

## **QATAR MUSIC ACADEMY RECOGNISES SUPPORT OF OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM OF QATAR LTD**

**Doha, Qatar, 25 October 2015** - Qatar Music Academy (QMA), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), has thanked Occidental Petroleum of Qatar Ltd (Oxy Qatar) for its generous sponsorship of music education activities within the local community.

Oxy Qatar, the second-largest oil producer offshore the nation, has been an active partner in fulfilling QMA's goal of providing exceptional music education programmes to the community. QMA also supports QF's commitment to community development and enhanced understanding of arts and culture in Qatar through music.

The sponsorship funds were primarily used to purchase niche Arabic and Western instruments and equipment. Dr. Al Heeti, QMA Principal, commented at the recent appreciation event: "QMA's mission is to develop promising young talent from Qatar and the region and help them become the next generation of world-class musicians. Oxy Qatar has generously donated funds for a third time and has continued to enable QMA to provide the best quality equipment and experience for students who want to further their musical education."

Previous donations from Oxy Qatar have funded new musical instruments, library materials and state of the art music technology for QMA's music laboratory.

Mr. Steve Kelly, President and General Manager of Oxy Qatar said: "Oxy Qatar continues to support local art, culture and heritage through our partnership with Qatar Music Academy, which began in 2012. We are delighted that the new musical and electronic equipment will become part of the already wide variety of musical instrument resources available for students and professors."

### **Image Caption**

**Image 1:** (Pictured left) Dr. Abdul Ghafour Al Heeti, Principal of Qatar Music Academy, with Mr. Steve Kelly, President and General Manager of Occidental Petroleum Qatar Ltd. (pictured right)

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### **About Qatar Music Academy**

Qatar Music Academy, a member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, was established in 2011. It offers two musical educational programmes to more than 500 local students. Its 'Academic Music Programme' offers 5 to 18 year olds an intensive series of one-to-one music lessons, group theory classes and ensemble practice, all conveniently scheduled after school hours. Its 'Music for All Programme' offers a diverse and flexible range of musical activities for the whole community. QMA is also actively involved in community outreach initiative and music research projects.

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### **About Occidental Petroleum of Qatar Ltd. (Oxy Qatar)**

Occidental Petroleum of Qatar Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation (NYSE: OXY), an international oil and gas exploration and production company, and one of the largest U.S. oil and gas companies based on equity market capitalization. As Qatar's second-largest offshore oil producer, Occidental operates three projects: Idd El Shargi North Dome, Idd El Shargi South Dome and Al Rayyan. Occidental also partners in the premier Middle East trans-border Dolphin Gas Project, supplying natural gas produced and processed in Qatar to consumers in the United Arab Emirates and Oman. Occidental is committed to safeguarding the environment, protecting the safety and health of employees and neighboring communities and upholding high standards of social responsibility throughout its worldwide operations.

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### **About 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. QF was co-founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani,



the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Qatar Foundation's Chairperson. 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>