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REACH OUT TO ASIA ANNOUNCES FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF GLOBAL YOUTH CONSULTATION

More Than 300 Young People From 82 Countries Shared Thoughts In Doha

Doha, Qatar, October 13, 2015: Reach Out to Asia (ROTA), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), recently announced the final recommendations declared by the Global Youth Consultation (GYC) for the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS). The event took place in Qatar last month and was held under the patronage of HE Dr Khalid Bin Mohammed Al-Attiya, Minister of Foreign Affairs, State of Qatar.

As a member of QF, ROTA believes in the importance of unlocking human potential, as well as the development of human capacity in-line with the Human and Social Development Pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030. Sharing the view that young people are critical actors in rethinking the global humanitarian architecture, ROTA, through the recommendations, is ensuring that the youth are given a voice on the global stage.

ROTA, in cooperation with UN Major Group for Children & Youth (UNMGCY), identified five main topics for reshaping the humanitarian agenda around the world, including: 'Challenges on Meeting Humanitarian Needs'; 'Humanitarian Effectiveness'; 'Serving the Needs of People in Conflict'; 'Transformation Through Innovations'; and 'Reducing Vulnerability and Managing Crisis'.

The main topics covered were Funding, Accountability, the Right to Information and Aid Structure. On the subject of Humanitarian Effectiveness, the GYC had many recommendations, and discussed localisation of response and effective collaboration. The young participants of the event displayed wisdom beyond their years when addressing the needs of people in conflict. The GYC's ambitious vision was seen in their suggestions regarding transformation through innovation, an area in which young people have considerable advantage.

Essa Al Mannai, ROTA's Executive Director, said: "The participating youth had a deep and comprehensive understanding of their role in the global humanitarian agenda, and this was clearly reflected in their discussions as well as their final recommendations."



“ROTA is really proud to have hosted such a well-cultured and educated group of young people. We are honoured to share these recommendations with the UN, which will form part of the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit that will be held in Turkey in 2016, in addition to the UN’s Secretary General Report,” Al Mannai concluded.

ROTA was chosen by UNOCHA to host the first Global Youth Consultation for its tremendous efforts in supporting the youth, in particular, EMPOWER, ROTA’s flagship youth conference, which has taken place annually for seven consecutive years. EMPOWER has built a great reputation for enabling young people, from all over the world, to voice their opinions in the global sustainable development agenda.

For further information, please visit: <http://childrenyouth.org/2015/09/15/doha-youth-declaration-on-reshaping-the-humanitarian-framework/>

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About ROTA

Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) 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 realise 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 the World Humanitarian Summit – Global Youth Consultation, Doha, 2015



The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) 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 wants to collaborate with young people to create humanitarian solutions. The WHS will leverage off of existing mechanisms and other post-2015 processes. The WHS will also engage in other events and processes that will focus on young people.

For more information please visit <http://rchout.org/whs>