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Stars of Science finalists talk about ideas, creativity in visit to Qatar Academy

The season 6 finalists of Stars of Science – the Arab world’s first and foremost edutainment reality television program – visited Qatar Academy (yesterday) to talk about their inventions and share ideas with the Primary School pupils.

The visit was specifically timely for the grade 5 students who are now beginning to work on their Primary Years Programme Exhibition, a collaborative inquiry-based group project that aims to thoroughly look at and provide solutions to real life issues and problems. For instance, Haya Kano from 5B believes that meeting the inventors would help her “by getting ideas on projects that can help the environment”. Similarly, Noor Al Sulaiteen of 5A thinks that the television program helps viewers realize that “if you need something and you don’t have it, you can invent or create it yourself”.

Like these QA students, contestants Mohamad Al-Housani, Rania Bou Jaoudeh, Sultan Alsubhi and Thieab Al Dossary are young and driven individuals who used their imaginations and inquiries as catalysts for their respective inventions.

For Thieab Al Dossary, inventing is fun and it can start from something as simple as a drawing or, in his case, with the question that if we can see and hear our technological devices, how come we can’t feel it even in this day and age of wearable technology? The result is the Tactile Communicating Bracelet which uses electro-tactile pads to communicate information from the user to his mobile phone.

Industrial Engineering student Rania Bou Jaoudeh, on the other hand, has taken her interest on ergonomics to invent the Automatic Zucchini Corer which is ‘a machine that aims to automate the process of preparing zucchini, a staple of Arab cuisine’. She asserts that by working on machines like this, science is utilized even in everyday setting.

Speaking about his experience, Mohamad Al Housani shared: “The journey of Stars of Science seems difficult before it starts but once it starts the difficulties disappear behind the motivation to succeed and realize your dream. Stars of Science is a golden opportunity and everyone is winner because everyone lucky enough to be on the journey has learned and grown and come closer to success”.

Finally, Sultan Alsubhi created the Wudu’ Area Robotic Cleaner which has special sensors and a water dispensing mechanism that cleans the Wudu’, the designated area in mosques where Muslims perform the washing ritual before prayer. Like Mohamad, Thieab and Rania, Sultan says that ideas and creativity are innate amongst us. They believe that just like their reality show’s purpose, it is important that students keep and nurture those ideas so that the spirit of innovation and problem solving remain with them for life.

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