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## QATAR FOUNDATION WELCOMES MINISTERS TO HIGH-PROFILE DARB EL-SAAI TENT DURING NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

VIPs Acknowledge Important Role QF Plays In Drive Towards Achieving Qatar National Vision 2030

**Doha, Qatar 16 December 2014:** Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) today welcomed a Ministerial delegation that acknowledged QF's leading role in supporting the community, during the current National Day celebrations.

His Excellency Ali Sharif Al Emadi, Minister of Finance, and H.E. Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti, Minister of Transport, were accompanied by H.E. Issa bin Mohammed Al Mohannadi, Chairman of Qatar Tourism Authority, as they met exhibitors who explained the various educational activities being showcased within the QF tent.

Engineer Saad Ebrahim Al Muhannadi, President of Qatar Foundation, and Engineer Jassim Telefat, Group Executive Director of QF Capital Projects and Facilities Management, welcomed and guided the delegation around the impressive exhibits.

The ministers toured QF's popular tent, impressed with the wide range of activities being promoted across Qatar Foundation's core pillars of education, science and research, and community development.

The ministers expressed their interest in the showcase activities, congratulating Qatar Foundation for its sterling work in supporting the Qatar National Vision 2030 and went further to say they would like to visit QF's Education City to see the Foundation's various initiatives first hand.

Now in its ninth day, the celebrations at the Darb El-Saai grounds have attracted thousands of people of different ages to the many informative, fun and educational activities being organised by different centres and members affiliated to Qatar Foundation.

The activities reflect QF's commitment to support the nation's initiatives towards achieving the objectives of QNV2030 to build a knowledge-based society through its three pillars.

Promoting everything from healthy living and pride in Qatari heritage and culture to educational excellence at campus universities, expressing personal talent, and creating fascination in the world of science, Qatar Foundation's presence at Darb El-Saai has provided a unique platform for visitors to learn more about QF and its vision.

QF's various activities and events have been introducing its many initiatives and achievements through an engaging experience for visitors. The activities are aligned with QF's mission to encourage community development, enhancing cultural life and preserving the country's traditions.

Activities include a special corner for QatarDebate, a QF member, encouraging young people to meet and master the art of dialogue; QF's community broadcast station QF Radio offering young visitors the chance to be reporters for the day; exploring the world of horses, a tradition deeply rooted in Qatari heritage, through QF member Al Shaqab which is giving special riding and grooming lessons, as well as horse healthcare tips outside the QF tent; and plenty more.

Qatar Foundation's tent will be open throughout the Qatar National Day celebrations which, this year, run for 13 days until 20 December.

Qatar National Day is celebrated every year, and is a national commemoration of Qatar's unification and independence.

## Photos Caption

<u>Image 1:</u> His Excellency Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti, Minister of Transport; H.E. Ali Sharif Al Emadi, Minister of Finance; and Engineer Saad Ebrahim Al Muhannadi, President of Qatar Foundation, pictured right, being briefed on activities at QF's tent at the Darb El-Saai National Day celebrations.

<u>Image 2:</u> Pictured being briefed on activities at Qatar Foundation's tent at the Darb El-Saai National Day celebrations are, from right: His Excellency Jassim Saif Ahmed Al Sulaiti, Minister of Transport; H.E. Ali Sharif Al Emadi, Minister of Finance; and Engineer Saad Ebrahim Al Muhannadi, President of Qatar Foundation.

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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.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit <a href="http://www.qf.org.qa">http://www.qf.org.qa</a>