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WISE Thought leaders in education gather to help improve education systems

Building the future of education

AROUND 1,200 leading thinkers in education from around the world took part in the second edition of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), a Qatar Foundation (QF) initiative held from 7 to 9 December in Doha.

Discussing ways to improve education systems and exploring innovative trends, the participants were encouraged to take part in sessions led by some of the world's foremost decision makers, thought leaders, educationalists and politicians.

"Through the fruitful discussion and the main concerns raised, in addition to the constructive ideas emerging from various academic, professional, political and cultural backgrounds, I am certain that WISE will lead to opening wide horizons for developing quality education and expanding its reach," said Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of QF.

"I look forward to WISE being engaged more and more in offering alternatives and solutions to the main education problems and challenges we are facing."

Addressing the WISE Awards ceremony, Dr Abdulla bin Ali Al-Thani, Chairman of WISE and Qatar Foundation's Vice-President of Education, said: "The Awards offer strong evidence of true innovation taking place on the ground in a variety of locations throughout the world. This is precisely



WISE Awards

■ The six winners of the WISE Awards 2010 were honored at a special WISE Gala Dinner on 8 December. The outstanding Laureates were awarded for their innovative educational projects under the theme *Transforming Education: Investment, Innovation and Inclusion*. Each winner received a Prize Award of \$20,000 and had the opportunity to showcase their project in the course of the summit. A space was dedicated to their achievements in an exhibit at WISE.

the spirit WISE encourages: creating a worldwide network and encouraging collaboration."

He explained that in order to tackle some of the challenges in education, WISE was organized around two main themes: improving education systems and exploring innovative trends. The

first theme focused in particular on how the quality of education could be improved in order to provide every human being with an education.

In exploring innovative trends, speakers and participants looked at the potential of emerging technologies and branches of science in providing solu-

tions and offering new possibilities in education. Topics included the impact of ICT, lessons from cognitive science, games for serious learning, and the funding of education.

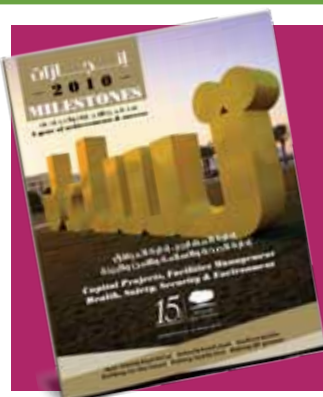
In an address to the 1,200 delegates, Sheikh Abdulla said: "Our aspiration is to bring together multiple stakeholders

and to connect theory with practice, because this kind of collaboration is critical in facing the most urgent and complex issue of our time – Building the future of education."

📍 For more information, please visit www.wise-qatar.org.

Social Development Center's charity effort

■ Organizers of the dinner are hoping to eclipse last year's amount for needy families in Qatar. Turn to page 3 to read about this year's glamorous event.



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Stars of Science winner

■ Kuwaiti innovator Sadik Qassim was crowned the winner of the second season of reality TV program Stars of Science during a live final in Qatar Science & Technology Park. Turn to page 4 to read more about his winning product.



OPENING 30 DECEMBER

Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art

■ **Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art**, a partnership between Qatar Museums Authority and Qatar Foundation, is set to open its doors to the public on 30 December. The opening program will feature a range of events including art-making activities and poetry readings organized in collaboration with Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing.

Historic works of Arab modernism and a multitude of new works commissioned by Mathaf will be on view at two sites in Doha – its building in Education City and an exhibition hall located on the grounds of the Museum of Islamic Art.



“The museum is about presenting the collection, encouraging scholarship, and serving as a meeting place,” said Wassan Al-Khudairi, Acting Director of Mathaf. “We strive to have a place where people can come, feel creative and exchange ideas over a coffee.”

For more information, visit www.mathaf.org.qa

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QF Speakers Bureau Over 40 employees receive certification as official QF spokespeople

Telling the QF story



AFTER INTENSIVE meetings and presentation skills training of undergoing intensive media and presentation skills trainings, 43 Qatar Foundation (QF) Headquarters employees received certification to Qatar Foundation Speakers Bureau (QFSB), recognizing them as official QF spokespeople.

