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QATAR NANNY TRAINING ACADEMY HOSTS GRADUATION CEREMONY TO HONOUR FIRST CLASS OF STUDENTS

Qatar Foundation-Led Initiative, The First Of Its Kind In The Region

Doha, Qatar, 4 September 2014: Under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, the Qatar Nanny Training Academy (QNTA) honoured its inaugural class of 14 students during a graduation ceremony held at the Qatar National Convention Centre.

QNTA trains young, Muslim, Arab nannies in obtaining a professional qualification in childcare.

In line with Qatar Foundation's aim of fostering a progressive society and enhancing Qatar's cultural life and heritage, QNTA is enriching the lives of Muslim Arab families by supporting Arabic-speaking nannies to impart Islamic values. The Academy also provides training and education in the field of early childcare to nannies already working with families here in Qatar.

The graduation ceremony was attended by Engineer Saad Al Muhannadi, the President of Qatar Foundation, as well several ambassadors from Arab countries, in addition to a select group of VIPs and academic staff.

Initiated by Qatar Foundation, the Academy is the first-of-its-kind in the region to educate younger generations while preserving the Arabic language, and Qatar's cultures and traditions.

Students participating in the 10-month programme hail from Arab countries, while this year's graduates originate from The Comoros and Mauritania. The training includes specialised courses in all aspects of childcare, including first aid, nutrition, hygiene, education, Arabic, Islamic and cultural studies.

Dr Yousuf Abdelrahman Al Mulla, Chairman of QNTA, congratulated the graduates at the ceremony, and is especially pleased with The Academy's acceptance by the community. "I founded the Qatar Nanny Training Academy, based on the training of young, Arab, Muslim women, in order to optimally prepare them to care for our children in our homes. I am confident the Academy will contribute to achieving Qatar's 2030 vision, which places human development at the top of its priorities."

Ms Hessa Al Mansoori, Managing Director of QNTA, said: "The Academy strives to support human development in Qatar through the provision of services, education and training in the field of childcare. We are also keen to preserve the national identities of Arab and Islamic countries. Therefore, celebrating the graduation of these first 14 women is a huge achievement, and one that marks a great step towards QNTA accomplishing its vision."

Omayat Mohamed Sindu, from The Comoros, and Class of 2014 graduate, extended her thanks and appreciation to Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, the Academy's Board of Directors, and the teachers and supervisors, "The Academy offered me a world class learning experience, and I'm very excited to share that I've already begun working for a Qatari family", said Sindu.

Sindu also expressed her gratitude to QNTA for the incredible opportunity provided to her and her fellow graduates in helping them achieve their aspirations and attain respectable jobs within the field of childcare.

For more information about QNTA, please visit: www.qnta.qa

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About Qatar Nanny Training Academy:

The QNTA is an initiative backed by H.H Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, in a bid to improve the quality of home childcare and develop human resources in Qatar.

The Qatar Nanny Training Academy provides high-quality training to Arabic-speaking nannies, in addition to highlighting the importance of teaching Islamic values. The training programmes focus on comprehensive childcare, enabling graduates to ensure the optimal physical and mental development of the child within their care.

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organization that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can

develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercializing 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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