

Qatar Academy – Doha

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Grade 5 students at Qatar Academy Doha (QAD) – Showcase Primary Years

Doha, Qatar, 5th April 2017—Under Qatar Foundation’s Pre-University Education, Grade 5 students at Qatar Academy Doha (QAD) spent eight weeks through a collaborative process researched and engaged in inquiry to assess authentic local and global issues by discovering their passion and Identifying significant issues related to their passion.

The student inquiries all led to meaningful actions to make a significant change in the our world.

Yesterday, Gr5 students proudly presented their projects . The Primary Years Programme (PYP) Exhibition represents a significant event in the life of every PYP school and student.

The Exhibition is an opportunity for students reaching the end of the PYP curriculum to synthesize the essential elements of the PYP and share them with the whole school community.

In conducting research and communicating it to the entire QAD community, this is also an opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the International Baccalaureate (IB) learner profile that they have been developing throughout their engagement with the PYP.

PYP Coordinator at Qatar Academy, Mrs. Dalal Ali Ahmad said: *“On April 4th 2017, the fifth-grade students presented Primary Years Programme Exhibition, where students expressed their understanding of the essential elements of the primary years program by discussing local and global issues addressed by students using their research and inquiry skills, and presented their views on solving them in different and creative ways. As a coordinator of the primary school program, I was responsible for helping and supporting students, teachers and parents in this project. This was done through offering workshops for parents and teachers, the preparation of a guide for students to assist them at all stages of the project, as well as preparing a guide for project Mentors who had an active role in helping and guide students throughout the project. I have enjoyed working with students on this challenging journey. They can change the world with their small actions, to be global citizens and lifelong learners”*.

Mrs. Reem Al Mansoori, Assistant Undersecretary for Digital Society Development who visited the Exhibition today, said *“I was impressed by the technology projects that the grade 5 students exhibited today; they showed how QAD Students are “digital natives” that are born into a technology based world. It is vital that we recognize the central role that technology plays at QAD so that the community is able to address their use for technology appropriately. She added; “Recognizing that Qatar’s youth are by far*

the most valuable investment for Qatar's future, the Ministry of Transport and Communications will continue to build partnerships with all community members to fulfill its mandate in support of the youth's technological needs, and to encourage healthy and responsible advances in technology".

Mr. Paul Near – Primary School Principal commented *"Everyone in the school community is excited about the PYP Exhibition. The students, their teachers and mentors have been really looking forward to showing off the results of their research and learning to wider community."*

Mrs. Tagreed al Mansoori – Assistant Principal said : *"We are proud of our students and their way of thinking in solving global problems and their achievements of the learner profile"*.

Qatar Academy - Doha (QAD) a center of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. It is a private, chartered, non-profit organization founded on 1996 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir.

QAD empowers students to achieve academic excellence and be responsible citizens by offering a rigorous program encompassing an international English-medium education, and strong Arabic and Islamic Studies. The QAD community supports and challenges students to be critical thinkers, and active and contributing members of society, through learning experiences that serve the needs, interests and learning styles of each student.

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

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At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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