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*Delegates From Around The Region Receive Unique Architectural Insight Into Education City*

**Doha, 18 November 2014:** Delegates from the second annual American Institute of Architects (AIA) Middle East Conference received a guided tour of Education City on Saturday, Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development's (QF) signature development.

The tour offered visitors a unique insight into the architecture of the campus, while highlighting QF's commitment to quality, diversity and sustainability.

Held in Doha for the first time, the two-day AIA Middle East Conference was partially sponsored by QF. Bringing together industry specialists and government officials from around the region, delegates took part in a series of briefing sessions and informative panel discussions.

Ameena Ahmadi, Technical Director at QF's Capital Projects, delivered a presentation titled 'Type and Diversity within Education City's Architecture', which gave a comprehensive overview of QF's flagship development highlighting some of its signature buildings, including the Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Hamad Bin Khalifa University Student Centre, the new Qatar National Library building and the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Education City Mosque. The presentation also showed how Qatari heritage has been reflected and re-interpreted in QF's built environment through its different projects.

Ameena Ahmadi also discussed the overall design process, saying: "Qatar Foundation is committed to high-quality architecture and regularly invites high-calibre architects to contribute to Education City. Reciprocally, architects and students of architecture from all over the world have visited to learn more about what is being done here."

"Education City is certainly recognised regionally and internationally and is also highly regarded nationally by various authorities as a model and catalyst for development."

AIA Middle East is one of the largest chapters outside the US. Additional speakers included Mohammed Ali Abdullah, a Cultural Advisor, who discussed the Souq Waqif renovations, and Hiroshi Okamoto, a Partner at OLI Architecture, who gave a presentation about the Museum of Islamic Art.

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## **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 a 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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