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Media QF Radio gives Doha community a unique insight into the world of broadcasting

QF hits the airwaves

QATAR FOUNDATION has officially launched its enhanced QF Radio service which offers a wide range of quality programming covering everything from education to science and research.

The station, which was officially launched at Villaggio Mall on 23 January, now operates on the frequency 93.7 FM and will be hosting an entire month of activities at its temporary studio and the mall.

QF Radio provided opportunities for students around Doha, allowing them to engage in live coverage through a range of programs and news bulletins which the pupils produced from start to finish. Students also attended workshops held by Northwestern University in Qatar.

Ideally located to gain access to some of the world's foremost thinkers, scientists, innovators, professors, leaders, artists and other influencers of change who are currently working with QF, the station's goal is to inform the region and international audiences about QF's role and to document the people, stories and progress of QF as they work toward achieving Qatar's National Vision 2030.

"The launch of QF Radio 93.7 signals the beginning of a new era in broadcasting in Qatar and throughout the region. Our programs give voice to the aspirations of our young people and will be a vehicle for expression of

many perspectives," said Saad Al Hu-daifi, Head of QF Radio.

"In our studios we give the opportunity for all to live the radio atmosphere, work and gain experience which will qualify them to work on radio stations in the future in collaboration with QF."

The station has spent the past year researching audience needs and preparing a fresh range of programs aimed at young people around the GCC.

With more than 19 programs across different genres, QF Radio offers something for everyone - its programs range from educational to scientific and research. In addition, a variety of informative programs aim to educate listeners and enrich their knowledge.

QF Radio also features interviews with prominent personalities and provides regular coverage of major local, regional and international events such as the recent coverage of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar.

QF Radio offers 70 percent of its content in Arabic and the remaining 30 percent in English.

Learn more

■ QF Radio offers streaming audio on its website, www.qfradio.org.qa. Listeners can also follow QF Radio on Facebook and on Twitter. The station's programs will soon be available on iTunes.



Student Center

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»When the announcement was actually made that Qatar had been successful, we all went crazy.«

Muhammed Al-Nufal, student of Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, describes what it was like to be part of the World Cup bid presentation team to FIFA on page 4.

Anthology of Gulf poetry

■ Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar is publishing an anthology which will take readers into the rich and vibrant poetic tradition of the Gulf. The poems were written by a wide range of authors from the region. Read more on page 6.



COMING UP
31 JANUARY

YSREP PRESENTATION

■ **Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)** will hold a presentation on its second cycle of the **Young Scientists Research Experience Program (YSREP)** on 31 January. The presentation will take place in classrooms 1 and 2 of Hamad Medical Corporation's Medical Education Department.

Researchers are invited to submit their letters of intent until 14 February. Awarded projects will receive up to \$100,000 a year for a maximum of three years.

In order to be eligible for funding, applicants must hold a **Doctorate or a Terminal Academic Research Degree** in their field of expertise, be no older than 35 years, be affiliated to a local institution in Qatar, and submit at least two published peer-reviewed research papers along with their online application. Young scientists leading the project can work individually or with a research team from the same submitting institution.

Launched in May, YSREP fills the gap between QNRF's core research programs; the **Undergraduate Research Experience Program (UREP)**, set up to help undergraduate students; and the **National Priorities Research Program (NPRP)**, which supports established scientists.

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Horse breeding Birth will help ensure the preservation of the Arabian bloodline

Foal born through embryo transfer techniques

THE FIRST foal produced using embryo transfer techniques has been born at Al Shaqab equestrian center.

The colt, which is named Mirsal Al Shaqab, was born at 10am on 18 January.

The genetic parents are the internationally famed Arabian stallion Marwan Al Shaqab and the champion mare Miss El Power - but eight days after conception, the embryo was placed into the uterus of a mare called Manaya.

She gave birth to the foal and is nursing him, despite the fact that he only has the genes of his father and mother, helping to ensure the preservation of the Arabian bloodline.

Dr Pascal Derde, senior veterinarian at Al Shaqab, has led the embryo transfer program. He said the birth had gone very well and it was an amazing moment.

