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Achievement Her Highness Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser Al Missned praises Eng Saad Al Muhannadi

“One of the main pillars” honored at Qatar Foundation



Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser presenting Eng. Saad Al Muhannadi, Vice President of Capital Projects and Facilities at Qatar Foundation, with a certificate of his 15 years of service at a ceremony held at QF HQ to honor his achievements.

HER HIGHNESS Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, has honored Eng Saad Al Muhannadi, Vice President of Capital Projects and Facilities Management, for 15 years of service.

At the ceremony held in the atrium of QF HQ, Her Highness paid tribute to Al Muhannadi, one of the first people to join Qatar Foundation.

“I don’t consider Saad as an employee in the organization, but as a partner because he is one of the main pillars on which the Foundation was built,” Her Highness said.

“This ceremony reflects our appreciation and gratitude to someone who dedicated much time, effort and energy to ensure the realization and continuity of Qatar Foundation’s vision.

“Not only is he a hard working and loyal person, he also has a problem-solving mentality. Whenever I asked him to do something, he never said it would be a problem, but he always used to say ‘I’m going to find a solution’. This is what I have always appreciated about Saad.”

“I remember that Saad was one of two people who were there from the start, even before the Foundation was established, so he was present during the creation of that vision.

“Maybe it was a coincidence that Saad came along just when we needed someone specialized in engineering and construction. But it was fortunate for us because Saad has contributed so much over these past 15 years.”

Al Muhannadi thanked Her Highness, but said that he could not take all the credit for the achievements of his division.

“The ceremony is not only held to honor me, but to honor the entire team who works with me in Capital Projects, Facility Management, Safety and Security,” he said. “This is a testimony from the highest authority in the organization for what has been achieved, and for the quality of this achievement.”

In response to the praise from Her Highness he said: “Your Highness has taught us the meaning of teamwork, integrity and transparency. You have also taught us the importance of dedication and having passion for what we do. In my opinion, I believe that your leadership doesn’t exist in anyone else I have ever met. So, thank you Your Highness. This ceremony is not just for me, but it honors the whole Qatar Foundation team, the Qatari youth and all the staff at QF”

Qatar’s largest community event

Thousands of people raised funds to support education projects across Asia by completing a 5km circuit on Doha Corniche during Wheels ‘n’ Heels, an event organized by Reach Out To Asia. Turn to page 2 to find out how the event promoted access to education and healthy living.



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International Education Week

Students, faculty and staff were able to exchange knowledge and get a taste of other cultures during the annual International Education Week, held between 1 and 4 November. Read more about the celebrations in Education City on page 3.



Technology in Higher Education Conference

Technology experts from around the world, including Professors from all Education City branch campuses, gathered at the annual Technology in Higher Education (THE) Conference on 1 November to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr Diana Oblinger, President & CEO of the nonprofit association EDUCAUSE, who spoke about how educational activities are being unbundled from traditional institutions. She explained how IT catalyzes new models, and mentioned the value of IT in enabling social networks, mobility, telepresence, video, visualization and personal learning environments.



"This conference encompassed very hot topics in the field of technology in higher education such as iPads, Second Life, Web 2.0 in the classroom, and 3D visualization," said Dr. Yakut Gazi, The Conference Chair. "The presenters represented IT professionals, as well as faculty members, the two key elements for successful collaborations for technology initiatives in education."

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Education Fourth annual International Education Week

Celebrating knowledge, education and culture

STUDENTS, FACULTY and staff from across Education City (EC) celebrated the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide during the annual International Education Week, held between 1 and 4 November.

An initiative originally begun by the US Department of State and the US Department of Education, the festivities are prominent in US campuses, but the week is celebrated internationally as well.

The celebrations in EC were organized for the fourth time by Education Division's Office of Student and Faculty Services, which handles projects aimed at uniting EC students, faculty and staff.

"EC is already a great hub for people from all over the world, so with this week we are promoting the exchange of knowledge, ideas and culture. Our events all have an educational focus to them, whether it is through encouraging dialogue between people from different backgrounds or exposing people to aspects of different cultures around the world," said Curt Kenoyer, Assistant Director for Campus Life.

"Our hope is that we can engage the community through these events and give people from different cul-

tures an opportunity to interact and exchange thoughts."

Jess Rimington, a recent graduate of Georgetown University, held an opening keynote, inspiring students as she shared her experiences starting One World Youth Project, a youth-for-youth powered movement that strives to bring students together from classrooms around the world.

The following day, an outdoor movie screening of the critically-acclaimed documentary *Lost Boys of Sudan* gave insight into cultural transition, as the film follows two young African refugees trying to fit into American society.

Students, aided by faculty members, were able to test their knowledge about countries around the world during a world quiz team competition, which blended topics from education to pop culture, politics, and other categories.

