

QATAR CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER CONCLUDES WINTER CAMP 2017

Around 30 High School Students Took Part in the Event

Doha, Qatar, January 21, 2017: Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC) celebrated the successful completion of its Winter Career Camp 2017 in a ceremony on Thursday, January 19, at the Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) Student Center.

Eng. Meshal Al-Shamari, Director of Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC); Dr Abdul Ghafour Al Heeti, Director of Qatar Music Academy (QMA); and Hassan Al-Saai, Journalist and Anchor at Qatar TV attended the event, along with a number of media professionals and journalists. During the ceremony, certificates of participation were distributed to around 30 high school students.

The camp provides students with the basics of a strong career culture and helps them to discover their skills and talents, which will allow them to carefully choose their future careers.

The 2017 edition featured five days of interactive workshops designed to hone students' personal skills and develop their professional capacities. The sessions included 'Success Skills', which aimed to equip students with the basic skills to excel in the labor market and succeed in their careers, and 'Leadership Skills', which introduced students to leadership traits and the principles of successful teamwork.

Abdulla Al-Mansoori, Director of QCDC, said: "We are honored to graduate a new batch of students from the Winter Career Camp 2017, and we hope they will utilize the skills and abilities they have gained here to make decisions regarding their academic and career paths. QCDC aims to help youth in Qatar to join the labor market and help Qatar as it transforms into a sustainable, diverse economy."

QCDC has organized the Winter Career Camp for three consecutive years to help students secure a promising professional future. Shaheen Al-Sulaiti, QCDC Senior Operations Officer, said: "This year's workshops and activities were aimed at equipping participants with the necessary skills to choose the career path that best fits their potential. Participants gained first-hand insights into job opportunities in Qatar through site visits to leading organizations across the country, and gained the necessary professional skills to effectively and successfully prepare them to join the labor market."

The site visits included a trip sponsored by Msheireb Museums to the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Jassim House, where students listened to a lecture about the history of the heritage house and its cultural significance to Qatar before inspecting the paintings and archaeological exhibits in the building.



Students also visited Lusail City, where they learned about the smart and sustainable design of leading residential and recreational landmarks as well as the self-sufficiency plans that characterize the modern and unique project, which include a light railway network and floating taxi system.

Students also toured the different facilities of Hamad International Airport, including observation towers, duty free shops, and airline and information offices. Additionally, participants visited the Immigration Department, where they learned about job opportunities at the airport and the responsibilities of each department.

The visits were also aimed at helping students enroll in the right school and university programs by learning about possible career opportunities, and enabling them to make important decisions in the coming years.

Students praised QCDC for its role in supporting future generations through such programs. Ahmed Al-Kuwari said: "After my visit to Msheireb Downtown Doha, I came to realize that I like the teaching profession because it helps familiarize community members with Qatar's cultural heritage and history and contributes to the development of people's skills and abilities."

Additionally, Hassan Al Saai, said: "I wish I had had the opportunity to participate in such a useful activity during my study years, as it helps to instill a career culture among students and encourages them to discover their skills and talents. I would like to encourage others to take part in future editions so they too can acquire the basic skills that will help them excel in the job market and succeed in their careers."

Qatar Career Development Center (QCDC) is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). For more information about its programs and activities, please visit our website: www.qcdc.org.qa.

Image Captions:

Image 1: QCDC Winter Career Camp 2017 participants visit Lusail City.

Image 2: Students listen to a lecture organized by Msheireb Museums.

Image 3: Students participate in a leadership skills workshop.

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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 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.

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