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AEB Recognizes Creative Achievement and Design Excellence at VCUQatar

Doha, Qatar – Arab Engineering Bureau presented the 2016 awards for Design Excellence, and Creative Achievement and Potential to two graduating and two junior students from Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar) during a ceremony at the university recently.

AEB's Group CEO and Chief Architect Ibrahim Jaidah, a long time supporter and friend of VCUQatar, presented the Arab Engineering Bureau Award for Design Excellence in Graphic Design to graduating student Dana Chua, and for Design Excellence in Interior Design to graduating student Mario M. Bermejo.

The awards were instituted by Jaidah to encourage and assist graduating students as they start their careers as designers in Qatar and the region. Jaidah is recognized as a pioneer of a new architectural movement that combines the far-reaching influences of Islamic art with modern styles to create memorable landmark structures that are shaping Qatar.

“We are committed to national development and we are invested in supporting young and enthusiastic generation of designers from VCUQatar. Over the years VCUQatar graduates have proved to be in the forefront of the design industry in Qatar; and it is our absolute pleasure to be able to award such individuals for their hard work and help them kick start their careers,” said Jaidah.

The Arab Engineering Bureau Award for Creative Achievement and Potential was presented to graphic design junior Alisha Saiyed and interior design junior Majdulin Nasrallah. These awards aim to help the junior students recognize their true potential, create leadership and encourage them to continue developing their skills through their senior year. The awards are a major highlight of the academic year for VCUQatar's students.

VCUQatar's Dean Akel I. Kahera said the university was hugely grateful for the continued support from AEB over the past decade and added that the awards recognized

the students' commitment to their future careers in what is a very competitive and demanding environment.

Besides the awards, AEB and Jaidah continue to partner with VCUQatar through their participation in Tasmeeem Doha, VCUQatar's biennial international design conference, as well as by offering internship opportunities to VCUQatar students.

About Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar:

VCUQatar is the Qatar campus of the prestigious Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Richmond, Virginia. Established in 1998 through a partnership with Qatar Foundation, VCUQatar offers students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in fashion design, graphic design, interior design and painting & printmaking, a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history and a Master of Fine Arts degree in design.

In addition to a comprehensive annual public events program that includes a wide range of exhibitions, lectures and fashion events, the University hosts the biennial international design conference Tasmeeem and the biennial Hamad bin Khalifa Islamic Art Symposium, attracting globally recognized designers, academics and thinkers while fostering sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of Qatar. For more information please visit www.qatar.vcu.edu

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organization 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 Amir, 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.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit <http://www.qf.org.qa>



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