The week ended with a big finale - a cultural celebration offering a diverse catering menu and cultural performances by a Qatar Academy elementary student choir, a Palestinian Dabke group and an Indian Bhangra group, who presented a form of dance and music that originated in the Punjab region.



Facilities Management QF end users will be able to test the software soon

New software smoothes service requests

WHETHER IT is ordering a new light bulb or requesting the refurbishment of an entire office, end-users from across Qatar Foundation will soon be able to electronically track their work requests submitted to Facilities Management (FM) Directorate.

QF employees will be able to familiarize themselves with the new Computerized Aid Facilities Management (CAFM) system starting this month. Still in its testing phase, the new software, called Archibus, will be introduced one center or department at a time.

According to Mohammed Al Malki, Executive Director of FM, the Directorate receives around 200-250 work requests a day. The ability to initiate these requests electronically is expected to result in quicker processing and will increase the transparency of the procedures.

Once the end-user submits a work request to FM, they will be able to monitor the progress of it - from passing through FM's internal procedures, to the assignment of the task to a contractor, to the cost evaluation handled

by Finance Directorate (FD), to the acquisition of materials through Procurement Directorate (PD). CAFM will be linked to the existing Oracle software used by FD and PD.

"CAFM will enhance the administrative procedures needed to handle a work request. It will also reduce the number of people needed for the job to be done and for the large volumes of work to be well-registered," Al Malki told QF Telegraph.

"We are now doing everything manually by fax, email, and dealing with a

lot of hard copies of forms throughout the different stages of the process. CAFM will bypass all these procedures and allow us to recover everything through a digitized archive.

"We think this is a very important milestone for QF. We are looking forward to the system going live after we have been working on this for the past three years. The software is very reliable and suitable to our FM requirements. We are making sure everyone is receiving proper training and hope the testing phase will go smoothly."

Top 10 Qatari high school students visit

The top 10 senior Qatari students of the nation's high schools visited Texas A&M University at Qatar at the beginning of November. As part of the Top 10 Program, participants had the opportunity to complete an online admissions application, tour the Texas A&M Engineering Building, meet with faculty and students and view student projects.



Policy needs at Annual Research Forum

Qatar Foundation has revealed that the upcoming Annual Research Forum on 12 and 13 December will provide space for discussion of critical policy issues in research, including ethics, compliance and intellectual property management. The research policy issues will be discussed in workshops and are open to the public.



Community Wheels 'n' Heels event promotes healthy living

ROTA event draws record-breaking crowd



A NON-STOP sports, entertainment and healthy living extravaganza, the fourth community Wheels 'n' Heels event, organized by Reach Out To Asia (ROTA), attracted over 10,000 people on 5 and 6 November.

As well as promoting the wish to achieve education for all, the event at Doha Corniche's Sheraton Park was an opportunity for its participants to get fitter and healthier. They were encouraged to complete a 5km circuit to raise funds for ROTA's education projects across Asia.

Masses of people raised money through corporate and individual

sponsorship to complete the challenge. They were allowed to use bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or other equipment to help them get to the finish. HSBC donated QR 50 for every completed lap of the circuit.

Aside from this, the event featured a large variety of other activities providing entertainment and often promoting healthy living. Children were able to take part in sports competitions, eat healthy snacks, play carnival games, and listen to the advice of sports icons such as Olympic swimming champion Duncan Goodhew MBE.

Other international celebrities who

made an appearance included Qatari star Fahad Al Kubaisi, Egyptian composer and singer Amr Mostafa, and ROTA Board Member and actress Raghda Mahmud.

Speaking about the event, Mahmud said: "ROTA believes that every man, woman and child across the Asian continent - regardless of age, gender or circumstances - should have access to quality education. Thank you to all those who participated showing support to Rota's beliefs and made Wheels 'n' Heels 2010 Community Fun Day a great success."

Youth Arab Child's Day conference held in Qatar

Arab youth visit QF

AROUND 100 young Arabs concluded a four-day conference in Qatar, organized by Qatar's Supreme Council for Family Affairs within the framework of Arab Child's Day, with a visit to Qatar Foundation on 3 November. The conference is hosted every year by a different Arab country chosen by the League of Arab States.

The children, aged between 13

and 18 and representing around 20 different Arab countries, were given presentations by QF's Education Division and Communication Directorate on QF's mission, academic life in Education City and admission requirements. Afterward, they received a tour of Qatar Science & Technology Park.

"I am glad to see the children ac-

tively engaging during this trip and that they are getting valuable experiences out of this event," said Mariam Al Shamsi, part of a delegation representing the Ministry of Social Affairs of the UAE.

"They have been attending three workshops every day, which taught them how to write a novel, how to produce films, methods of recycling material, and so forth. We hope this will help boost their creativity, as this year's theme of the conference was creativity."

