



ROTA'S RAMADAN RENOVATION PROJECT FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BRINGS JOY TO STUDENTS WANTING TO LEARN

ROTA Supports Access To Education By Improving Classrooms For Local Pupils In Need

Doha, Qatar, 22 July 2015: As part of Reach Out To Asia's (ROTA) Ramadan 2015 Project, exclusively sponsored by Occidental Petroleum Corporation (OXY Qatar), local volunteers have been generously giving their time and effort to renovate the 'Education For All' (EFA) Preparatory School in Abu Hamour, Doha, and improving the conditions of the classrooms.

ROTA, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), supports QF's mission to unlock the potential of youth leaders to build strong, sustainable communities. Its pioneering Ramadan initiative aims to raise local awareness of the value of volunteerism and community service, and is aligned with the Human and Social Development Pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

ROTA's mission is to empower local communities, both here in Qatar and internationally, by providing access to quality education for those most in need. Over 100 ROTA volunteers worked for six days at the EFA Preparatory School renovating four classrooms, which included cleaning, scraping, painting, and assembling and installing furniture.

Mr Essa Al Mannai, ROTA's Executive Director, said: "Classroom's are the heart of a child's education, and without a safe, clean, and welcoming place to learn, we cannot expect children to make the most of their time at school. This school renovation is just one of the many local projects ROTA undertakes to ensure young people are getting the best possible education they can, allowing them to go on to be fulfilled and productive members of our society. With a generation of well-educated and passionate children, we have a solid foundation for achieving our National Vision and becoming a prosperous knowledge-based economy."

ROTA chose the EFA Preparatory School for the Ramadan 2015 Project school renovation activity after its ICT for Education Department donated a number of computers to the school last year. The Bangladesh MHM School & College was renovated last year as part of ROTA's Ramadan 2014 Project's school renovations activity last year.

Mrs Usma Paracha, Principal of the EFA Preparatory School, said: "We are very grateful to ROTA and its team of volunteers who gave their time to breathe new life into our school and classrooms. With their



help we can give our children the education they deserve and inspire them to be the best they can be. Now our school is somewhere they can enjoy being and growing in.”

In the past few weeks, ROTA has also successfully executed a full calendar of volunteering activities, including distributing bulk food items to families in need, community Iftars with labourers, and Garangao events with children in different hospitals. The Ramadan 2015 Project was made possible through the generous financial sponsorship from OXY Qatar and the invaluable support of ROTA’s incredible volunteers, ensuring their contributions continue to reach those most in need during Ramadan.

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About ROTA

Reach Out To Asia 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 realize their full potential and shape the development of their communities.

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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.