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Qatar Foundation Schools Attend the 2014 Mini NESA Conference

Qatar Academy Doha hosted over 250 faculty members from four Qatar Foundation schools at the 2014 Mini NESA Conference, an annual professional development and networking event where educators share expertise and ideas with each other. The presentations cover a multitude of areas involving both the teaching and learning process and feature research-based best practices that focus on student learning and support practical application and transfer.

According to William Lee Wong, Academic Coordinator for 21st Century Learning and NESA Representative of QAD, participants can each attend two from the 48 workshops available. "We are very excited that we have workshops in both English and Arabic and our very own Director and Senior School Principal (Michael Hitchman) are also delivering workshops". Qatar Academy Doha teachers are slated to present or co-present 32 of these workshops and Wong highlights that "there is a variety of workshops for Math, Language, IB curriculum and 21st century integration. In addition, we have workshops tailored for early education, primary, middle and high school staff attendees".

In his welcome address to the faculty members from Qatar Academy Mshereib, Qatar Leadership Academy, Qatar Academy Sidra and Awsaj Academy, QAD Director Dr. Eric Sands underscored the collaborative efforts of all the schools under Qatar Foundation's Pre-University Division who all work together in realizing their shared goal of providing academic excellence to its students.

"We were very excited this year to able to invite all other Qatar Foundation schools," Wong agrees. "Mini NESA is a great opportunity to network, share and collaborate with other teachers. At QF, we have a wealth of expertise within our classroom walls and Mini NESA is one of the best platform to showcase the talent that Qatar Foundation has to offer".