



H.E. SHEIKHA HIND JOINS QATAR FOUNDATION STUDENTS IN NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

Students Celebrate Rich Local Traditions with Song and Story

Doha, Qatar, December 10, 2017 – Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Foundation (QF), and His Excellency Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al-Thani, Chairperson of Qatar Leadership Academy (QLA), joined more than 1,500 students, parents, educators from Pre-University Education (PUE), and QF senior officials in a colorful celebration commemorating Qatar National Day today.

Also in attendance were Engineer Saad Ibrahim Al Muhannadi, Lifetime Member of the Board of Directors, QF, and Mrs. Buthaina A. Al Nuaimi, President of PUE, QF.

The celebration, which took place at the Qatar National Convention Centre, included a specially produced National Day operetta featuring the voices and talents of over 500 students, as well as a variety of local heritage activities.

The PUE celebration included students from across Qatar Academy schools, Awsaj Academy, and QLA, and provided participants with the opportunity to express their feelings about Qatar and what National Day means to them. Additionally, by incorporating traditional songs into the event, it served as a chance for the audience to reminisce.

Mrs. Buthaina A. Al Nuaimi said: “Today’s performances, organized as part of our Qatar National Day celebrations, give our youngest citizens the opportunity to celebrate local traditions, values, and culture. The event also serves as a platform for our students to show their love for this great and wonderful country.

“Additionally, this event highlights Qatar Foundation’s commitment to fostering a generation of youth grounded in culture and values.”

The PUE National Day celebration highlighted the diverse talents within Education City and QF’s schools, and was designed to demonstrate the bonds that strengthen the wider community and how they support Qatar through preserving the country’s culture and heritage.

“This event was a special and wonderful celebration of National Day. The beautiful operetta perfectly translated the patriotism of our children, and we are delighted our daughter was able to participate; it is something that will last in our memory forever. We are very grateful to the organizers and all who participated in making this event such a success,” said Ahmad Hamad Al Maadheed, whose daughter Alya attends Qatar Academy Doha.



This national project was developed and organized by the PUE National Day Event Committee, which was led by the PUE communications team, and included teachers and staff from all QF schools, in addition to staff from the history department at QF's Education Development Institute.

The event was sponsored by Ooredoo, Al Rayyan Satellite Channel, Fahad Signature, and La Photo Studio.

Mr. Waleed Al-Sayed, Chief Executive Officer of Ooredoo Qatar, said: "Ooredoo is supporting a wide range of Qatar National Day initiatives, as we share the joy and pride of the people of Qatar during this special time. We were pleased to be a part of this event as it celebrated youth and the exciting potential of the next generation. Ooredoo believes in the power of communication to provide everyone with an opportunity to show their pride in our country, and the Pre-University Education's schools' operetta was a great example of this."

Mr. Sabah Al Kuwari, General Manager of Al Rayyan Satellite Channel, said: "In line with Al Rayyan Satellite Channel's commitment to supporting and partnering with prominent Qatari organizations, we are delighted to contribute to the production of several special reports about Qatar Foundation and to film Pre-University Education's schools' operetta on the occasion of National Day. This collaboration is in line with Al Rayyan's social responsibility to serve the country's National Vision and enhance cooperation between different entities."

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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.

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