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QCDC WRAPS UP 5TH EDITION OF ITS CAREER ADVISOR TRAINING COURSE

Initiative falls in line with Qatar Foundation's efforts to bolster career guidance

Doha, Qatar, March 14, 2018: Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC), a member of Qatar Foundation (QF), has wrapped up the fifth edition of its Career Advisor Training Course (CATC), which aims to provide participants with essential career guidance and planning skills to assist young people in their career development journeys.

This edition of the course, offered only in English, brought together 15 career advisors, academic counsellors, and experts in career guidance and career development from leading Qatari organizations including QF, Awsaj Academy, Qatar Airways, and Qatar Petroleum.

Launched in 2015, the CATC is the first customized training program of its kind for career advisors in Qatar and the GCC region. The course is also certified by Kuder Inc, a world leader in career planning services.

Abdulla Al Mansoori, Director, QCDC, said: "We are very pleased with the success of the fifth edition of our Career Advisor Training Course, which builds on the success of the program's previous editions. This course is of significant importance to professionals seeking to develop their career guidance skills.

"Throughout the five-day program, participants learned how to use and apply technology-driven applications to advance career development and to help students or adults make informed choices about university tracks and determine their career plans. Thus, this initiative plays a role in shaping our nation's future by equipping participants with the necessary skills to guide Qatari youth," he added.

Course instructors included Anita Abraham, Professional Development Specialist of Science, National Center for Educational Development, College of Education, Qatar University, who has worked in the field of education for 25 years; and Susanna Mascarenhas, Professional Development Specialist, National Center for Educational Development, College of Education, Qatar University, who, with a career spanning 28 years in Doha, has seen first-hand the growth of education in Qatar.

"The Career Advisor Training Course is quite different from the other workshops, as it meets the competencies required from career advisors. Participants learn how to deliver, plan, and implement a career guidance program at their workplace with students or the human resources they work with," said Abraham.



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"The course caters to the needs of career advisors, offering participants the opportunity not only to learn the theoretical aspect but also to apply it in different scenarios at the workplace. Participants also gained planning and creative thinking skills and learned how to deal with clients and students in different situations," she added.

Ahmed Al-Baker, HR Training Specialist at Hamad International Airport, said the program was very useful: "I recognized the importance of planning in the workplace and learned how to develop planning programs," he said. "I also recognized the importance of understanding customers' needs and how to work to achieve their goals and aspirations. We need more of these useful and important initiatives to train Qatari cadres in a bid to achieve the human development pillar of Qatar National Vision 2030."

The course focused on nine areas, including 'Helping Skills', 'Career Development and Choice Theory', 'Assessment and Career Planning', 'The Role of Information in Career Planning', 'Ethical Guidelines', 'Working with Groups', 'Using Technology', 'Employability Skills', and 'Program Planning and Implementation'.

Additionally, six months after the completion of the course, participants will have access to an online interface for the course, which will serve as a knowledge bank.

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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 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 labour 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.



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Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is a non-profit organization that supports Qatar on its journey to becoming a diversified and sustainable economy. QF strives to serve the people of Qatar and beyond by providing specialized programs across its innovation-focused ecosystem of education, science and research, and community development.

QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with quality education. Today, QF's world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level, enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation's development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

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