President of Mozambique visits QF

His Excellency President Armando Guebuza, President of Mozambique, visited Qatar Foundation on Monday 8 November. He was greeted by Dr Mohamed Fathy Saoud, President of QF, Dr Saif Al-Hajari, Vice-Chairman of QF, and QF Vice Presidents. He was given a presentation on QF's mission and activities, which was followed by a question and answer session.



Win flights with Qatar Airways

QATAR AIRWAYS and the *QFTelegraph* have teamed up to offer two university students the chance to win return flights to the destination of their choice over the holiday period.

Whether you're heading home for the holidays or looking to see the world during the winter break, this is the perfect opportunity.

Qatar Airways has two offices in Education City dedicated to students and staff: one in the Recreation Center, and one in the HR Directorate.

Qatar Airways was recently voted third best airline in the world in the annual Skytrax survey of 18 million international passengers. In the survey, the airline was also voted as having the best Business Class service and catering in the world, as well as being honoured as the Best Airline in The Middle East for the fifth consecutive year.

The airline has announced seven new routes, with flights to Phuket and Hanoi already operating, Nice launching on 24 November 2010, Bucharest and Budapest on 17 January 2011, Brussels on 31 January 2011, and Stuttgart on 9 March 2011.

Qatar Airways currently flies to over 94 destinations across Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia Pacific, North and South America with a modern fleet of 91 aircraft. By 2013, the Doha-based airline plans to serve 120 key business and leisure destinations worldwide with a fleet of 120 aircraft.

For your chance to win simply answer this question:

What is the name of the Qatar Foundation Education Division office that deals with projects aimed at bringing together Education City faculty and students?

The answer can be found in one of the news stories of this edition's QF Telegraph.

Send your answer, with your full name, telephone number and the name of the university at which you study, to qft@qf.org.qa no later than 7 December, 2010.

If you're not a university student, don't worry: Qatar Airways and the *QFTelegraph* will be running another competition for faculty and staff in the new year.

Terms and conditions

- Entry is open only to registered students at a Qatar Foundation university.
- There are two prizes, each comprising one economy-class return flight to any Qatar Airways destination.
- Entries must be received by 7 December, 2010.
- The winners will be announced in the *QFTelegraph* on 16 December, 2010.
- No cash alternative will be offered.
- Flights must be taken within 3 months of the winners being announced.

Dohaland Knowledge Enrichment Centre

Dohaland has extended the opening hours of its floating Knowledge Enrichment Centre to provide more people with the opportunity to learn about Qatar's past as well as plans for its Musheireb project. The center, moored off Doha Corniche, is open to the public from 9am to 8.30pm from Monday to Thursday, and from 3.30pm to 6.30pm on Saturdays.

COLUMN
JEFF DAVIS

A Feast of Development

THE DEPARTMENT of Student Affairs at any given university usually also serves as the unofficial department of gastronomy. As gastronomes, we know which restaurants provide quality victuals. We know the prices, the deals, and the tasteful presentations.

In fact we know food so intimately that we think of it as the proverbial flame around which we gather, reminding us all of the common gravity we share.

Food sustains life, not just biologically but emotionally, mentally, and culturally as well. In the words of student development theorist Sharon Parks, food occasions the experience of “hearth and table”, the enduring venue - however mobile it may be these days - within which community is established and developed.

Community gatherings around food can do a great deal for the world-views of college students - or for anybody, really.

Dr Christopher Robbins, the director of my honors program in college, would often take a group of us out to dinner. He loved to inquire into our lives and opinions, especially when he needed to catch his breath from talking. Our responses to his inquiries were forged through the fire of his masterfully executed Socratic prompts, and we would leave dinner reflecting not only on what we thought, but how we thought about what we thought.

He once advised us to use any surplus of funds we managed to find during our period of collegiate penury and spend them on dinners in restaurants with friends. Nothing, he said, would prove as meaningful and indelible as the experience of sharing fine meals and friendly spirits among good company.

That was 10 years ago, long before I embarked on my relationship with student affairs. It is still great advice. Even if the food is dull and the drink diluted, the foodstuffs are usually survived by an immaterial experience no less important for human survival and progress than the actual consumption of those foodstuffs.

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This immaterial experience was perhaps nowhere more apparent, for me at least, than at the student Iftars during Ramadan (though the food was by no means dull). At those gatherings one could find everywhere the sharing in and teaching and learning of culture. The sense of community and learning was truly extraordinary.

This sense of community is central to the student affairs mission. Students may lack the money, motivation, time, and/or even friends to coordinate and enjoy such developmental experiences (not to mention they rarely, if ever, think of dining together as developmental).