Delivering clear messages about QF and its work, QFSB members will help take the QF story to audiences in Qatar, the region and around the world. The initiative was launched by QF's Communication Directorate earlier this year.

Haya Khalifa Al-Nassr, Director of

Communication Directorate, handed over the certificates to the QFSB members after they signed an agreement vowing to participate in the program for at least one year. The ceremony took place during the inaugural QFSB orientation program on 30 November.

“We are extremely excited about having a pool of qualified QF spokespeople committed to the QFSB program,” Al-Nassr told QF Telegraph. “QF has an amazing story to tell. Stepping into the public eye and helping promote QF's educational, scientific and community development endeavors and initiatives, QFSB members will

help strengthen QF's position across the world.

“Communication Directorate will be working with these members every step of the way, providing briefings and ongoing trainings throughout the program.”

QFSB is an elite group who have been selected by top management and have been evaluated by Communication Directorate.

They currently make up two groups: QF Ambassadors, who will represent QF when speaking to the media, and the QF Presentation Council, consisting of staff who will deliver presenta-

tions. All members may be invited to speak at or participate in conferences and events.

Next year, a group of QF Member Spokespeople will be added to the program, which will be representing QF's member organizations such as Qatar Science & Technology Park or the Education City universities. They could also speak about their area of expertise.

Up-to-date biographies and profile photos of all QFSB members will soon be available on a dedicated website, a handy resource for media and others to identify the candidate best suitable for a particular interview, event or speaking engagement.

All requests will be assessed, facilitated and monitored by Communication Directorate, which will liaise between QFSB members and external stakeholders.

Only members of the QFSB are authorized to speak to the media about Qatar Foundation. Anyone contacted by the media should refer the request to QFSB at qfspeakersbureau@qf.org.qa.

QFSB's objective

■ QFSB is a pool of qualified QF spokespeople who are able to deliver the QF story in a confident, knowledgeable and consistent manner to a variety of audiences and through a variety of channels – locally, regionally and internationally.

Competition Qatari comedy contest winner

Stand-up student

A CARNEGIE MELLON University in Qatar (CMUQ) student has embarked on an international comedy tour after winning a major competition.

Mohammed Fahad Kamal, who is enrolled on a business management degree course at CMUQ's Education City campus, has been performing throughout the Middle East after beating other aspiring comedians in a competition for the chance to perform with Egyptian-American funny man Ahmed Ahmed.

The 21-year-old's only previous stand-up experience was performing in front of fellow students before lectures and he only entered the com-

petition after he received messages of support from his classmates.

“A lot of people who saw me performing came up to me and said it was cool and asked if I would do it again. I said ‘why not?’. I loved stand up comedy from a young age and watched people like Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy, but I never thought I could become one,” he said.

Since winning through two phases of the competition to tour with Ahmed, including a final in front of 1,400 people at Sheraton Doha Hotel, Kamal has lined up a series of concerts in Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman and Syria.



Congratulations to our winners

■ Congratulations to the winners of the QFTelegraph Qatar Airways student contest. Out of dozens of entries Shannon Farhoud, a student at Northwestern University in Qatar, and Ihab Rizk, studying Mechanical Engineering at Texas A&M University at Qatar, won return tickets on Qatar Airways to the destination of their choice.

Student second in poster competition

■ Texas A&M University at Qatar student Karim Ibrik last month won second place in the Material Engineering and Sciences poster competition at the AIChE Student Annual Conference in Utah. Karim Ibrik and Dr Dave Seapy, Professor of Chemistry, spent 18 months researching “Synthetic Steps towards an Azobenzene photo-controlled Crown-Ether-like claw”.



Books for preschoolers

■ Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing and Al Jazeera Children's Channel launched a series of books for preschoolers featuring the adventures of Fafa and her friends at the first Doha International Children's Book Festival. Fafa and Moumou, Oti and Douka can already be seen daily on Baraem TV, a preschool channel for children between the ages of three and six.



Outreach University's volunteer scheme embraces Doha orphans



Students' helping hands

EDUCATION CITY students reached out to Qatari orphans during a fun-filled arts and crafts evening.

More than 50 children from Dhreima, the Qatari centre for orphans, travelled to Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar's (SFS-Qatar's) new building to take part in the event.