"The baby was very lively, had a good suckling reflex and the mother accepted her foal without a problem. Everything went perfectly," he said.

"It's almost like the foal has been born twice; just last year we had him in a petri dish and now he has been born again."

The foal is currently bay (a reddish-brown colour) with a white star on his forehead, although Derde thought he may eventually be grey as he has some white hairs around his eyes.



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"He has the head of Marwan and the nobility of his mother," he added.

There are high hopes for the future of the foal. With parents of the calibre of Marwan and Miss El Power, he could go on to do great things on the international show circuit.

Marwan has won the World Arabian Championship three times, while Miss El Power was named the Dubai Gold Cup Champion Filly in 2009.

Fadi Al Shaqab, grandson of Marwan is already making a name for himself on the international circuit, narrowly missing first place to come in second at the World Arabian Horse Show Championship in Paris in December.

The new foal's future success will depend on his looks. He should have a dished profile with large, lustrous eyes, large nostrils and a small muzzle. The neck should be long

and arched while his legs should be straight and well muscled with large joints.

In the show ring he should be graceful yet exude a sense of power.

The new foal is the first to be born through the embryo transfer technique at Al Shaqab - but more are on their way. In total 12 mares were pregnant so many more new arrivals are expected between now and June.



SDC a hit at the Made in Qatar Exhibition

■ The Social Development Center (SDC) participated in the Made in Qatar show, held in January at Doha Exhibition Centre. Staff unveiled the Entrepreneurs Development Fund, which offers help to budding business people. Staff also took applications from visitors who hope to collaborate with SDC in the future.

Education Students discuss culture

Literary café examines history of other cultures

STUDENTS AT Qatar Academy (QA) have been learning about the stories and folklore of other cultures.

The grade six pupils were assigned different civilizations - Ancient Greece, Ancient Egypt, Native American, African and Oceania - and asked to study the stories of the time to understand the priorities and values of the people.

A literary café was then organized giving students the chance to share what they had learned with others. They will then discuss how modern day stories depict modern values.

Ella Swain, an 11-year-old student, was in a group which studied the Native Americans. She said: "One of the characteristics that we found was that a lot of the stories were about food as they didn't farm so spent a lot of time looking for food."

Chad Schwaberow, Middle Years Program Co-ordinator at QA, said the topic taught them about other cultures and their history but by coming full circle and discussing modern stories, both fictional and factual, they will also learn more about the society they live in.

Students crowned best speakers from Qatar

■ Students from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar took first and second place for best speakers out of all participants from Qatar in the 31st World University Debating Championships. Held in Botswana this month, topics under debate included nuclear proliferation, personal privacy in internet communication, the best legal method for advancing social change, and teacher unions' right to strike.



Students learn about healthy lunch bags

■ Qatar Academy students were taught how to make the right choices in food during a field trip to Qatar Diabetes Association's (QDA) healthy kitchen last month. The field trip is part of QDA's ongoing Healthy Lunch School Bag Program. Now in its fourth year, the program aims to teach children the benefits of good food choices and help establish a solid understanding of nutrition that they will use for the rest of their lives.



Education Public library is one of the most extensive in the country

New library for Georgetown

A NEW library has opened at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (SFS-Qatar) which will be available to students, employees and members of the public.

The facility was part of the second phase of SFS-Qatar's new building relocation.

Frieda Wiebe, Director of the Library, said: "I think our library is a marvellous space. It's user-friendly and it's very inviting. I hope that our students and all of the Georgetown community, Qatar Foundation community and the public at large will enjoy visiting and using the facility."

The new library is one of the most extensive in the country and houses 60,000 books, nearly 5,000 DVDs and more than 500,000 e-books which are available to staff and students as well as members of the local community.

Members of the public will be able to join the library by paying a returnable deposit of QR 50 and filling in an application form. They will then be able to borrow up to six books at a time.

Although the library has an extensive collection of academic work, generally based on the social sciences, there are also works of fiction with volumes of English, French and Arabic literature all stored there.