My hope and my goal (and the collective goal of student affairs) is to provide students with as many opportunities as possible to experience the same sense of community and learning as I experienced in the outings with Dr Robbins and friends 10 years ago.

Maybe students will discover a new element of selfhood and community that ignites a new way of thinking; I know I did. Once they get a “taste” of what those experiences really mean, they may be more likely to seek them out in the future and even coordinate them for their professional colleagues in the working world. If there is food, there is community, and no one ever outgrows either.


COLUMNIST
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Road safety Williams launches campaign to curb reckless driving

Making Qatar's roads safer

QATAR IS stepping up efforts to promote proper driving etiquette, discouraging practices such as tailgating, exceeding speed limits, talking on cell phones while driving, and performing stunts that leave rubber skid-mark patterns on roadways.

Qatar's roads will soon hopefully become a lot safer thanks to efforts led by Williams Technology Centre, a tenant of Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP) and part of Williams F1, a leading team in Formula One (F1) racing.

In October, it launched a grassroots education program as part of a campaign aimed at creating a safe road-faring community, which saw Williams F1 racing team Head of Marketing Dominic Reilly make a pit stop at Qatar Academy to educate 800 students about road safety.

Another event was held this month with special guest Sir Frank Williams, founder and manager of the Williams F1 racing team, who met a group of Grade 12 students of the school on 9 November.

“Formula One is populated by

a lot of driven people who are very competent in what they do. Every single one of them has had a superb education,” Williams said. However, he warned that there are consequences when people, even professionals, engage in reckless driving. He encouraged the students to drive safely and wear their seat belts.

“As you look at me obviously you will see that I’ve had a road accident 20, 25 years ago,” he said, pointing at his wheelchair. “I flew off the road trying to catch an aeroplane, for which, as it turns out, I was much too early. I can assure you, looking back; it’s just not worth it. You get used to [being in a wheelchair], but it carries many penalties when you think back on what you can and can’t do because you’ve damaged yourself permanently.”

Following his talk, students fired question at him, particularly about how engineers and drivers get into F1. He explained how drivers usually start out in go-karting and after years of experience undergo training at driving schools in Europe.

Women interested in F1 usually do not become drivers due to the physiological strain on the body when practicing the sport, but could pursue a career in other areas related to F1 – engineering, marketing, and so forth, he said.

Members of the Williams F1 team will also be making personal appearances at schools and universities as part of the youth education program. Some of the team’s race cars are on display around Doha in different locations including shopping malls.

Road safety pledge

■ Last month, Williams Technology Centre, in partnership with QSTP and Qatar National Bank, launched a campaign which hopes to secure 25,000 pledges from citizens of Qatar to stop speeding and to wear their seatbelts. Visit www.qnb.com.qa to pledge your commitment.



Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra Spreading a love of music matters

A new orchestra, from scratch

LOOKING AT the sheer scale of some of the projects and buildings in Education City, Qatar Science & Technology Park and other parts of Qatar Foundation, it might seem as if setting up an orchestra would be relatively simple.

According to Kurt Meister, Managing Director of Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra (QPO), the reality was anything but. "It was a challenge for all of us," he told *QF Telegraph*. A former bassoonist, he moved from an orchestra that had been playing for more than 400 years to one where everything had to be done from scratch.

Set up in 2008, QPO held auditions around the world the previous year to find its 101 musicians. More than 3,000 applications were received, with 2,600 invited to audition.

Around 30 different nationalities were hired, with 14 musicians coming from the Middle East, although

Meister says he was given a clear message to ignore nationality and focus on the best musicians. "Auditions are done behind a curtain so it's a lottery: we don't know who's playing, everybody has to perform the same piece, and the best person gets the job."

QPO is in the process of moving into its permanent home in a purpose-built facility in the new Cultural Vil-

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lage, which will allow it to focus more intensively on its main goal: to educate people about music.

"The main thing we want to get across though is that classical music is fun. People need time to understand what a classical symphony orchestra is because it's different to an Arabic orchestra. There you mainly have one melody but no harmony like you have with a symphony orchestra."

That fusion of styles is what makes QPO unique. Many of its performances feature both pieces by Western and Arabic composers, something that has proven a hit with audiences both in Qatar and in Europe.

"It's very important," said Meister. "Beethoven and Mozart are performed by all the European orchestras, but if you're living in an Arabic country then you have to support Arabic composers. Now in about 80% of our programs we have an Arabic

piece: I think it's necessary to find the bridge between both cultures.

"Especially when we travel, everybody expects that we don't only come with Western classical music. It's been very popular, there's no question."

As well as the concerts QPO, which employs around 125 people including support staff, operates a range of community outreach activities. For two years running it has organized a Hansel and Gretel opera involving local schoolchildren. And, as reported in the last issue of *QF Telegraph*, many of QPO's musicians will help teach music to schoolchildren through Qatar Music Academy.

