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QATAR CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES SUMMER CAREER CAMP 2017

High School Students Learn Invaluable Skills to Enrich Academic and Professional Potential

Doha, Qatar, July 20, 2017: Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC) has concluded the fourth edition of its Summer Career Camp, with 55 secondary school students taking part. The two-week camp featured a variety of activities and educational programs, as well as stimulating workshops that offered practical skills and knowledge to help inspire students as they plan their future academic and career paths.

A large number of Qatari students participated in the camp, which included site visits to leading organizations in Qatar such as Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar Tourism Authority, Msheireb Museums, Qatar Development Bank, and Qatar Business Incubation Center. These visits offered a glimpse into different professions, and taught students about the career opportunities available at each organization. Students also participated in a number of workshops delivered by the organizations to help them match their abilities and skills with a variety of career choices.

Abdulla Al-Mansoori, Director of QCDC, said: "We're pleased with the number of Qatari youth who have benefited from QCDC's efforts, which aim to help young people make more informed career choices. The decisions they make today will not only shape their futures, but will also outline the future of the country. Therefore, we must ensure that these decisions are made in a mindful and informed manner, and identify the various associated factors."

"Through this camp and all of its other programs and initiatives, QCDC aims to keep Qatar's youth in mind and help them to make positive career choices, which, in turn, are in the best interest of Qatar and its future," he added.

As part of the educational workshops, the students learned how to write resumes and prepare for university admissions; both important skills as they progress through their academic and career paths.

The Summer Career Camp 2017 focused on additional topics such as entrepreneurship and handicraft projects, in order to demonstrate careers outside traditional office jobs, including starting a business and making use of personal talents. Students also participated in a series of



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handicraft workshops, including a session on how to make perfume. The students were then given the opportunity to produce their own perfumes by mixing various oils and scents.

This year's camp featured special guest Sheikha Al Wadaani, a Qatari psychology major at the University of Sussex in England. In 2013, Al Wadaani created a new game as part of her participation in the INJAZ competition, where she won the 'Best Student Company in Qatar' award. Later, she participated in the INJAZ Al-Arab regional competition, where she won the 'Best Social Impact' award. Al Wadaani's game, titled 'Learn and Enjoy,' aims to teach students about different school curricula and subjects, and was inspired by the famous board game Monopoly.

Al Wadaani shared her success story with the students and invited them to modify her game to be more career-relevant. Students in turn shared what they learned during the Summer Career Camp 2017.

Additionally, QCDC and Al Wadaani have collaborated to develop a practical framework to launch a new version of the 'Learn and Enjoy' game focusing on four key areas: military, medicine, business, and tourism. The camp's attendees were divided into different groups to add more areas, topics, and questions to the game. This new version of the game will be used by QCDC in its various trainings, workshops, camps, and programs.

Commenting on her experience, Mai Al Qubaisi, a participating student, said: "I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the camp, as we've benefited a lot from our participation. We learned how to decide on our academic choices and have a better understanding of our capabilities. I advise all students to join the coming editions of the camp, and urge them to work for the development of our country to achieve the Qatar National Vision 2030, because Qatar deserves the best from its people."

The Summer Career Camp is one of several initiatives organized by QCDC, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), designed to help Qatari youth make decisions on their academic and professional potential.

Image Captions:

Image1: A group of students modify the 'Learn and Enjoy' game at Qatar Career Development Center's recent Summer Career Camp 2017.



Image2: A participant at Qatar Career Development Center’s Summer Career Camp 2017 creates her own perfume.

Image 3: Qatar Career Development Center’s Summer Career Camp 2017 participants visit Al Shaqab.

Image 4: Engineer Nayef Alibrahim, ibTECHar Founding Partner and CEO, explains digital fabrication to the Summer Career Camp students inside a Sanea Bus, in collaboration with Qatar Development 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.

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



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programs across its innovation-focused ecosystem of education, research and development, 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 research and development 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>