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ABP Photography Contest

Doha: 12 January 2017 – Under the umbrella of pre-University Education, The Academic Bridge Program (ABP), a center of Qatar foundation invites students and faculty to participate into ABP 2017 photography contest.

Participants were invited to submit four photos that shared a common theme which is "Summer holiday" and the ABP students and staff cast their votes for the winning entries.

Salama Al-Muhannadi an ABP student won first place on the theme of 'Reflection' and Sara Al-Hail an ABP member of staff came second place with her entry titled 'Meditation' and in third place Jassim Fakhroo an ABP student came with his entry titled "Sunset".

Ten participants submitted a very colorful and diverse collection of images. The ABP showcased the participants' talent in the main hallway of ABP's iconic Liberal Arts and Science (LAS) building in Education City.

The Assistant Director of the student services Moza Al-Boainin remarks that "Participating in photography contest fosters a sense of community, encourages creativity, celebrates artistic achievement, promotes photography, and explores the talents of the students.

The Academic Bridge Program is keen on fostering talent and encourages its students to participate in the many extra-curricular activities. This is to encourage students to widen their horizons; practice their verbal English skills; and to create a stimulating and vibrant student experience that would encourage students to perform better in their academic studies.

The mission of the Academic Bridge Program (ABP), a center of Qatar Foundation that operates under pre-university education, is to provide high school graduates from Qatari schools and other similar schools with the academic and personal skills for success in reputable Englishlanguage universities, with special emphasis on preparing students for the universities in Qatar Foundation's Education City. Since its launch in 2001, the program has adapted model approach in teaching English, math, science, and computer skills, along with holding a broad range of activities including debates, a Model United Nations, school clubs and newspaper, sports teams, and students' union. The ABP is accredited by the Commission on English Language Accreditation (CEA) in the United States. This makes it easier to fast-track ABP graduates into







universities in the United States without the need for them to complete a university foundation year.

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

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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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