"We're hoping that we'll inspire more people in the region to take up these instruments," said Meister. "I saw many children who were a little bit shy at first, but once they've seen the instruments they start taking an interest and are asking about lessons."

How do I...?

QF Telegraph helps make your life at Education City easier

■ What is the Qatar Foundation (QF) Warehouse?

The Warehouse stores all materials of QF departments and centers acquired through material requests and purchase orders. It is a temporary storage facility, storing all kinds of items for a period up to six months. The premises encompass approximately 2500m², divided into three sections: two temperature-controlled areas and one for disposable material, which it collects from across QF. The Warehouse keeps track of its inventory through an electronic system, which contains photos and descriptions of each item. All assets in the Warehouse and QF are tagged with a unique electronic barcode.

■ How can I put through a request to the Warehouse?

Requests should go through the focal point of each center or department, usually the administrative assistant or coordinator, who will submit a request electronically.

■ What are the opening times of the Warehouse?

The Warehouse is open on working days from 7.30am until 3.30pm.

■ Does the Warehouse keep certain items in stock or does everything need ordering through an external supplier?

The Warehouse keeps certain items which are frequently used in stock such as cartridges, gift bags, and stationary.

■ What happens after the Warehouse receives my item from the supplier?

Once the item has been received, the material will be inspected by the Warehouse and the end user will be contacted by phone or email. After confirmation for delivery, the Warehouse will deliver the material.

■ What happens with QF's disposable items?

The disposable items collected by the warehouse from QF centers and departments will either go towards an auction or a charity. Whenever a large quantity has been gathered, around once a year, an auction is held by Procurement Directorate. They will invite suppliers to submit bids on each item.

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MY QF



Name: Gareth King
Title: Grade 3 teacher, Qatar Academy
Years at QF: 2 years

Describe your role: I am responsible for teaching Grade 3 children in language, arts, maths, and unit of inquiry topic areas. I am also a Grade 3 team leader, which means I get to help organize and plan upcoming units of work and help other teachers out with any questions or problems. This year I am also the school's senior representative for the Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools (NESA), which is dedicated to providing professional development opportunities for teachers. It is a voluntary association of more than 90 private, independent international schools in the Near East and South Asia extending from Libya and Greece through the Middle East to the eastern end of the Asian subcontinent.

What I like about my job is...

I work with a fantastic group of children in grade 3D. They are all very keen learners and make my working day fun. I am also lucky to work with an amazing team of teachers and specialists who help make my job easier every day.

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Dr Chee Wen Chong

Passionate about seeing ideas take shape, Dr Chee Wen Chong, Manager, Research Partnerships Office, Research Division, enthuses on finding a cure for cancer, exploring the history of Bavaria, and studying architectural designs of academic buildings.

If you were an inventor or innovator, what would you invent?

A cure for cancer. It is a disease everyone is facing, so if we could get a cure today, that would be fantastic.

Who is your role model?

I'm from Malaysia and lived through the period of expansion under Dr Mahathir Mohamad, its former Prime Minister. He is a man of vision when it comes to making things happen on the ground – a light rail transit, space programs, the construction of the Petronas Twin Towers, and other projects. If I could make a vision come true like he did, that'd be wonderful.

What is your favorite place in EC?

I'm a fan of the architectural designs of all the universities.



In terms of historical meaning, the building of Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar has a lot of meaning. In it you will find a picture of a pearl in an oyster, which

symbolizes that it is the first academic building of QF, comparable to how the pearl industry shaped Qatar's economy before oil and gas was discovered.

What book are you reading at the moment?

I like reading about the stock market as a way to find out what's happening around the world and how the money flow affects us.

What is your favorite holiday destination?

Japan. It is very clean, organized, easy to get around in and people are very friendly. I love going to Mount Fuji. They have resorts in the area

and from there you can go hiking, visit the hot springs, and enjoy the scenery with your family. The view is relaxing and peaceful.

If you have the chance to live in another period, would it be the past, the present or the future? Why?

In the early days of Bavaria, a state of Germany. It's a period and place where ideas come up and people support you all the way. People there are very forward-looking, open-minded, willing to try out new things, and the living conditions are fantastic. There is so much trust in society.

I'm a fan of the architectural designs of all the universities... the building of Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar [features] a picture of a pearl in an oyster, which symbolizes that it is the first academic building of QF.

Cultural Review Islamic treasures on display at museum

BQFP book highlights unseen collection



FROM ILLUSTRATED Qur'ans to a seven-meter long Hajj certificate, 50 new objects have recently been added to the permanent galleries at the Museum of Islamic Art.