There are currently 3,200 shelves that have already been stocked with books but there is plenty of space to expand and the collection is growing all the time. In addition the library includes study carrels, group study rooms, media editing rooms and a map room. There are also two computer classrooms where workshops will be held to teach students library research techniques.

Dr Mehran Kamrava, Interim Dean of SFS-Qatar, said: "We are very excited to welcome students

and the public to our new home in Education City. This state-of-the-art facility was designed to support and facilitate our dedication to scholarship, research and public service; which is best reflected in the opening of our new library to the community in Qatar."

The new Georgetown Qatar facility was designed by internationally-renowned architect firm Legorreta + Legorreta of Mexico City and measures 360,000 square feet. The building features a three-story atrium, an auditorium seating 350 and 22 classrooms and lecture halls, in addition to the school's impressive new library wing.

More than 30 single-sided custom-made book trucks were designed and built to transport the books from the LAS building to the new library in order to keep the volume sequences in order. Consultants from the moving company also considered the size, arrangement and capacity of new shelving space in order to develop logical breaks between shelves in the new library.

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IT Service Centre open longer

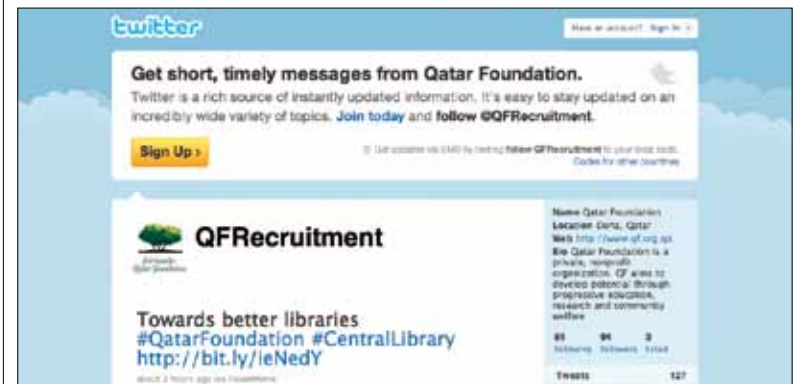
The working hours of the IT Service Centre have been extended. The center now operates Sunday to Thursday from 6am until 6pm. During non-business hours, the IT Service Centre continues to be operational, receiving calls from end-users, providing first-level support, where possible, over the phone. The IT Service Centre can be contacted via email: itsc@qf.org.qa or by calling 4454 0070.



Northwestern Dean to retire

The Dean of Northwestern University in Qatar will retire in June after serving as the founding Dean of the Qatar campus since 2007. He is stepping down after what was agreed to be a three-year term. Succeeding Margolis is Everette Dennis, the Chair of the Communication and Media Management department and Director of the Center for Communications at Fordham University in New York.

Recruitment Hiring talent through the web QF targets Twitter, Facebook and Youtube users



QATAR FOUNDATION'S Human Resources Directorate is attracting top professionals worldwide through social media, recently launching Twitter, Facebook and YouTube accounts for recruitment. An iPhone application is currently in the works.

According to Ghanim Al-Naimi, Director of Talent Sourcing & Development, recruiting through social networks has several major benefits including global and rapid communication. It allows QF to screen a vast pool of highly-qualified people before strategically shortlisting candidates for vacant positions, he said.

"Networking in social media arenas allows Qatar Foundation to connect with people on their own turf within their preferred social network-

ing community," explained Al-Naimi.

"This is an efficient way to target individuals by school, degree or professional accreditation and also provides an expansive area to broadcast vacant positions to a targeted audience."

"Qatar Foundation has always been a frontrunner with regards to innovation and grasping new technologies. This is an undeniable example that they are continuing their progressive efforts."

He added that social networking sites are increasingly used to target specific professional communities for recruitment. LinkedIn, a professional networking website, has more than 85 million professional users across 100 countries.

Families DIIFSD to hold workshops Addressing family issues

DOHA INTERNATIONAL Institute for Family Studies and Development (DIIFSD) will hold a training workshop in Lebanon at the end of next month that brings together a group of non-governmental organizations from the region to address a range of family issues.

