

PRESS RELEASE

Education City alumni showcase their artistic talent at HBKU Student Center

Doha, 24 February 2015 – Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), welcomes the first Education City (EC) Alumni Art Exhibition to campus this month, with a grand opening of the exhibit held on February 23rd. The initiative brings together the work of 6 EC graduates who share a common interest and passion: Sara Al-Emadi, Aisha Al-Naama, Rana Rwaished, Fatma Al-Rumaihi, Noor Al-Maadeed, and Sahwa El-Nakhly.

This year's participating alumni are graduates of Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar and Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, and come from diverse academic backgrounds including interior design, business administration, and graphic design. Each artist spent some of their formative years as a student at one of HBKU's partner university branch campuses, and by sharing their work with the local community hope to offer a glimpse into the breadth of talent that enriches the artistic landscape of Education City and Qatar.

An advocate of design thinking, eager to make a difference in her community, Aisha Al-Naama commented: "Participating in the Education City Alumni Art Exhibition is a great opportunity for us young artists or hobbyists to be encouraged to share our works, and to connect with other talented individuals within the Education City community, as well as to engage with the Qatari community."

Through their work, each young and talented individual brings a deep and enduring passion for art, with a hope to share their unique perspective and experiences with those around them. Whether they are currently working as an interior designer at Hamad Medical Corporation or as a graphic designer at Reach Out To Asia, the critical thinking and technical skills learned while studying in Education City, as well as the space they had to develop their creativity, has taken the artists far.

Though she completed her degree in business administration, Noor Al-Maadeed is an avid doodler and creative conceptualist. She expressed her excitement at being a part of the exhibition: "This exhibition gives a platform for upcoming artists to showcase their pieces and provides the public with an opportunity to learn more about art, allowing artists to show their pieces in a comfortable and educational setting."

Furthering the university's goal to support students and alumni in their development, the exhibition is sponsored by HBKU Student Life and open to the Education City community and the public at large. Those interested in experiencing the exhibition are encouraged to visit the HBKU Student Art Gallery, located in the HBKU Student Center, until March 22nd.

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About Hamad bin Khalifa University

Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is an emerging research university building upon unique collaborations with local and international partners. Located in Education City, HBKU seeks to provide unparalleled opportunities for scholarship, teaching, discovery, and learning for all of its students through an array of interdisciplinary programs.

HBKU's partners are Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Northwestern University in Qatar, HEC Paris in Qatar, and UCL Qatar.