The activities were organized by Volunteer Qatar, a campaign to foster volunteerism in Qatar which was launched by SFS-Qatar earlier this year.

"Tonight's arts and crafts evening was great for the children and volunteers alike. When people offer their

time and energy in service to others, the community is strengthened. Through Volunteer Qatar, we hope to provide all members of society with opportunities to volunteer and do their part in helping those in need," explained SFS-Qatar senior Lulu Al-Rodaini, a key member of the campaign.

The youngsters from Dhreima were joined by more than 30 SFS-Qatar staff, alumni, students and friends for the hands-on craft session.

Participants helped the children to create five large posters depicting the importance of volunteering and SFS-Qatar graduate Jennifer Ponard said

it had been a valuable experience.

"Through our community outreach and regular service trips, Georgetown really instills in its students a love of volunteering. I am excited to see how Volunteer Qatar is spreading the Georgetown tradition of service to the broader community," she explained.

Volunteer Qatar was launched in September when volunteers distributed 400 Iftar meals to those in need throughout Doha during Ramadan. Membership and participation in Volunteer Qatar events is open to the public.

Community Ancient Iraq inspires SDC's fundraising dinner

Charity history makers

A GOLDEN ERA for Islamic civilization was brought back to life as Social Development Center (SDC) hosted a dinner to raise money for needy families in Qatar.

His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, as well as scores of distinguished guests, attended the SDC's seventh annual charity event at the Sheraton Doha, which this year focused on 8th to 13th century Iraq.

Donations were welcomed at the dinner and event organizers are hoping to eclipse last year's amount.

"As in previous years, the charity dinner [was] an opportunity to meet and work towards helping families that are in need who cannot afford

living expenses," explained Amal Abdullatif Al-Mannai, SDC Executive Director.

"In all our events we choose to focus on creating cultural content and communicating a humanitarian message. We strive to introduce people to different human civilizations, taking into consideration diversity by addressing the greatest aspects of a particular country."

Under the title of 'The Seven Letters of Rafidain,' this year's charity dinner took guests on a journey back in time to an era of prestigious Arab scholars and thriving Islamic society.

The centerpiece of the evening was a masterful production of sight and sound created by world-renowned Iraqi director Jawad Assadi. The venue

also played host to a series of exhibits flown in especially from the international 'Sultans of Science' exhibition.

All of the donations received for the extravaganza will be ploughed into the SDC's Tarahom project which works hard to provide help and assistance for less-fortunate families across Qatar.

As well as coming to the aid of those who struggle to find living expenses, Tarahom supports females who look after their families, the elderly, relatives of prisoners and even those requiring financial aid to further their education.

Al-Mannai added: "Our work is focused on improving the quality of life for Qatari nationals and residents that live in this great country."

Sport QF celebrates as Qatar wins

World Cup comes to Qatar 2022



QATAR FOUNDATION members led the celebrations after Qatar sensationally won the right to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Years of planning and lobbying by bid officials and ambassadors, including Her Highness Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser Al Missned and former World Footballer of the Year Zinedine Zidane, paid off when Qatar was awarded the showpiece tournament following a vote in Zurich.

Scores of people packed into Qatar Foundation's Recreation Centre to watch the decision being made, with jubilant scenes greeting FIFA President Sepp Blatter's announce-

ment that football's main event would be held in the Middle East for the first time.

Texas A&M University at Qatar also joined in the party atmosphere by hosting a celebratory event at its engineering building.

Qatar beat competition from rival bidders Australia, Japan, South Korea and the United States to host the 2022 World Cup.

The country's ambitious plan, which includes the renovation of three existing stadiums and the construction of nine others, caught the imagination of FIFA's executive members who polled Qatar in first place in each of four rounds of voting.

Aircraft presentation

Students at Qatar Leadership Academy were given a glimpse into the future of aviation on 25 November when Tom Hallett, an autonomous systems specialist, took them through a presentation on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, the latest generation of pilot-less aircraft. It was the second in a series of aviation-themed lectures organized by BAE Systems.



Georgetown launches Women's Center

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar launched a branch of Georgetown University's Women's Center last month. Designed to encourage female students to think consciously about the role gender plays in all societies, the center is dedicated to educating and empowering women.