To commemorate this exhibition, Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing (BQFP) has produced an exceptionally illustrated and beautifully designed book, *Focus on 50: Unseen Treasures from the Museum of Islamic Art in Qatar*. The title refers to the artworks displayed at the exhibition, which was titled Unseen Treasures.

"Unseen Treasures is a stunning representation of the riches of the

Islamic world that demonstrates BQFP's commitment to producing books of quality in English and Arabic," said Seif Salmawy, Managing Director of BQFP. "This is an exceptional title that not only broadens the range of books we produce, but highlights our cooperation with leading cultural institutions in Qatar."

The objects featured in the book also formed part of a treasure trail for children aged 6 to 16 years old, with a chance for them to win valuable prizes.

The objects represent the history of Islamic civilization in several regions, including Iraq, India, Iran,

Turkey, Central Asia, Andalusia. *Unseen Treasures* features glasswork, textile, manuscripts, ceramics and some metallic objects from the 9th to the 19th century.

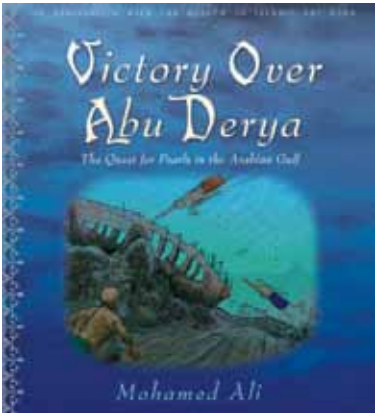
The temporary exhibition took place in summer within the galleries in the second and third floor in the Museum of Islamic Art, adding valuable pieces to the permanent objects on display.

"We aim to continuously reinvigorate our galleries to increase the community's awareness of the diversity of Islamic art throughout history," said Aisha Al Khater, Deputy Director of the Museum of Islamic Art.

BOOK CORNER

Victory over Abu Derya: The Quest for Pearls in the Arabian Gulf

By Mohammed Ali; translated from Arabic by Nadia Fouda and Andy Smart



UNIQUE AND wonderfully entertaining, Victory over Abu Derya: The Quest for Pearls in the Arabian Gulf – which is also available in Arabic as Al Intisar Ala Abi Derya: Malhamat Istikhraj Al Lolo Min Aamaq Al Khalij Al Arabi – is a captivating tale about Qatar’s rich pearl-fishing past that brings the legends and hardships of Arabian divers to vivid life.

Published by Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing (BQFP) in cooperation with the Qatar Museums Authority earlier this year, Victory over Abu Derya is “a beautifully illustrated account of traditional pearl diving in Qatari waters” (The Gulf Times, Qatar) that makes history fun for kids and will inspire them to learn more about Qatar’s rich heritage.

Written and illustrated by Mohammed Ali, a local author, painter and expert on Qatar’s cultural heritage, who has written and illustrated many children’s books, and has also produced and presented children’s programmes in Qatar and the Arab world, Victory over Abu Derya tells the story of a pearl fleet that has returned from another hard season at sea. The legendary guardian of the Sea Kingdom, Abu Derya, has inflicted a terrible defeat on the fleet and many ships and sailors have been lost. However, when Rashid’s grandmother has a dream in which her grandson’s hands are filled with pearls, the villagers are determined to reverse their fortunes. But Abu Derya is ready, once more, to make sure that doesn’t happen.

Victory over Abu Derya is the first retelling of a popular local folk tale in English. Not just an excellent read, it also provides an educational insight into the region’s recent past, and

includes a glossary of terms. This is very definitely a winner for both children and parents and is bound to be cherished by all those interested in Qatar.

Owned by Qatar Foundation and managed by Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, BQFP publishes books of excellence and originality in English and

Arabic, including Arabic translations of international bestselling children’s fiction so that children in the region can enjoy these books for the first time ever.

Available from all major bookstores in Doha. For more information contact: bqfp@qf.org.qa

READERS' LETTERS

Write to QFTelegraph at qft@qf.org.qa to have your say.

Dear QF Telegraph, I was very pleased to read Noor Al Merekhi’s recent column about “The Benefits of Practicing Art”. As a cultural practitioner involved in the opening of the new QF-QMA project Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art, it is very exciting to know that there are people in our community who already realize the potential for art beyond just its commercial or aesthetic value. I hope that she becomes a champion for the museum and encourages our QF community and the larger society

Conditions of submission Requests for inclusion and submissions of material must be made no later than two weeks in advance of publication. Requests and submission of information may be made by email only directly to the relevant QFTelegraph journalist or to qft@qf.org.qa. Any articles written will be treated as correct and approved by the

to engage with our exhibitions and programs. If it is possible to share this email with Noor, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you, Michelle Dezember Head of Education Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art

Reply: Thanks for your email, we have forwarded it to Noor Al Merekhi.



