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ROTA and QP launch ICT Indonesia Program to improve Access and Quality Education

Qatar- Doha, 16 February - Joining hands with Qatar Petroleum (QP) as an official sponsor, Reach Out To Asia (ROTA), Qatar's leading education and humanitarian nonprofit organization reaching out to those in need of quality education in Asia, has officially launched the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Indonesia Program to improve access to modern technology and quality education.

Aimed at streamlining quality teaching, learning, and administrative processes in schools through the provision of ICT infrastructure and relevant training, the program is being implemented across 12 schools in Indonesia's Jogjakarta region, with plans of rolling it out to other schools in the future.

The first assessment and implementation phase of the ICT Indonesia Program has so far been completed in April, and the implementation phase has already started. A program socialization activity was held in October 2013, which brought together teachers and administrators from participating schools along with representatives from the Ministry of National Education (MoNE) for an overview of the program's mission and objectives.

The program socialization was followed by the preparation of school infrastructure.

"We are proud to say, that although in its early stage, ROTA's ICT Indonesia Program has received an overwhelming response from participating schools, teachers and students," said Essa Al Mannai, ROTA Executive Director.

Al Mannai praised the efforts of the program's partners in Indonesia, namely Titian Foundation along with its associates, INTEL Indonesia and INFEST, which were assigned as service providers for participating schools.

"We have full faith in Titian Foundation, our strategic partner in Indonesia. We have confidence in its capacity to carry out the ongoing program and expand its scope to other schools and regions in the country," added Al Mannai.



Al Mannai also thanked QP for continuously supporting ROTA's missions and initiatives, and for helping with the successful implementation of the ICT Indonesia Program.

"We have consistently solidified our commitment to the promotion of primary and secondary education in Qatar, and we are proud to have extended the scope of this commitment to Asian countries through our sponsorship of ROTA's ICT Indonesia Program," said Abdulrahman Abdulla Al-Obaidly, Manager for Public Relations and Communications of QP. "We firmly believe that quality education using modern technologies is a key driver for human development, economic prosperity, and world-changing innovations," he added.

Schools in Indonesia have limited access to information and communication technologies, an obstacle that has impaired the ability of teachers to integrate ICT in their curriculum and classroom activities and to prepare their students for new age education. With the objective of overcoming this lack, the ICT Indonesia Program is a pilot initiative that aims to provide a successful model to be eventually scaled up to cover schools across the country.

ROTA has always been a strong advocate of using information and communication technologies in the context of global youth priorities, such as access to education, employment and poverty eradication. ROTA believes that ICTs can create effective channels of collaboration, dialogue and information exchange among young people worldwide.

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About ROTA

Reach Out To Asia is a non-profit organization 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 realize their full potential and shape the development of their communities.

Further information on Reach Out To Asia can be found at:

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About Qatar Foundation

Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, Emir of Qatar, and chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser, Qatar Foundation is a private, non-profit organization committed to the principle that a nation's greatest natural resource is its people. The headquarters of Qatar Foundation are located within its flagship project, Education City. A fourteen million square-metre campus, Education City is home to numerous progressive learning institutions and centers of research, including branch campuses of six of the world's leading universities, plus a cutting-edge science and technology park. Qatar Foundation also works to enhance the quality of life in Qatar by investing in 'Education, Science and Technology and Community Health and Development'.