



QATAR CAREER FAIR AND US EMBASSY CONCLUDE SUCCESSFUL CAREER COUNSELLORS TRAINING WORKSHOP

50 School Counsellors Attend Five-Day Training Programme To Improve Skills

Doha, Qatar, 7 April 2015 – Qatar Career Fair, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), and the US Embassy in Doha concluded a successful Career Counsellors Training Workshop, attended by 50 school counsellors from public and private schools across Qatar.

The five-day Career Counsellors Training Workshop, held at Education City’s Clubhouse, provided comprehensive, interactive professional development opportunities to school counsellors in Qatar. It also provided basic- to mid-level training to equip counsellors with the resources, knowledge, and strategies they need to effectively guide Qatari students in career and college planning and the college admissions process.

Qatar Career Fair’s variety of initiatives and activities support QF’s mission to unlock human potential by creating awareness of education, training and career development opportunities for nationals available in different sectors in the country.

The latest workshop consisted of a series of lectures, guided group activities, group assignments, and presentations that allowed school counsellors to learn more about helping school students through the college counselling process. In addition, the workshop covered many aspects of career and college counselling such as how to create a community of learners, the college admissions process, career searches, counselling calendar, and ethical standards.

Qatar Career Fair and the US Embassy in Doha hosted Ms. Margo McCoy, a US Licensed Professional Counsellor, to conduct the five-day workshop. She has decades of experience as a college counsellor in international schools around the world, as well as the US public school system.

Nearly 1,200 Qatari students are currently studying in the United States —an increase of almost 20 per cent from last year. Further educational exchange opportunities for US and Qatari students continue to grow.



Mr Abdulla Al Mansoori, Director of Qatar Career Fair, said: “This workshop was the latest in a series of career training programmes that Qatar Career Fair has been engaged in, important for us to assist counsellors enhance their skills to pass on invaluable advice and guidance to our youth in helping them chart their career paths.”

“At Qatar Career Fair, we are committed to providing key stakeholders with the necessary tools and techniques to support Qatari youth make informed decisions about their academic and work careers. We have a key role in supporting Qatar Foundation’s mission to create an exceptional educational support system for youngsters and were delighted to have partnered with the US Embassy here in Qatar to bring one of America’s leading experts to conduct the five-day workshop.”

US Ambassador in Qatar, Dana Shell Smith remarked: “Study in the US and the American universities at Education City have a critical role to play in forging strong educational and cultural ties between Qataris and Americans. These educational exchanges are facilitating the robust exchange of ideas and perspectives in Qatar that seeks to become a bridge between the East and West, and in building the country’s own human capital to manage the rapid growth and modernisation.”

At the end of the workshop, participants completed an evaluation to assess its effectiveness as it relates to the goals and objectives. Participants also received a certificate of participation from Qatar Career Fair and the US Embassy. Follow-up activities were also recommended for the participants, to ensure information provided in the workshop was absorbed and utilised.

The Career Counsellors Training Workshop is one of many year-round initiatives and activities organised by QCF. The centre aims to assist Qatari youth in making decisions about their future academic and work careers, and to serve as a catalyst, supporting the aims of Qatar National Vision 2030.

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Qatar Career Fair is one of the centers operating under the auspices of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. The goal of the center is to develop and implement a number of programs and initiatives that aim to spread career awareness and establish a career culture in society. It also seeks to achieve reassurance to Qatari citizens through career development, which would lead to utilizing their capabilities and skills in a competent and efficient way in different work sectors in the country. Moreover, it also aims to create an atmosphere of career awareness as well as skills and capabilities development amongst students and graduates via enabling them to wisely plan for their future career paths, especially to select their areas of specialization and the careers which are most suitable for their qualifications and capabilities.

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