



## **QATAR FOUNDATION TO ORGANISE SECOND ANNUAL TEACHING AND LEARNING FORUM**

### ***Registration For Conference Now Open***

**Doha, Qatar, 30 March 2015:** Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development's (QF) Education Development Institute is set to organise the second annual Teaching and Learning Forum on 9th May 2015 at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

The event organised by the Education Development Institute, which falls under the umbrella of QF's Pre-University Education Office, will promote professional development and lifelong learning. Serving as a platform to facilitate the unlocking of human potential, the Institute is helping to fulfil the Qatar National Vision 2030's objective to transform the country into a knowledge-based economy.

Sheikha Noof Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Director of Institutional Development, Pre-University Education Office, commented on the upcoming conference, saying: "We are delighted to announce that registration for the second annual Teaching and Learning Forum is now open. In 2014, over 300 teachers attended the conference, and this year we are expecting more than 800 participants, which demonstrates incredible growth in just one year."

"The aim of this Forum is to create opportunities for teachers in Qatar to share their knowledge with other teachers within the community. By offering this platform that empowers teachers to reach their full potential, we are helping to foster excellence and support QF's vision to unlock the human potential of future generations," she concluded.

The conference is set to bring together K-12 teachers, who provide elementary and secondary education at levels ranging from kindergarten up to year 12, from across the country to network, discuss, and collaborate with each other.

Additionally, Sir Ken Robinson, an internationally recognised leader in the development of education, creativity and innovation, will be the keynote speaker for the event with a presentation on 'Leading a Culture of Innovation'.

The 90 different workshops on offer to participants through the day is a significant expansion from the 30 available in 2014. These sessions will be divided into four main themes, including 'STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)', which focuses on innovative

teaching and learning of science, design technology, information technology, and mathematics from K-12; 'Early Childhood Education', which focuses on educational practices for children from the ages of six months to five years; 'Innovation and Practice in Arabic Language Teaching', which focuses on Arabic teaching techniques for K-12 students; and Innovation and 'Practice in Any Subject using Technological or Non-Technological Techniques for K-12'.

The Education Development Institute regularly organises events designed to empower teachers and foster excellence in learning. During the past academic year, the Institute has conducted 15 Teacher Teaching Teachers workshops for over 160 SEC teachers, with topics ranging from classroom management to primary English teaching delivered by educators from QF institutions.

Furthermore, Qatar Foundation recently signed an agreement with International Baccalaureate (IB) to provide a series of teacher training workshops with the Education Development Institute hosting 13 IB workshops already this year.

To register for the 2015 edition of the Teaching and Learning Forum, or for additional information, please visit: [www.edi.qa](http://www.edi.qa).

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### **Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential**

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