COLUMN
AISHA GHANI

Gardening: A Healthy Hobby

MY FAMILY and I discovered our “green” passion five years ago when we first participated in the QAFCO Flower and Vegetable Show, which is organized each year at Mesaieed. Since then, gardening and flower arranging has become our hobby.

From my experience, many of my friends and colleagues prefer to have fresh vegetables and fruits from their garden. Others just want to have indoor plants at their house. Whatever their plans, a lot of them ask for my help and I am always happy to oblige.

Newcomers need to know a few basic things to be successful. Look at the plot in which you wish to grow your garden. Determine the hours of sunlight it receives – if you are planning on growing tomatoes, for example, it will need a minimum of six to eight hours of light a day.

Plan your garden so that each plant gets its needs met. Arrange the rows to face east so that taller plants, such as corn, will not shade out lower-growing plants such as green beans or peas. All plants will then receive the same hours of sunlight each day.

It is important to know your earth. Is it sandy, loam or clay? Each type of soil affects plants differently and loamy soil is the optimum kind. Check the pH balance of your soil – is it sweet, sour or bitter? Soil with the correct pH balance is considered sweet. Although plants will grow in unbalanced soil, you never achieve optimum results.

Prepare your plot in the autumn. Have someone plough the land or use a rototiller to do it yourself. This allows the winter frost to break up soil clumps into a good base. By doing this, all you need to do in the spring is rake over the plot, removing stones and clumps, to prepare the soil for planting.

If you choose to buy your plants from a nursery, look for specimens that are green, have buds forming on them and are not tall and spindly. This is the time when smaller is better. Large plants have had a diet high in nitrogen and will be

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shocked when transplanted to the garden. Avoid plants that show any sign of disease.

Time your visit to the nursery to match the planting time of the crop you are planning on growing. It is a good idea to “harden” plants after bringing them home. Begin the process by moving the new plants outside into a shelter area and letting them adjust for an hour or two during the day. Increase the time as the plants show signs of adjusting to the new environment.

It is important to know how and when to fertilize. Depending on the fertility of your soil, you can fertilize vegetables three to four weeks after transplanting. With crops such as squash and cucumbers, fertilize when they begin to spread and then again when they bloom. Plan on using a balanced fertilizer and sprinkle it six to eight inches from the plant’s stem, working it loosely in the soil.

Following these guidelines will help you pick up a fascinating hobby, provide fresh vegetables during the summer and help cut back on food costs. Gardening, whether flower or vegetable, is relaxing and enjoyable, so get planning today!

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Contest Arab innovator triumphs in *Stars of Science* season two

Creating star scientists

A KUWAITI inventor scooped the \$300,000 top prize after being named the winner of TV show *Stars of Science*’s second series.

Sadek Qassim beat three other young hopefuls in a live public vote to be named champion during a colorful final held at Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP).

The 26-year-old impressed judges with his creation Alchemist, an automated multi-functional oil samples lab tester, which he will now be able to develop using his prize money.

“We have invented products that will benefit mankind as a whole, we are here to show the Arab world that we can succeed,” said Qassim, who was assisted by partner Ahmad Khoulousy.

“I would like to thank my entire country – my whole country has won today. This victory is dedicated to my father who has inspired my project.”

The second series of *Stars of Science* saw 16 hopefuls battling it out for a chance to develop their scientific creations, with entrants who made it past the first stage being given access to the world-class facilities and expertise at QSTP.

The show, which was initiated by Qatar Foundation (QF), was broad-

cast throughout the Arab world as the contestants were whittled down until just four remained.

“Tonight’s program has been a powerful reminder of the creativity and talent of our youth in the Arab World,” said His Excellency Sheikh Dr Abdulla Bin Ali Al-Thani, President of Education City University and QF’s Vice President of Education. “Once again, we were very impressed by the quality of the projects and the dedication of the candidates, which will certainly encourage yet more ingenious ideas in the next season.”

World-renowned Lebanese professor Dr Fouad Mrad, who served as one of the series’ permanent jurors, said the standard of inventor was much higher this season than in *Stars of Science*’s debut year.