The session, titled "Building Healthy Families", aims to spread information, build relationships among organizations and reach out to communities in the Arab world. The workshop will be repeated in Doha in March.

In Lebanon, the agenda kicks off with discussions on the reasons for

marriage and concludes with talks about raising teenage children.

"The idea for this came from trying to understand the meaning behind family diplomacy," explained Fatimah Saad, Director for Implementation and Social Outreach Division (ISOD) at DIIFSD.

"Diplomats try to build rapport. We want to build this pool of diplomats who are experts in family issues via NGOs so that they can talk to one another."

ISOD's focus is to create a network of organizations which provide family services. It now aims to be the regional hub for NGOs.

COLUMN

MUHAMMED AL-NUFAL

Helping Qatar win the bid

SIX YEARS ago it would have been almost unthinkable for me to imagine that I would end up representing Qatar and the entire region on the World Cup stage.

But that is exactly what happened after I was chosen to give a speech to the World Cup's governing body, FIFA.

Having played football for Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar as a striker and being nominated by student services, I was approached to help with the World Cup bid, eventually being interviewed by its CEO who told me I was very "impressive". Soon after I was told I would be going to Zurich in Switzerland with the bid team.

It was an amazing trip for me. I hadn't traveled a lot so I had never seen good snow.

One of the highlights of the trip was the kindness shown to me by the Royal Family and the rest of the bid team. It was amazing to see the Royal Family and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. We rehearsed a couple of times together and it was very relaxed and friendly. His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Thani [Qatar's 2022 World Cup bid Chairman] was very approachable and supportive. He said they would let me choose my own words, deliver it from my heart and tell the world our message.

When my big moment came, my mouth was dry and I was very nervous.

Also, even though I knew what I was going to say I still wanted to have my speech in front of me but I couldn't find it. Luckily I found an early draft and I delivered my message to FIFA.

My family were watching on television at their new home in Syria

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— although sadly many relatives, including my father, were missing, having being killed in Iraq.

My mother had been feeling really bad about the loss of my father and members of her family but when she saw her eldest son at the World Cup presentation and saw that I had been given such a privilege she said her and my father's work was not for nothing.

When the announcement was actually made that Qatar had been successful, we all went crazy. I had been involved for about two weeks and I cried, so imagine what it was like for people who had been working on the bid for two years.

This would have all been very different if I had not been offered a scholarship by Her Highness. I would not be going to a good university and would be in Iraq and not safe.

Instead I've come to an Ivy League university, I don't have to worry about my future and then I get to go and deliver a message to the world.



COLUMNIST

Muhammed Al-Nufal
Student at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Opening Sports and recreation facilities can now be used Student Center opens its doors

THE STUDENT Center at Education City will open with a gala night of sports and activities on 27 January.

The center has been several years in the planning with construction beginning in 2008 but it has all been worth the wait, now providing students and staff alike with a common place where they can meet and socialize.

At the unofficial opening of the center on 27 January, the sports and recreation rooms will be unveiled to students in a free event lasting from 8pm to midnight.

They will be able to use the brand new bowling alley and play volleyball, basketball, football or badminton on the new sports courts. The arcade will also be unveiled, as well as the games room offering table tennis, billiards and futsal. In addition students will be able to use two fitness rooms, one of which is mixed while the other is for women only.

Lindsay Coco, Campus Life Coordinator at the Student Center, who is responsible for the opening, said the center will give students and staff

a place to go and relax while also provide services which are currently unavailable at Education City.

"Our mission statement," she added, "is to create community at the heart of Education City. Basically we want this to be a facility where faculty and students can come together and be in a community away from their separate buildings."

At first only the sports and recreation activities will be open but more and more services will be added each month in time for the official opening at the start of the fall semester.

Perhaps one of the most impres-

sive attractions will be the 240-seat cinema. Rather than showing the latest Hollywood or Bollywood blockbusters, this will be available for hire by students. They can then bring their own Blu-ray disc, lots of popcorn and soft drinks and hold their very own movie night with their friends.

A ballroom will cater for parties for up to 800 people while a cafeteria will be opening and spaces for fast food outlets will be provided.

