

Qatar National Library Organises successful Public Lecture on the “Global Outlook: Focus on Middle East and Africa”

Doha, 19 November 2013 Qatar National Library (QNL), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development, recently organised a public lecture on “Global Outlook: Focus on Middle East and Africa” delivered by the Economist Intelligence Unit’s (EIU) Director of Country Publishing Mr Robert Ward.

The lecture took place at the Student Center of Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) and provided an insight into the economic and political situations and forecast for the different World regions. It also shed light on the business environments for opportunities related to growth and investments in the Middle East and Africa.

Mr Ward currently leads the Country Analysis team at EIU, which boasts some 60 country and industry analysts. He helps shape companies responses to changing economic and political trends. With nearly 25 years of experience in the Asia region, Mr Ward is also one of EIU’s leading Asia experts.

The lecture was well-received by the participants who came from different backgrounds but were all interested in the global economic outlook. The lecture offered an in-depth analysis of the current and forecast global economic situation based on extensive research and allowed for a clear review of the opportunities and challenges facing the World economy ahead. The lecture also had a Q&A session between Mr Ward and the participants.

Commenting on this event, Mr Saadi Al Said, QNL Associate Director for Administration and Planning, said: “QNL is supporting Qatar in its journey from carbon-based economy to knowledge-based economy by providing resources to students, researchers, and the community in Qatar. We are pleased to extend the scope of our services through organising such events that reinforce and facilitate the development of skills that will enable Qataris and residents to participate in the global knowledge economy.”

Mr Al Said added: “The organisation of such events also lends support to Qatar Foundation’s Mission of ‘Unlocking Human Potential’ through the QF’s three strategic pillars of education, science and research, and community development.”

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Qatar National Library – Bridging with knowledge Qatar’s Heritage and Future

Qatar National Library (QNL) is a non-profit organisation under the umbrella of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). QNL is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon-based economy to knowledge-based economy by providing resources to students, researchers, and the community in Qatar. It was announced in November 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

QNL carries out its mission through three functions, National Library, University and Research Library and a Metropolitan Public Library of the digital age. The National Library function collects and provides access to global knowledge relevant to Qatar and the region. It also collects, preserves and provides access to heritage content and materials about Qatar and the region. The University and Research Library function supports education and research at all levels by providing printed and digital library materials for students and researchers. Metropolitan Public Library delivers library services and information for everyone to enjoy reading, meet people and become information literate.

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