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REACH OUT TO ASIA VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT HOUSE RENOVATIONS IN KHARAITIYAT AREA

Doha, Qatar, December 21, 2015: Volunteers from Reach Out To Asia (ROTA), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), recently finished renovating a house in Kharaitiyat as part of ROTA's 'Reach into Qatar' project.

The goal of ROTA's 'Reach into Qatar' volunteer project is to extend community development assistance to the communities of Qatar, and it involves national and non-national volunteers visiting areas outside of Doha. The house renovation in Kharaitiyat took place from 5 to 12 December.

"ROTA's 'Reach into Qatar' project upholds our principle value of educating, engaging and encouraging all sectors of the community to participate in the spirit of volunteerism and community service, both inside and outside Qatar. In recent years, the ROTA Volunteer Program has extended the reach of our activities in Qatar to several communities outside Doha," said Essa Al Mannai, Executive Director of ROTA.

"As a member of Qatar Foundation, ROTA believes in the importance of unlocking human potential, as well as contributing to the achievement of the Human and Social Development Pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030. The 'Reach into Qatar' project is designed to support the National Vision by equipping Qatari youth with the skills and motivation to build a stable and secure society through fostering feelings of belonging and citizenship," he continued.

"I have been involved in previous ROTA house renovation projects and was able to see first-hand the effect the renovation of a house can have on the living conditions of a family," commented Hamad Al Jubara, a ROTA volunteer. "I am always keen to get involved with the 'Reach into Qatar' project, as there are many families outside our capital city in need of assistance."

The 'Reach into Qatar' project is exclusively sponsored by Msheireb Properties, which has been involved with a number of ROTA initiatives in Qatar. "Msheireb Properties is committed to contributing to the success of this project as volunteers helping ROTA complete the house renovations. This comes in-line with Msheireb's own vision of society development," said Eng Abdulla Hassan Al Mehshadi, Chief Executive Officer at Msheireb Properties. "With our continuous support to ROTA's project, we hope to make a positive impact on many lives and families outside of Doha."



The project is also supported by the Gulf Contracting Company (GCC), which handles the maintenance work on the ground, such as plumbing and electrical work, and also donates materials such as tiles and paint.

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About ROTA

Reach Out To Asia is a non-profit organisation 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. Qatar Foundation was co-founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Chairperson 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 <http://www.qf.org.qa>