



## ROTA LAUNCHES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RAMADAN VOLUNTEER PROJECT

*Partnering with Local Organisations to Deliver '10 Years of Service' Campaign*

**Doha, Qatar, 23 May 2016:** Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) has officially announced its Ramadan 2016 Project, '10 Years of Service', which will include activities that support construction workers, the elderly, and other local groups in Qatar.

The announcement came during a press conference held on Sunday, and speakers included Mohammed Al Naama, Acting Executive Director, Reach Out To Asia (ROTA), and Stephen Kelly, President and General Manager of Occidental Petroleum of Qatar Ltd. (Oxy Qatar), the project's exclusive sponsor.

The ROTA Ramadan 2016 Project will, for the 10th consecutive year, feature a series of volunteer-led activities designed to contribute to community development in Qatar. To effectively implement the campaign, ROTA will collaborate with a number of local partners, including the Social Development Center, Hamad Medical Corporation, the Qatar Autism Center & Special Needs and the Bangladesh MHM School & College.

Volunteers will share *Iftar* with residents of the Qatar Foundation for Elderly People Care (IHSAN) and the Rumailah Hospital Residential Care Community. ROTA will also coordinate similar events for construction workers of the Al Shamal and Al Khor municipalities.

Mohammed Al Naama outlined the objectives of ROTA's Ramadan 2016 Project, saying: "This year we look forward to giving back to the community in Qatar. Teams of ROTA volunteers will, once again, reach out to various groups to make a positive and tangible impact in their lives. Through their service, they will continue to demonstrate the true value of volunteerism in society, which is a great source of pride for us here at ROTA."

Mr Stephen Kelly said: "Oxy Qatar is honoured to support ROTA's annual Ramadan Project, as it is an important part of our corporate social responsibility programme. Oxy Qatar has been working with ROTA for the past five years, during which time we have seen the Ramadan Project grow and achieve impressive results. Our employees have also been part of the volunteer programme, with new participants signing up every year."

Mr Kelly added: "It is wonderful to see so many people joining efforts to provide important and much-needed services to the community. We congratulate ROTA on its passion for volunteering, which manifests itself throughout the organisation and through contributions during Ramadan."



Earlier this month, ROTA offered volunteers the opportunity to join the Ramadan 2016 Project through the recently-launched 'TAMM Qatar Volunteer Network'. Numerous members of the community attended the volunteer registration event to learn about the initiative and sign up for specific activities.

As a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), ROTA believes in the importance of developing human capacity, and its Ramadan initiative aims to raise local awareness of the value of volunteerism and community service. Residents in Qatar can apply to become a ROTA volunteer by visiting [www.tamm.qa](http://www.tamm.qa)

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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](http://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.

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