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QatarDebate organizes the 1st Qatar Universities Debate League in English at College of North-Atlantic Qatar

Doha – QatarDebate

QatarDebate – member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development – organized the 1st Qatar Universities Debate League in English, which took place on 18th October 2014 at College of North-Atlantic Qatar.

The QUDL is one of the few educational programs in Qatar that brings together students from across 10 of the 12 tertiary education institutions currently based in Qatar. This is the first event on our calendar this year for university students across Qatar, 28 teams participating from 11 universities (including Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar - College of North Atlantic Qatar - Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar - Qatar Aeronautical College - Qatar Community College - Qatar University - Texas A & M - University of Calgary Qatar - Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar – Academic Bridge Program). The total number of debaters was 112 and the total number of judges was 20.

The QUDL included 4 preliminary rounds and the motions as the following:

1. THBT comedians shouldn't use offensive (e.g. racist/sexist) language, even for the purposes of satire
2. THBT the make-up of a police force should reflect the diversity of the society
3. THW never use medicines that haven't completed Randomized Control Trials (RCT's) to treat epidemics
4. THW revoke the citizenship of citizens who travel abroad to join ISIS

Top University Speakers:

Position	Name	Team
1	Eman Mosleh	Cornell CE
2	Muhammad Zain Raza	Texas MM
3	Muhammad Ghufraan Rafique	Texas MM
3	Sana Tariq	Georgetown YS
5	Nawal Mir	CMU NV
5	Yoonsuk Choi	Georgetown YS
7	Danial Ahmed Daniyaal	Cornell ID
7	Chaker Mohammed	Cornell CE

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9	Valerie Garcia	CMU NV
10	Khalid Ahmed	Cornell SK

Results

This year's league is spread out through four tournaments. The debate points earned by the top two teams from the University at tournaments are accumulated. Here are the university rankings for this weekend:

	University	Cumulative Points
1	CMU-Q	19
2	Georgetown	17
2	WCMC-Q	17
4	CNAQ	14
4	QU	14
4	Texas A&M	14
7	QCC	03
8	ABP	01

QatarDebate extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the College of the North Atlantic on the good hosting, as it thanked the coaches, debaters, adjudicators, observers and volunteers who participated in this league.

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Notes to the Editor:

The idea of launching QatarDebate had emerged from the vision of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser Al Thani -Chairman of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, which is based on human development as the most expensive wealth through two parallel lines: transplant science and knowledge and launch enhancing the skills of creative talent: the ability to express opinion and interact with others and not a collision with them.

Thousands of students underwent to training courses organized by QatarDebate, and many of them participated in local, regional and global tournaments which organized by "QatarDebate" Center, and so many proven over the success of the "QatarDebate" during the last period, and reflects the great effort done by the officials in the center... QatarDebate helped to achieve its objectives the great support given by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development...

The QatarDebate Center was founded in 2008 in order to develop the level of open discussion and debate and promote it among students in Qatar and the Middle East, including contributing to the preparation of global citizens and leaders of thoughts in the future.