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“The level of raw material is certainly much higher,” he told **QFTelegraph**. “I am excited to see the youth excited about becoming inventors and implementing what they are learning in their textbooks, translating those ideas into useful products.”

Dr Mrad was also full of praise for the work of QF. The Coordinator at United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Center said: “I believe [QF] is really breaking down barriers and changing the perceptions in terms of education and community outreach. The mentality is ‘Yes, we can do it’.”

“I’m not against papers and theories, but it is nice to see results actually being delivered on the ground and the vision and strategy being coupled with concrete developments that are touching real people and delivering real products.”

Stars of Science series two featured a prize pot of \$600,000, which was split between Qassim, runner-up Abdullah Abou Zeid, third-placed Hind Hobeika and Ahmed Al-Dazi, who finished fourth.

Entries are now being accepted for *Stars of Science* series three. To enter, visit www.starsofscience.com.



Housing and Residence Life Maintaining QF's Residence Halls and helping students fit in

Creating a campus community

LOCATED WITHIN walking distance to classes and recreational areas in Education City (EC), Qatar Foundation's Residence Halls offer convenient living opportunities for undergraduate students enrolled at EC universities.

But living on campus is about more than just having a place to stay and sleep. It is a way for students to become involved in programs that can help develop them as people and make them feel part of a community.

It is up to Housing and Residence Life (H&RL), which falls under Education Division's Office of Faculty and Student Services, to ensure that the 420 inhabitants of the Residence Halls feel at home in EC.

Made up of 10 buildings, the Residence Halls have five professional Residence Hall Directors (RHDs), nine Desk Clerks and 19 Community Development Advisors (CDAs), who are student staff members. The team is responsible for handling maintenance issues as well as setting up educational and community activities.

All members of staff are expected to have meaningful conversations with students, according to Belle Vukovich Kenoyer, Assistant Director for H&RL.

"We operate under the idea that we want the students to feel like they matter," she says. "If they're not engaged in the community, or not attending class, we'd like to help them. We can't force people to get involved, but we try to find things that make students feel like they fit in and have people who are concerned about them."

"We begin every academic semester with a floor meeting, to which everyone living on the floor is invited to attend. It's a chance to meet people and for staff to solicit the things people are interested in."

Another main focus of H&RL is to promote sustainable living, both in Residence Halls and to a wider audience in EC and beyond. That could be through promoting recycling, working with faculty members

to organize student trips or helping student organizations reduce waste during events.

Students too play their part in these projects. A group of students is currently assessing the behavior of residents of the Residence Halls, asking them specific questions about energy use, bottled water consumption, recycling initiatives and e-waste.

"We don't just do big awareness seminars, we are also looking at the behavior of people and being tactical about how we approach sustainability," explains Christopher Silva, Sustainability Education Coordinator, H&RL.

"If a power strip uses a lot of energy, but there is a bed in front of it, it becomes difficult to reach and to turn off. So we are identifying things like these to make being sustainable easier."

It is projects like these that Vukovich Kenoyer believes could help the community get together while learning useful skills.

"We track all of the conversations and activities of our staff and are really proud of our collective accomplishments. We're a high-touch operation and hope that students know that they can come to us if they have any issues or concerns, or just want to share something positive."

New residence halls

■ Qatar Foundation's new residence halls, which will provide housing for 1,200 more students in 2012, are set to become a prime example of sustainable living. Aiming to become the world's first certified Platinum LEED-ranked student residence halls, it will maximize energy efficiency and water usage, utilize wind turbines, photovoltaic cells and a bio mass wall for filtering gray water. Combined, these sources are planned to provide 13% of the energy of the building.

How do I...?

QF Telegraph helps make your life at Education City easier

■ What is *The Doha Debates*?

The Doha Debates is a groundbreaking television series financed by Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development. Each program centres around a single controversial motion – such as Muslims are not doing enough to combat terrorism and Palestinians risk becoming their own worst enemies – with two speakers presenting for and against the idea. The speakers are then questioned by the chairman before the issue is opened up to the audience for an electronic vote.

■ How independent is the series?

