

WORLD INNOVATION SUMMIT FOR HEALTH ANNOUNCES WINNING ARTWORK TO FORM CENTERPIECE AT WISH 2018 SUMMIT

‘Strings of Life’ to be displayed by QF initiative at WISH Innovation Hub

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH), an initiative of Qatar Foundation (QF), has announced the winner of its competition for a large-scale artwork by a Qatar-based artist that will be displayed in the exhibition area of Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) during the WISH 2018 summit on November 13-14.

The winning piece, ‘Strings of Life’, was designed and proposed by Dr. Shetha Faraj Abbo Al Numan, Guest Care Manager at Al Ahli Hospital. The artwork symbolises how global collaboration is key to finding effective and long-lasting solutions to the world’s most urgent healthcare issues.

The structure will comprise two pieces arranged vertically over each other, and will be on display for the duration of the summit within the WISH Innovation Hub area, an enhanced interactive space designed to showcase novel healthcare products, while also hosting informal discussions and providing hands-on experience of technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality.

The artwork, which will be attached to the ceiling, includes a representation of the four chains of the human DNA helix, with the strands of the DNA structure being connected by human arms of various skin colours and textures, denoting human diversity in terms of ethnicity and age. A second aspect of the artwork will be attached to the floor and features a semi-spherical hollow globe, built using stainless steel wires.

Al Jawhara Al Mana, Communications Officer at WISH said: “We congratulate Dr. Al Numan, whose proposed artwork truly embodies the vision of WISH: to create a healthier world through global collaboration.

“Her design is not only visually appealing, but each feature of the art piece carries a deep meaning that embodies global health and wellbeing, as well as the efforts of all healthcare professionals. We would like to thank all those who submitted their creative ideas and hope to receive the same level of quality and participation in our future activities.”

Commenting on her inspiration for the design, Dr. Al Numan said: “I feel honoured and privileged that my design has been chosen to go on display during the upcoming WISH.

“The idea is to portray the inevitable connection between mankind and mother earth. My artwork connects that concept to our contemporary era by utilizing modern materials and high-tech devices in the construction of the art piece.

“I believe that WISH, much like our Mother Earth, looks after mankind, promotes, and nurtures the wellbeing of global populations. Moreover, it encourages innovation and

research in the field of healthcare to bring prosperity and happiness to humanity around the globe.”

WISH 2018 will feature nine panel discussions, based on evidence-based research, that highlight and address some of the world’s most pressing healthcare challenges, including: Nursing and Universal Health Coverage; Anxiety and Depression; Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (AI); Design in Health; Healthcare in Conflict Zones; Eye Health; Islamic Ethics and Palliative Care; The Role of the Private Sector in Healthcare; and Viral Hepatitis.

For further information about WISH, visit www.wish-qatar.org and @WISHQatar on Twitter.

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About the World Innovation Summit for Health:

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) is a global healthcare community dedicated to capturing and disseminating the best evidence-based ideas and practices. WISH is an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and is under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, its Chairperson.

The inaugural WISH Summit took place in Doha in 2013 and convened more than 1,000 global healthcare leaders. Through international summits and a range of ongoing initiatives, WISH is creating a global community of leading innovators in healthcare policy, research and industry.

Together, they are harnessing the power of innovation to overcome the world’s most urgent healthcare challenges and inspire other stakeholders to action.

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>