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## **QATAR NANNY TRAINING ACADEMY WELCOMES SECOND CLASS OF STUDENTS**

***Qatar Foundation-Led Initiative –  
The First Of Its Kind In The Region – Attracts More Than Double The Number Of  
Students This Year***

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The Qatar Nanny Training Academy (QNTA), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), has welcomed more than double the number of students in its second batch of childcare training.

Following the success of the initial 10-month programme in which 14 students underwent training and successfully graduated last month, 34 are taking part this academic year.

The Academy is in line with Qatar Foundation's aim of fostering a progressive society and enhancing Qatar's cultural life and heritage, and one of the initiatives under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of QF. This is part of QNTA's vision to enrich the lives of Muslim Arab families by supporting Arabic-speaking nannies to impart Islamic values in the home. Being the first of its kind in the region, the Academy educates and trains nannies in the field of early childcare.

The students enrolled this academic year are from Arab countries, specifically from The Comoros and Djibouti. The training programme includes specialised courses in all aspects of childcare, including first aid, nutrition, hygiene, education, Arabic, Islamic and cultural studies. The Academy also offers world class facilities, including accommodation, health club, training centre, and fully equipped classrooms for all students.

The first batch of students has already been placed with families across Qatar. Omayat Sindhu, one of the graduates, expressed her gratitude to the QNTA.

"The Academy has offered me an unparalleled experience and enhanced my knowledge on childcare, especially keeping in line with the local culture and Islamic values. My

employer has really appreciated my education and what I learned at QNTA, as they expect their children to be raised according to Qatari customs and traditions.”

Dr Yousuf Abdelrahman Al Mulla, Chairman of QNTA, expressed his delight with how well the Academy has been accepted in the society, and is excited to welcome the academy’s second class of students.

"With the unprecedented success the Academy witnessed by employing all 14 students who graduated in the first class and the bigger number of students enrolled this year, I am confident the Academy will contribute to achieving Qatar’s 2030 vision, which places human development at the top of its priorities,” he said.

Ms Hessa Al Mansoori, Managing Director of QNTA, added: "The Academy brings Qatar one step closer to developing a knowledge-based economy, by providing services, education and training in the field of childcare. We are also keen to preserve the national identities of Arab and Islamic countries.”

She added, “Therefore, welcoming our second class of students, more than double the number of nannies we had last year, is a huge achievement, and one that marks a great step towards QNTA accomplishing its vision.”

The Qatar Nanny Training Academy (QNTA) honoured its inaugural class of 14 students during a graduation ceremony held at the Qatar National Convention Centre in early September 2014.

For more information about QNTA, please visit: [www.qnta.qa](http://www.qnta.qa)

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#### **About Qatar Nanny Training Academy:**

The Qatar Nanny Training Academy (QNTA) is an initiative backed by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, in a bid to improve the quality of home childcare and develop human resources in Qatar.

The QNTA provides high-quality training to Arabic-speaking nannies, in addition to highlighting the importance of teaching Islamic values. The training programmes focus on comprehensive childcare, enabling graduates to ensure the optimal physical and mental development of the child within their care.

## **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 a 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 Emir, 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 commercializing 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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