Entirely. Although it is financed with QF resources, chairman Tim Sebastian, a former BBC Worldwide correspondent and the show's founder, ensured the *Debates*' editorial independence when it was set up in 2004. No government, official body or broadcaster has any say over who is invited or what is said during any debate.

■ How can I watch the debates?

Each series of *The Doha Debates* is made up of eight individual programs, each of which is aired around the globe on BBC Worldwide. The show has gathered a huge international following, with more than 300 million people in 200 countries having tuned in so far. Previous debates are also available via the program's website at www.dohadebates.com/debates/past.asp

■ Can I be in the audience?

Each debate is carried out in front of a live studio audience of around 350 people, the majority being students and faculty members from schools, colleges and universities in Doha, including in Education City. Tickets are free and members of the public can apply for one by following the link to the booking form at www.dohadebates.com/debates/attend.asp Members of the education community should contact their organization's representative, whose details can be obtained by emailing thedohadebates@qf.org.qa

■ Has *The Doha Debates* ever been filmed outside of Qatar?

Yes. Since 2007, the show has been broadcast from prestigious locations including the unions of Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England, Georgetown University in the United States and St Stephen's College in India.

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MY QF



Name: Amanullah Shareef
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Years at QF: 1 year

Describe your role: I handle operations within the QF Warehouse, specifically when it comes to the storage and issue of materials for end-users all across QF. Our utmost priority is to issue material as quickly as possible. On a daily basis I deal with a large number of material requests and make sure that the facility is well maintained. I check how items are stored, make sure they are issued and delivered on time, check they are packed properly and go over all necessary documents. We provide several services which need to be executed promptly and accurately. We keep track of everything through reports of the requests we get, the duration of storage for all items and so on.

What I like about my job is...

I enjoy being able to help end-users all across QF. I feel great when we are given a certain amount of days to fulfill a requirement and we are able to complete the process in a shorter time span.

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Jamal Abdulla

A former professional athlete who represented Qatar at two Olympic Games, Jamal Abdulla, Recreation & Community Service Manager, Support Services Directorate, still focuses on fitness and dreams of helping women and disabled people take part in more sport.

What is your greatest achievement?

I've been a professional athlete for 22 years, running mid-long and long distances. I participated in two Olympic Games - I was in Barcelona in 1992 and in Atlanta in 1996. There, I ran the 3,000m steeplechase [an obstacle course in athletics].

To reach such high standards, to even qualify to compete in these games, is a great achievement for any professional sportsman. I felt very proud to represent Qatar and raise our flag.

Do you take any classes at the Recreation Center?

I try to stay fit as much as possible. I practice three or four times a week, around one-and-a-half hours at a time. I use the gym and run on the grass course. Like eating and drinking, people can't live without practicing sport - it is a need of the body.

If you were given the means and opportunity to lead an innovative project, what would you choose?

I would set up a gym or clubhouse with facilities for both disabled people and people without disabilities. I'd like to offer special facilities that disabled people could use without needing help from

anyone. For example, grips on the walls so they can get out of the wheelchair easily, special weight lifting equipment installed on the walls that can be adjusted to different heights and so on.

Why?

We need to make disabled people feel part of the community. Despite their condition, they are still able to do plenty of things.

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

I wish I could go back to being 18 or 20 years old, but living in the present. After my thirties, I stopped being a professional athlete as there is a time limit on how long your body can perform at its highest level. I wonder what it would be like if I were a pro now. We have a better support system in Qatar now - we have amazing facilities in Aspire and world-class coaches working in Doha.

If you were asked to organize a debate for one of the QF organizations, what theme would you choose?

Women and sports. I'd like to discuss how we could encourage ladies to participate in sports. Through clubs,

competitions in Qatar, regional competitions and so on, we could help ladies break through on a professional level.



What is the last website you visited on your office pc?

The website of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF). I recently read that Qatar won three medals in the Asian Games. I felt very happy that this small country was able to make such big achievements.



Cultural Review Palestinian poet shares his knowledge with QF community

Barghouti leads literary lessons

ASPIRING AUTHORS gained an expert insight into the fine art of creative writing after Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing (BQFP) hosted a visit from one of the Middle East's most-prestigious poets.

