

## **MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SIGNS MOU WITH QATAR FOUNDATION**

*Agreement Aims To Improve Working Conditions For Migrant Workers In Qatar*

**Doha, 8 November 2014:** The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) aimed at improving working conditions for migrant workers in Qatar. Under the agreement, the two parties will work together to encourage organisations and residents to be more respectful of migrant workers, while seeking to improve sponsorship laws in Qatar.

Qatar Foundation has been actively involved with initiatives in recent months to improve the welfare of workers across QF construction sites.

A number of senior representatives attended the signing ceremony, including His Excellency Dr Abdullah Saleh Mubarak Al-Khulaifi, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs; His Excellency Engineer Saad Bin Ibrahim Al Muhannadi, President of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development; Engineer Jassim Telefat, Group Executive Director of Qatar Foundation Capital Projects and Facilities Management; and Sheikha Amal Al Thani, Health, Safety, Security & Environment Executive Director in Qatar Foundation.

In the presence of senior officials from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and QF, Mr Khalid Al Ghanim, Director of Inspection, Department at the Ministry of Labour, signed the MoU with Engineer Jassim Telefat, on behalf of QF.

His Excellency Dr Abdullah Saleh Mubarak Al-Khulaifi said: "Qatar is facing a number of significant challenges related to migrant workers. Local organisations will be required to make a concerted effort to solve these issues, so we applaud Qatar Foundation's dedication to improving the welfare of workers in Qatar."

His Excellency Engineer Saad Bin Ibrahim Al Muhannadi also commented: "Qatar Foundation is delighted to be partnering with the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, as this agreement represents a significant step towards improving the labour laws in Qatar."

"Qatar Foundation hopes to become a role model for the public in the treatment of migrant workers, and to lead by example. And, in doing so, Qatar Foundation is helping develop the community, and working towards overcoming challenges to unlocking human potential."

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### **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. 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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