To help residential students a variety of shops will open, including a copying and printing store, technology shop and pharmacy. Perhaps of most use to students will be the EC Mart which will sell products like milk and toiletries.

The idea and plan for this was put in place by business students at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar. It is hoped all these will open in the coming months, ahead of the fall semester. Projects which are expected to come later include a health center for students along with a nursery for young children.

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Finance Accounting department is responsible for the money that goes in and out of QF

Handling financial transactions

FOR AN organization as large as Qatar Foundation (QF), one can only imagine the large value of transactions and high volume of work it deals with in order to fund the activities of all its centers and departments.

The Finance Directorate is made up of three departments and the Accounting department is responsible for arranging all of QF's funds and ensuring that the organization maintains a good cash flow. The other two departments are Budgeting & Reporting and Risk & Compliance.

"The Accounting department works as a homogenous cell", according to Waleed Reslan Al-Abdulla, Financial Director.

"We work closely together to ensure that all financial transactions are recorded and accounted, while at the same time ensuring the optimal use of QF's cash resources," he says.

QF's funding is provided by Qatar's Ministry of Finance and its



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annual budget is approved by the Executive Board of Directors on a yearly basis.

The department consists of three sections: the Accounts Payable team, the Treasury and Receivables team and the General Ledger Accounting team.

"The Accounts payables team administers in excess of 3,000 payments per month" Al-Abdulla explains. "We always aim to pay our suppliers within the agreed terms and conditions."

"Reviewing each payment prior to releasing the funds, the team looks at what the approval layers are, examine the authenticity of contracts and signatures, as well as the type of transaction – is it an advance payment, a payment in phases or should the money be released after the job is completed?"

No payments are made without consulting the Treasury and Receivable team first, which manages more than 25 bank accounts and is respon-

sible for the collection of student fees and commercial billings. "Cash is at the heart of our business and as such I regularly keep an eye on QF's cash resources," adds Al-Abdulla.

Finally, the General Ledger Accounting team is responsible for recording and documenting each financial transaction. This team also maintains the fixed asset ledger, which values and tracks all of QF's assets.

The combined efforts of all employees working in the Accounting Department result in a consolidated set of Qatar Foundations Financial Statements in line with International Financial Reporting Standards.

"To put it simply, this includes the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet," says Al-Abdulla. "These statements provide QF's top management a fair reflection of the financial position of the business in order to support them in making the correct decisions." The facility, which is still being developed, will eventually include offices, lounge space and meeting rooms.

How do I...?

QFTelegraph helps make your life at Education City easier

■ How do I request business cards?

All QF staff can request business cards by filling out an application form which can be found on the QF Portal. The Support Services Directorate will receive your form and forward your request to the printing company, which will produce a sample within a few days' time. The end-user will then receive the sample for approval. At this stage they can correct any mistakes in the text. The printing company will send the business cards to Support Services around three days after receipt of the approved designs.

■ What kind of information will be displayed on my business card?

Your name, title, Directorate, phone number, mobile number (optional) and email address. Your personal details will be printed both in English and in Arabic.

■ How long does it take to get my business cards?

It should take around two weeks but sometimes the process takes longer. A delay usually occurs when the requester goes on leave before approving the design.

■ How do I apply for newspapers?

You can request newspapers by filling out a form which can be downloaded from the QF Portal. Most of the Qatar newspapers and some international titles such as Gulf Times, International Herald Tribune and Al-Hayat are available. You need to send the request to your manager for approval before sending it to Support Services. At the end of every year your manager will receive a list with all subscriptions in the department. That way, they will be able to monitor how many different publications each employee is receiving. You will have to renew your subscription at the start of every year as well.

■ Will the newspaper be delivered to my office directly?

Yes. Please write down your full address on the application form so that the delivery boy will be able to find your office easily.

