

## WISE RESEARCH REPORT LAUNCHED IN BEIJING

### *Media Roundtable Highlights WISE Report to International Audience*

**Doha, Qatar, 26 June 2016** – The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) recently launched an international research report on 21<sup>st</sup> century skills at a media roundtable in Beijing, China.

The WISE Research Report, entitled ‘Education for the Future: The Global Experience of Developing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills and Competencies’, describes the wide range of education priorities outlined by countries and international organizations. The report, produced in collaboration with Beijing Normal University (BNU), offers advice for policy makers on how to develop effective networks and education systems to cultivate skills and competencies.

WISE, an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), was represented at the event by Dr. Asmaa Al-Fadala, Director of Research, who spoke during the roundtable. Dr. Al-Fadala introduced WISE to the Beijing audience, focusing on the WISE Research Series and upcoming engagements and programs. Dr. Al-Fadala also told guests WISE would continue to collaborate with scholars and experts around the world to produce new research on the most crucial topics in global education.

“I would like to congratulate the BNU team for this timely report which challenges us all to consider diverse global perspectives on the skills our students, in many environments, need, and how we can support them today and in the future,” Dr. Al-Fadala commented.

Dr. Al-Fadala said, “The professional environment is becoming more and more complicated,” and that schools are responsible for helping young people “to better prepare for their future by adopting 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and competencies” and “to cultivate entrepreneurship.”

Prof Liu Jian, Director of the China Education Innovation Institute at BNU, and lead author, said the report, “offers advice on how to nurture 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies among young people,” and that this represented a new direction in educational reform worldwide.

The media roundtable brought significant national attention to the new WISE Research Report, and contributed to WISE's thought leadership in China. It also strengthened relations between WISE and Beijing Normal University, and opened collaborative relations with other distinguished institutions in China.

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### **Image Captions:**

Image 1: Dr Asmaa Al-Fadala, Director of Research, WISE, speaking in Beijing.

### **About the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE):**

Qatar Foundation, under the leadership of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, launched the World Innovation Summit for Education in 2009. WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative thinking, debate and purposeful action. Through the Summit and a range of ongoing programs, WISE has established itself as a global reference in new approaches to education, promoting innovation and partnership.

For further information about WISE, visit [www.wise-qatar.org](http://www.wise-qatar.org)

### **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.