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## QCDC HOLDS THIRD EDITION OF CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING COURSE

*Joint Initiative Between QCDC and Sidra Brings Together more than 25 Employees*

**Doha, Qatar, February 27, 2017:** More than 25 employees from Sidra Medical and Research Center (Sidra) participated in the third edition of Qatar Career Development Center's (QCDC) Career Advisor Training Course (CATC), the only bilingual program of its kind in Qatar and the GCC region.

The five-day course kicked off on February 12 at the Education City Clubhouse, welcoming Sidra employees exclusively as part of a joint initiative with QCDC. The majority of participants were experts in the field of human resources including managers and administrative coordinators.

Commenting on the program, Mr. Abdullah Ahmed Al Mansoori, Director of QCDC, said: "We are delighted with this fruitful cooperation with Sidra; a collaboration that reflects the importance of knowledge and expertise exchange between members of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development in line with its mission to provide a better future for Qatar and its people."

"This new batch of participants follow 40 other employees who have participated in the past two editions of the program. We will continue to work hard to attract the best talent from around the world to promote career guidance, empower Qatari youth and enable their professional development in line with their potential and capacity. "

The course is designed to equip participants with essential career guidance and planning skills, as well as the necessary tools to assist Qatar's youth and workforce in their career journeys. It offers participants insight into their career development track and in-depth knowledge of the planning system at their workplace, in addition to guiding and assisting individuals with the use of technology-based applications that benefit career development.

Dr. Kholode Al-Obaidli, Chief Learning Officer at Sidra, said: "Sidra's capabilities and strategies are tied to the ultimate goal of enabling the growth and advancement of Qatar's healthcare services. Our staff from across clinical, research, academic and support service roles are the driving force that can help us achieve this. However, it is our human resource teams who play a strategic role in ensuring that our rapidly growing organization is equipped and supported by the right caliber of people."

"We are pleased to work with QCDC in supporting the professional development of our HR and Learning and Development teams. Through this joint collaboration and the support of our leadership at Sidra, we are empowering them to identify, develop and nurture the talent and skills of our employees. Our focus



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goes beyond our current staff, it also takes into account the next generation of career professionals looking to join the healthcare sector,” she added.

This year’s program was presented by Dr. Sylvia Nassar, a Professor and Doctoral Program Coordinator of Counselor Education at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Nassar, who has served in a variety of clinical mental health, school, and college settings over the past 30 years, and launched several initiatives to promote the professionalism of counseling and counselor education, said: “Throughout my long career as an expert in professional counseling and education, I have participated in numerous conferences and delivered hundreds of courses and presentations on career guidance. Speaking from experience, I can tell you with confidence that the CATC provides an excellent opportunity to advance the best career planning and guidance practices in Qatar.”

Dr. Nassar has published nearly 90 books, refereed articles, and other instructional materials and delivered more than 100 conference presentations.

QCDC, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), will hold the fourth edition of the program in May 2017, providing an opportunity for employees from across Qatar to participate in the course.

### **Image Captions**

**Image 1:** A group discussion during the third edition of Qatar Career Development Center’s (QCDC) Career Advisor Training Course (CATC).

**Image 2:** Qatar Career Development Center’s (QCDC) logo.

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### **Qatar Career Development Center - Your Future in Your Hands**

Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, formerly known as Qatar Career Fair (QCF), aims to be the country’s beacon for career guidance, preparing the nation’s young human capital to



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respond to the requirements of the QNV 2030, by instilling career guidance within Qatar's socio-economic culture.

QCDC supports Qatari capacity building and empowers youth to better plan their career paths in line with their potential and the future needs of Qatar's labor market. It also equips parents and career guidance and development practitioners with career guidance knowledge and information needed so they may best advise and guide their children and students.

QCDC also aims to enrich and support career guidance policy making and practices by contributing to quality career literature, insights and consulting as well as offering high quality career services by professional experts.

### **Sidra Medical and Research Center**

Sidra Medical and Research Center will be a groundbreaking hospital, research and education institution, focusing on the health and wellbeing of children and women regionally and globally.

Sidra represents the vision of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser who serves as its Chairperson. The high-tech facility will not only provide world-class patient care but will also help build Qatar's scientific expertise and resources.

Sidra will be a fully digital facility, incorporating the most advanced information technology applications in all its functions. Designed by renowned architect Cesar Pelli, Sidra features a main hospital building and a separate outpatient clinic. The main hospital will initially have 400 beds with infrastructure to enable expansion to 550 beds in a subsequent phase.

Sidra opened its Outpatient Clinic on 1 May 2016 with the launch of three clinics – Dermatology, Pediatric General Surgery Consultation and Obstetrics. These clinics are supported by radiology, pathology, pharmacy and laboratory facilities. The Sidra Outpatient Clinic offers outpatient services for women and children through a referral based system in partnership with other healthcare providers in Qatar.

Sidra is also part of a dynamic research and education environment in Qatar and through strong partnerships with leading institutions around the world, Sidra is creating an intellectual



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ecosystem to help advance scientific discovery through investment in medical research. For more information please visit [www.sidra.org](http://www.sidra.org).

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

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, nonprofit 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. QF was co-founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Qatar Foundation's Chairperson. 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 commercialising 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>