Mourid Barghouti, a Palestinian writer with an impressive collection of 16 published books behind him, traveled to BQFP's Education City headquarters to take part in a workshop with members of the wider Qatar community.

Ten people took the chance to meet with Barghouti during the session, which saw the author discussing his work before listening to participants as they read examples of their own writing to the group.

The visit was co-hosted by BQFP and Al Fakhora, a Qatar-based international campaign committed to providing and expanding access to education for students in Gaza.

"[Barghouti] spoke about the important elements of creative writing. He is a very well-known author in the Arab world and his book *Ra'yu Ramallah*, or *I Saw Ramallah*, has broadened the reach of his work, so we were very pleased to be able to co-host him with Al Fakhora," explained Dr Mohanalakshmi Rajakumar, BQFP Reading and Writing Development Director.

"People were thrilled to meet Barghouti and stayed talking with him an hour after his presentation ended."

Barghouti, whose last book was 2005's *Muntasaf al-Lail*, or *Midnight*, spent two days in Education City and allocated time to reading from and discussing *I Saw Ramallah* during a talk at Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar.

The author is well-known in literary circles and is a regular face at conferences, poetry readings and festivals across the Middle East and Europe.

His visit to QF was one of a regular series of events run by BQFP, which include at least one major reading and writing event every month.

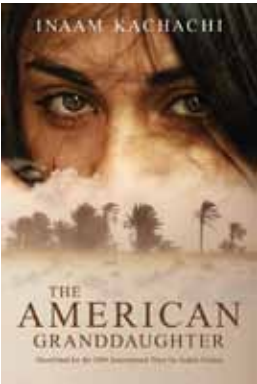
"These workshops are critical to our ability to promote an accessible and thriving literary culture," added Dr Rajakumar.



BOOK CORNER

The American Granddaughter

By Inaam Kachach; translated from Arabic by Nariman Youssef



BY ONE of the most exciting new voices in Arabic literature, and shortlisted for the International Prize for Arabic Fiction (IPAF) 2009, Inaam Kachachi's The American Granddaughter is a powerfully-moving book that is at once poignant and impossible to put down.

Fifteen years after emigrating from Baghdad to America, Zeina returns to her war-torn homeland as an interpreter for the US Army and finds herself tormented by conflicting allegiances. Her traditional grandmother, the only family member Zeina believes she has in Iraq, disapproves of her granddaughter's involvement with the occupying forces.

Whilst in Baghdad, Zeina meets two "brothers" she knows nothing of. When she falls deeply in love with one of them, a militant in the Mahdi Army, she herself begins to question her values. The American Granddaughter eloquently reveals an Iraqi American's painful inner struggle against a backdrop of the pointless atrocities of war.

Beautifully written and effortlessly readable, this is indeed "one of the most beautiful novels of this new season" in which "Inaam Kachachi portrays the dual tragedy of her native land: the failure of America and the humiliation of Iraq" (Marianne).

Kachachi's narrative not only describes the terrible reality of a shattered Iraq and the pain of trying to reconcile identity with homecoming, but evokes the scents and moods of a lost country and way of life that is both compelling and hard to forget.

Born in Baghdad, Inaam Kachachi now lives in France. She writes for several Arabic newspapers and has previously published two non-fiction books in addition to her debut novel

Sawaqi al-Quloob (Streams of Hearts, 2005).

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Interesting stories about Education, the academe, student life, and a lot more, straight from the students, professors and more
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All the latest news from around the world presented in Arabic
- 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
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Sports news from within Qatar and the rest of the world
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- 02:30 Industry
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- 05:26 QatarSymphony

My Favorite...

Dr George White

Entrepreneurship Professor, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

As all of us spend more time in an increasingly digital world, one consequence of sharing our lives with the world is greater awareness of other people's problems, hopes and dreams. I am truly excited about the global explosive interest in social entrepreneurship and social responsibility. I'm fascinated with the potential improvements in education that might result in, although I'm facing a challenge as a parent in monitoring my children's activities to make sure they are, indeed, being better educated rather than simply becoming better at Internet gaming.