QF RADIO 93.7

- 06:00 Far Corners Current affairs and situational snapshots from around the world
- 06:33 Students News The latest news about students for students around Education City and more...
- 07:00 QF News Everything about QF
- 07:30 E-Vision Interesting stories about 'Education, the academe, student life,' and a lot more, straight from the students, professors and more
- 08:45 "Alamouhm"
- 09:00 International News All the latest news from around the world presented in Arabic
- 10:00 Industry The latest innovations, gadgets, technology and more
- 11:00 Sports Global Sports news from within Qatar and the rest of the world
- 11:18 Dhuhr call to prayer
- 12:11 Science Alive Science matters and more

- 13:25 Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra The best musical pieces performed by the Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra
- 14:28 Taking You Further A human rights program, an in-depth look at important issues facing all of us today
- 15:26 Asr call to prayer
- 15:54 Piano Musicals
- 16:50 Maghrib call to prayer
- 18:20 Isha call to prayer
- 19:00 Campus Buzz Opinions, events, and more produced by students, presented by students
- 19:30 Cover to Cover Lively discussion about literature and award winning/best selling English and Arabic titles, literary events and what's happening in publishing in Qatar.
- 20:32 Nothing is Impossible Fitness and Health, your on-line personal trainer
- 21:00 Sports Global
- 23:00 International News
- 00:00 QF News
- 01:00 E-Vision
- 02:30 Industry
- 03:07 Nothing is Impossible
- 04:20 Science Alive
- 04:28 Fajr call to prayer
- 05:45 Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra

My Favorite...

Prakash Aranha

Director, Operations & Maintenance, Facilities Management Directorate

I'm from India and growing coffee is my family profession. I enjoy being on the plantation away from the city and seeing the greenery around me. Growing coffee plants is like bringing up babies. You see them growing every time and if something should happen to them, you feel for them. The process takes almost seven years, starting with the nursery where you sow the seeds, after which you take the saplings and plant them. Once they grow you have to take care of them. You apply fertilizer, insecticide, make sure weeds don't grow, prune the plants [remove the dead twigs and leaves], and give them optimum shade by placing trees around them.



Games

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	4	8			7		2	
	5						6	
6				5				4

Puzzle by websudoku.com

SU|DO|KU THE RULES ARE SIMPLE

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through to 9.

SOLUTION

4	6	1	8	5	2	7	3	9
7	9	8	4	3	6	1	5	2
5	2	3	7	1	9	8	4	6
6	1	2	5	8	3	9	7	4
3	5	4	2	9	7	6	8	1
9	8	7	6	4	1	3	2	5
8	3	9	1	2	4	5	6	7
1	4	6	3	7	5	2	9	8
2	7	5	9	6	8	4	1	3

Qatar National Day

18 December, 2010

Qatar Foundation is organizing a variety of events to mark this important occasion. A diving forum will be held to celebrate the country's heritage, while the Cultural Development Center will host an art exhibition. Qatar Symphony will be performed at Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra's new home in the Cultural Village, and a film presentation will be held in Education City's Ceremonial Court. For more information please visit www.qf.org.qa.

FACILITIES TIMINGS

HEALTH & FITNESS

Fitness Center

Sun–Sat: 5.30am–10pm

Ladies Fitness Room

Sun–Sat: 5.30am–10pm

Swimming Pools

All pools (EC Members):
3.30pm–7.30pm (men will be requested to leave at 5pm on Sun, 5.30pm on Wed)
Fri, Sat:

All pools (Public): 9am–6pm
Ladies Swimming (EC Members)
Sun: 5pm–8pm
Wed: 5.30pm–7.30pm

SOCIAL

Basketball

Tues: 7pm–9pm

Badminton

Wed: 6pm–9pm
Fri: 10am–1pm

Squash

Thurs: 5pm–7pm
Ladies: Sat: 4pm–5pm

Indoor football

Wed: 5.30pm–7pm

Ⓢ Location for all activities: Recreation Center, call 4454 0805 or email recreationservices@qf.org.qa



EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2010

Open-Air Screening of Stars of Science

Sun, 21 November, 7.15pm

View the last episode before the grand finale of reality TV-program Stars of Science in an open-air screening under the stars. Witness how Arab youth go on a journey to become scientific and technological pioneers as they compete against each other to transform innovative ideas into real products.

Location: Souq Waqif, near Jerry & Co Café

For more information, visit www.starsofscience.com

Lord Ara Darzi Lecture

Mon, 22 November, 9.30am – 12.15pm

As part of Qatar Foundation's Distinguished Lecture Series, Professor Lord Ara Darzi, holder of the Paul Hamlyn Chair of Surgery at Imperial College London, will hold a lecture about Health Care Reforms – Quality and Innovation. Following his lecture will be a 45-minute discussion session. Admission is free and reservation is on first come, first served basis.

