

QATAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY HONOURS STUDENTS IN GRADUATION CEREMONY

18 Students Join QLA Alumni

Doha, Qatar, 25 May 2016: The Qatar Leadership Academy (QLA) officially honoured its Class of 2016 at a graduation ceremony in the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) on Wednesday.

HE Brigadier Ali Ahmed Al Kuwari, Director, QLA, addressed the 18 students during the ceremony, which was held under the patronage of HE Major General Ghanem bin Shaheen Al Ghanem, Chief of Staff of the Qatari Armed Forces, and attended by Major General Mubarak Bin Saeed Al Khayarin, Assistant Chief of Staff for Education.

"I am pleased to celebrate with you this joyful moment. It represents the culmination of a long academic journey, which is marked with outstanding efforts that have helped you fulfil the requirements of the Qatar Leadership Academy. I also share this moment of happiness with your parents and loved ones as they too celebrate your success," HE Brigadier Ali Ahmed Al Kuwari said.

"The best gift you can ever offer us is to distinguish yourselves and to acknowledge the academy's role in making you proud of your achievements. We will continue to serve you and to guide you beyond this graduation ceremony. Once again, congratulations on your accomplishments," HE Al Kuwari concluded.

A number of graduates were also recognised during the ceremony for their accomplishments over the last few years; these included Tamim Abdulrahman SM Al-Hoori, who was awarded 'Best Academic Performance', and Abdulla Ibrahim A A Al Sada, who was presented with the 'Leadership Award'.

Al-Hoori, also this year's valedictorian, addressed his fellow graduates: "At the Qatar Leadership Academy, we have gained the most valued knowledge of our lives, which is that learning doesn't end here. We have to continue to strive to achieve our targets and use what we have gained to make valuable contributions to our country for the benefit of future generations," he said.

During the ceremony, a drill was performed by the students, which was then followed by the national anthem. The event came to a close after the diplomas were awarded and a group photograph was taken.

Qatar Leadership Academy is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). Formed in 2005 under the leadership of Chairperson HE Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al Thani, it is the result of an innovative partnership between QF and the Qatar Armed Forces.

Designed to promote personal growth in young men, the academy takes a holistic approach to youth development, providing the highest standards of education to develop young men into future leaders. For more information about the academy, please visit: <u>http://qla.edu.qa/index.php</u>



-ENDS-

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.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit <u>http://www.qf.org.qa</u>