QF in numbers
Worldcup comes to Qatar
2022

1992 & 1996 the Olympic Games in Barcelona and Atlanta that Jamal Abdullah has competed in

1,200 the number of students who will be housed in new QF student accommodation by 2012

50 the number of children attended "Dhreima" effectiveness, held at Georgetown University - School of International Affairs in Qatar

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Games

9x9 grid with numbers for a puzzle game.

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

9x9 grid with the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.

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:

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

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

EVENTS

DECEMBER 2010

Alwanouhom Qatariyah

Mon, 13 – Sat, 25 December

Ten Qatar artists, aided by students of Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, have each produced two paintings to celebrate National Day. The result is being displayed in an exhibition accompanied by a photo exhibition on the process of creating the art works.

Waqif Art Center

Japanese Classes

Every Sat, until 29 January 2011,
9.30am – 11am

Community Support is offering a Japanese conversation course for beginners. The instructor will teach the alphabet, how to read and write characters, and basic conversational skills. Cost per person including materials: QR400 for people aged between 16 and 18, QR500 for participants who are 18 and above. *Shafallah Conference Room, Community Support Building*
To register, email course instructor Kentaro Azuma: Kentaro.azuma@gmail.com

Application Essays 101 for High School Students

Thurs, 16 December, 6 – 8.30pm

NU-Q's certified writing instructor will help prospective university students formulate their application essay. They will learn to write with greater complexity, confidence and interpretive savvy – all qualities admissions officers look for in application essays.

Room 3035, NU-Q

Joyful Occasion

Sun, 19 December, 7.30pm

Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra's pianist Sonja Park will be performing solo, playing the

following pieces: A. Osman's Fusion, S. Rachmaninov's Piano concerto No 3, and R. Strauss's Don Juan and Till Eulenspiegel. Guest conductor: Thomas Kalb. *Opera House, Katara – Cultural Village*

Bonsai Awareness

Thurs, 23 December, 3pm – 5pm

A professional from Qatar International Nursery will teach participants how to take care of their Bonsai trees. They will be taught cutting, grafting, and layering techniques. Pre-registration is required as limited places are available.

Education City Club House

For more information, email communitysupport@qf.org.qa

JANUARY 2011

Winners of the Stenhammar Singing Competition Concert

6 January, 7.30pm

The winners of the Swedish Wilhelm Stenhammar International Singing Competition will be performing several well-known classics by Puccini, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and others. Soloists: Hyojong Kim (Tenor), Lenka Macikova (Soprano), Jaesig Lee (Tenor), Izabela Matula (Soprano), Diana Tugui (Soprano), Falko Hoenisch (Baritone). Conductor: Nader Abbassi. *Opera House, Katara – Cultural Village*

Don Winters Lecture

Tues, 12 January, 12pm – 1.30pm

As part of Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar's (CMU-Q's) Making the Connection Lecture Series, Don Winters, Vice President of Research and Technology for Boeing International Corporation, will be conducting a presentation about the company, his position within it and possible opportunities for students. Students will also have a chance to network once the presentation is over. Lunch will be

provided.

Lecture Hall 1202, CMU-Q

Northwestern Admissions Information Session

Thursday, 13 January, 6pm – 7.30pm

High school students will be able to learn more about Northwestern University in Qatar's (NU-Q's) programs in Journalism and Communication and the vast array of career opportunities that its graduates enjoy.

Room 3035, NU-Q

World Religions Day

Sun, 16 January

Visitors to CMU-Q's food court will be able to view an interactive exhibit about world religions and interfaith movements, which will include information about the world's religions and leaders who have worked to make positive change through interfaith cooperation.

CMU-Q food court

Inclusive Piety with an Exclusive Image: The Shia's Shrines of Syria

Tues, 19 January, 6.30pm

Yasser Tabbaa, Visiting Professor of Art History, New York University Abu Dhabi presents a lecture as part of the Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar) 'Lectures in the Arts and Architecture of the Islamic World'. Tabbaa will speak about the formal aspects of new and newly renovated Shi'a shrines in Syria - their plan, design, ornament and inscriptions. Whereas their quite discordant architecture and excessive ornamentation may repel some sophisticated observers, they have become central to the pious practices of hundreds of thousands of visitors from all of the surrounding Shi'ite world.

VCUQatar Atrium

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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

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Daily: 7am–11pm

