

## ROTA HOSTS 'TRAINING FOR TRAINERS' AS PART OF ADULT ENGLISH LITERACY PROGRAM

*Course Enables Trainers to Effectively Deliver English Literacy Skills to Migrant Workers*

**Doha, Qatar, January 29, 2017:** Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) recently hosted a 'Training for Trainers' workshop, part of its Adult English Literacy (RAEL) program, at Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU).

Aimed at volunteer tutors, the 'Training for Trainers' course covered a range of topics, including ROTA's literacy curriculum, issues facing low-income migrant workers, methods to effectively facilitate adult learning, and community-based learning tools.

Participants from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar; Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar; Weill Cornell Medicine in Qatar; Northwestern University in Qatar; the Academic Bridge Program; the HBKU Student Housing English Language Program; Doha Expressway (CH2M HILL), a project of Ashghal; and the Light Railway Transit System (LRT), a project of Qatari Diar VINCI Construction (QDVC) took part in the training course, designed to equip volunteer tutors with the necessary skills to effectively facilitate the RAEL initiative.

Rasmeya Hassan Al Jamali, Community Development Specialist, National Programs Department, ROTA, said: "The training course is an essential component of the Adult English Literacy program offered to migrant workers in Qatar. It ensures our volunteer tutors have a thorough understanding of the course material and are well prepared to effectively facilitate the program."

The RAEL program directly increases access to educational facilities and enhances learning opportunities for migrant workers.

Silvia Pessoa, Ph.D., course trainer, said: "It's a privilege to be working with such an enthusiastic group of student tutors who are passionate about making a difference to the lives of others. Training the RAEL facilitators to become competent literacy tutors ensures migrant workers will reap the maximum benefits from the Adult English Literacy program."

This year, 70 student volunteer tutors attended the 'Training for Trainers' capacity building course to gain a better understanding of migrant workers' backgrounds and acquire skills that will enable them to adequately facilitate the English literacy program.

As part of the program, 260 volunteers will teach basic, intermediate, and advanced level English classes to a total of 500 workers, including cleaners, pantry staff and other support staff, employed at six universities within Education City.

Abdulaziz Al Kuwari, volunteer tutor from CMU-Q, said: “After completing the training program, I feel confident in my ability to effectively facilitate the Adult Literacy program. The training has enhanced my skill set and given me a broader understanding of some of the challenges facing migrant workers. I look forward to conducting the training and helping to positively impact the lives of migrant workers in Qatar.”

ROTA, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), launched RAEL in 2009 to assist low income workers in Qatar acquire Basic English literacy skills. The ROTA initiative supports the establishment of a secure and stable wider community that is built on justice and equality.

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### **About ROTA**

Reach Out To Asia is a non-profit organisation launched in December 2005 in Doha, Qatar, by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. Operating under the auspices of the Qatar Foundation, ROTA is committed to providing high quality and relevant primary and secondary education, encouraging relationships among communities, creating safe learning environments and restoring education in crisis affected areas across Asia and around the world. ROTA envisions a world, where all young people have access to the education they need in order for them to realise their full potential and shape the development of their communities.

For more information about Reach Out to Asia, please visit: [www.reachouttoasia.org](http://www.reachouttoasia.org)

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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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