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Future doctors welcomed to WCMC-Q

Doha – August 25, 2015: Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) has welcomed its new intake of students hoping to become the physicians of the future.

The college held a week's long orientation program for the students, some who have joined the Foundation Program and others who have joined the six-year integrated Medical Program, beginning with the pre-medical curriculum.

The orientation program featured daily icebreaker sessions to help the new students get to know one another, demonstrations of how to use WCMC-Q's digital library, and advice about key study techniques and time-management skills. The students also learned about the college's computer services and were advised about academic integrity.

Dr. Javaid Sheikh, Dean of WCMC-Q, said the intake of new students was one of the highlights of the college's year and that they would be the first to experience the college's new, six-year medical program.

He said: "All of our students are driven by intellectual curiosity but a new cohort really brings a breath of fresh air to the college. Their excitement and enthusiasm is palpable and their thirst for knowledge is truly inspiring. They have a state-of-the-art facility at their disposal and an experienced world-class faculty to teach them.

"Even more exciting is that they will now experience a new, integrated medical education program. They will still spend two years perfecting their scientific knowledge with a pre-medical curriculum, but they will no longer have to apply to join the medical curriculum. Their transition will be automatic, assuming they have met appropriate promotion conditions. Having seen and met many of our new students already I have every faith that they will do just that. I have no doubt that our new students - Qatar's future doctors - will make us proud in the coming years."

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In all, 54 students have been enrolled onto the six-year integrated medical program. Thirty per cent of those are Qatari.

The orientation exercises also gave the students the opportunity to contribute to the community. The doctors of the future served food at a lunch for maintenance and catering staff, and helped gather and pack items for local charities helping those in need.

Abdulla Al-Thani has just embarked on the first year of the six-year medical program. He said that orientation had been a great way to meet his peers but had also been informative, preparing the students for their future lives at WCMC-Q.

He said: "The orientation week was fun and it included some important information about college life. I am looking forward to having a very successful six years here and passing all my courses and exams. I'm also looking forward to getting a high score in the Medical College Admission Test, which will be a year from now."

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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 M.D. degree with teaching by Cornell and Weill Cornell faculty and by physicians at Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and Aspetar Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Hospital who hold Weill Cornell appointments. Through its biomedical research program, WCMC-Q is building a sustainable research community in Qatar while advancing basic science and clinical research. Through its medical college, WCMC-Q seeks to provide the finest education possible for medical students, to improve health care both now and for future generations, and to provide high

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