Location: Lecture Hall 4, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

To register and for more information, visit www.qf-research-division.org/distinguished

Qatar International Beauty Academy Visit

Tues, 23 November, 10am – 12pm

Qatar International Beauty Academy (QIBA), Tajmeel, will receive QF members to introduce them to their facilities and answer their questions. Aiming to provide educational and worthwhile experiences to prospective clients, the trip will also include a makeup class and a hair styling class. A total of 20 seats are

available for the visit.

Location: QIBA, Al Saad Road

For more information, visit Community Support at the first floor of Community & Recreation Center (C&RC) on Mon, 22 November, from 4pm – 8pm or email communitysupport@qf.org.qa.

Bernard J. Canniffe Lecture

Wed, 24 November, 6pm

Bernard J. Canniffe discusses how designers are now connecting with community organizations and medical research institutions and translating research, changing behaviors to assist disenfranchised communities in a lecture entitled Design is Finally Sitting Up at the Grown-Up Table. The lecture focuses on a world where designers are changing the world one project at a time.

Location: Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar) Atrium

For more information, visit www.qatar.vcu.edu or call 44020555 For more information: www.qatar.cmu.edu

Ibtikar Qatar Workshops

Sat, 27 November, 8.30am – 1.30pm

Ibtikar Qatar will give secondary school students the opportunity to learn about the Information Systems Major at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q) and the career opportunities available in the field. Students will gain an understanding of people and process technology, business plan fundamentals, and other key areas. Based on this, they will develop a team poster which they can submit to a competition.

Location: CMUQ

For more information, visit www.qatar.cmu.edu/ibtikar.

Education City Environment Protection Day

Sat, 27 November, 8am

QF faculty and staff and their families are invited to participate in an environmental day that will include activities such as a beach clean-up and the planting of

Mangrove trees in Al Khor. The event will allow the QF community to learn more about the environment of Qatar, plants in Qatar, and how we can protect our environment. There will be an entertainment quiz about the environment with environmental-friendly prizes. Lunch will be provided during the trip. Buses will transport the participants to and from Al Khor. Location: Liberal Arts & Sciences Building.

Green Market

Sat, 27 November, 9am – 1pm

A variety of indoor and outdoor plants will be sold to the QF community at below market prices, as well as vegetables and gardening accessories. Experts will be present to give gardeners advice on how to take care of their garden and plants and to provide them with tips on how to grow the plants. Registration is not necessary.

Location: AaQool Atrium, C&RC For more information, email communitysupport@qf.org.qa or visit www.starsofscience.com.

DECEMBER 2010

Refresh Qatar

Sat, 4 December, 10.30am – 2pm

Refresh Qatar is an open community of web designers, developers, e-marketers and entrepreneurs working to refresh the creative, technical, and professional culture of the internet in Qatar. Anyone interested in design, technology, business, marketing, entrepreneurship, social media, blogging or tweeting, is invited to attend. The meet-up will feature talks, demos and discussions that cover e-commerce, online communities and web & user experience design, followed by a networking lunch. To register, visit www.refreshqatar.com or call 3354 9965.

Ⓢ Have your event listed. Send us an email at qft@qf.org.qa

WE RECOMMEND...



VCU-QATAR GALLERY EXHIBITION – 'NEW YORK CHRONICLES'

Wed, 20 October – Sat, 27 November

'New York Chronicles' brings together a number of established and emerging Arab artists whose works represent a broad spectrum of the New York experience. Location: The Gallery at VCU-Qatar For more information, please visit www.qatar.vcu.edu or call +974 44020555.

EC CLUB HOUSE

CLUB HOUSE

Sun–Thurs: 6am–10pm
Fri–Sat: 6am–11pm

FITNESS ROOM

Daily: 6am – 10pm
(Fitness instructor available)

POOL

Daily: 9am–6pm

SPA

Daily: 6am–10pm, please call 44540836 for appointments.

MINI-FOOTBALL PITCH

Daily: 6am–8pm

RECREATION FACILITIES

Tennis, Squash and Basketball Courts

Daily: 6am–10pm

GAMES ROOM

Sun–Thurs: 8am–10pm
(Closed on Monday)
Fri–Sat: 8am–11pm

DINING FACILITIES

The Grill

Daily: 6pm–10pm

Meseika Snack Bar

Daily: 9am–10pm

Lebaina Restaurant

Breakfast served
Daily: 6am – 9am

NUTRITION SERVICES

Sun: 5pm–8pm
Mon, Wed: 4pm–6pm
Tue, Thurs: 9am–12pm

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Sun–Thurs: 8am–10pm
Fri–Sat: 8am–11pm

LULU EXPRESS HOURS

Daily: 7am–11pm

