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Reach Out to Asia Recognizes ABP Volunteers

Doha, January 28, 2015 –Qatar Foundation’s Academic Bridge Program (ABP) recently hosted a reception to recognize ABP student volunteers for their efforts in the Adult Arabic Literacy Program.

More than 30 people attended the reception that was held in the Liberal Arts & Sciences (LAS) building on Thursday, January 22nd. Special guests in attendance included Mr. Issa Al-Mannai, the Director of ROTA, Mr. Hamad Al Baker, the Director of Public Relations & Communications for Qatar Petroleum, Mr. Mohammed Al-Hajj, the representative of Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zeid Al-Mahmoud Islamic & Cultural Center, and Ms. Rasmeya Aljamali, ROTA Community Development Specialist. Several ABP officials also attended, as well as several members of the ABP Social Services & Volunteering Club (SSVC).

ABP student volunteers, who are also members SSVC, were recognized by Mr. Issa Al-Mannai, Director of ROTA, for their dedication working with a group of service employees to complete their Arabic Language training, as part of ROTA’s Adult Arabic Literacy Course. The adult service employees who successfully finished the ROTA program were also awarded certificates in recognition of their achievement by Mr. Al-Mannai.

The ROTA Adult Arabic Literacy Course is in collaboration with Qatar Petroleum, Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zeid Al-Mahmoud Islamic & Cultural Center, and the Academic Bridge Program.

Ms. Moza Al Boainain, ABP Assistant Director for Student Services and advisor to the SSVC, addressed the gathering and recognized all of the guests who had supported the Adult Arabic Literacy Course. She also thanked the many ABP students who had volunteered to lead the training sessions for six weeks.



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“Indeed it was one of our goals in the ABP Social Services & Volunteering Club to provide opportunities to our students to serve their community,” Ms. Moza said, “in order to enable them to acquire skills, knowledge and new experiences as well as to provide a service to others who need it in some way.”

She also mentioned the many activities of the SSVC, which include bake sales, photo auction, and other charity events to raise money to build a much-needed school in the African country of Somalia. Students also volunteer to visit hospitals, assist at community functions, and even deliver water and snacks to workers out in the daytime heat.

“Volunteerism is a great way to show universities admissions that the students not only care about the community,” she continued, “but are able to manage their time well enough to balance a volunteer job with their other commitments.”

Other speakers included Mr. Al-Mannai and Mr. Al Baker, who both acknowledged the hard work of those who took the course as well as the commitment of their volunteer teachers.

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About the Academic Bridge Program

The [Academic Bridge Program](#) (ABP) is a center of [Qatar Foundation](#). The mission of the ABP is to provide high school graduates of Qatari high schools (and other similar schools) who meet the admission requirements with the academic and personal skills for success in reputable English language universities around the world, with special emphasis on preparing students for Hamad bin Khalifa University's partner universities in Education City. Since the launch of the ABP in 2001, the program has developed a model curriculum including English, math, science, and computer skills, combined with a wide range of other activities such as debate, Model United Nations, robotics, sports teams, and student government experience. The ABP is fully accredited by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) in the



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