to reach these children. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Occidental Petroleum Corporation, our exclusive sponsor for our Ramadan 2015 Project. OXY has been an invaluable partner over the past four years in supporting ROTA's community development initiatives."

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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](http://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.



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