☉ Email us your work related questions at qft@qf.org.qa, and we will do our best to help you

MY QF



Name: Sirelkhatim A Ali
Title: Head of Administration & Finance at Qatar Diabetes Association (QDA)
Years at QF: 15 years

Describe your role: I oversee the day-to-day operations of the administrative and financial activities at QDA, and am in charge of formulating its business plan. I review financial management reports to ensure proper controls and utilization of allocated resources - as well as escalate issues to QF finance when needed. I also monitor expenditure to ensure that we do not over- or under-budget, and I follow up on the day-to-day operations of the administrative and financial departments to achieve these goals.

What I like about my job is...
 I enjoy being part of an organization that is helping people with diabetes and working for a great institution with genuine values. I think we have achieved a reasonable level of awareness and help sufferers with the basic knowledge and help. We need to take it to the next level, where we can be better equipped to face and deal with this threatening disease.

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Saif Al Thani

Saif Al Thani, Acting Director for Research at the Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development talks politics, employment and documenting the lives of families in Qatar.

Who inspires you?

First, my father. He inspired me to study politics. I try to follow his example in the way he deals with issues. Also, my Professor inspired me. During my Bachelor's Degree in the UK at Richmond University, he was very tough with me and always put me on the spot in class. He would randomly ask me to do a presentation and that really helped me to always be prepared. Now, I can talk about things in an instant.

What is your favorite place in Education City and why?

I like the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar. The first time I went there was a few months ago and I really liked it. I liked the variety of books in the library and you can get easy access to it.

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

It would definitely be about Qatar; something relating to culture or something economical. Perhaps it would be about jobs and salaries, the opportunities that are here now and qualifications that are being taken by the youth.

If you could meet a famous personality, who would it be?

I'd like to meet Rupert Murdoch and talk to him about politics. He has more than 150 media outlets. It would be good to meet someone who sets the agenda; he sets the theme of what issues are important in the world.

What book are you reading at the moment?

I am not at the moment but the last book I read was Cultural Chaos by Brian McNair, which explores the changing relationship between journalism and power in an increasingly globalized news culture. I enjoyed reading it because he brought in a new theory at a time when it's difficult to come up with a new theory; everything has been said and done. He wrote it in 2006.

If you could have a book published by Bloomsbury Publishing Qatar Foundation, what would it be about?

I would write a book about families in Qatar. It would cover the different types of families and our culture. Those who come here don't know a

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

I'd live in the 1920s or 30s. I would want to see how Qatar was before the oil. I talk to my grandparents about the time before and they say it was simple. They say mostly good things. I'd like to witness it myself. That's why I love places like Souq Waqif.

lot about our culture, they just know from what they may have heard. I've seen a few that exist but they talk in general about the culture. We need one in detail about the different families. Each family has their own culture.

Cultural Review Students help translate works by 50 poets from the region

Anthology of Gulf poetry

POETRY WRITTEN by authors as diverse as the ruler of Dubai and a Bahraini teenager are featured in a new anthology of Gulf poetry.

Entitled *Gathering the Tide: An Anthology of Contemporary Arabian Gulf Poetry*, the book is being edited by assistant professor Patty Paine and adjunct professor Samia Touati Dietz of Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar) along with assistant professor Jeff Lodge, formerly of VCUQatar and now of VCU Richmond.

The anthology will take readers into the rich and vibrant poetic tradition of the Gulf and highlight the work that is being produced by the region's writers.

Dr Allyson Vanstone, Dean of VCUQatar, said the anthology represents 50 poets from the Gulf region including Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. VCUQatar students have helped with some of the translations, as the book will be printed in English.

Vanstone said: "The publication is the first comprehensive collection of Arabian Gulf poetry translated into English.

"The need for this type of research is essential to share authentic stories across linguistic barriers."

She added: "I am continually impressed by the initiatives of our faculty and students. This anthology is an outstanding example that expresses

significant research and creative exploration to reach an audience far beyond the borders of the university."

Authors included in the anthology include His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, ruler of Dubai and Laala Kashaf Alghata, a 19-year-old poet from Bahrain.

Joint editor Paine said that translating poetry from Arabic into English called for balance and was "both a creative and cultural act."

She added: "We truly found the region's finest poets. I just wish I could list them all here."

The book will be released later this year by Garnet Publishing & Ithaca Press, a leading publisher of books on the Middle East and Islam.





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BOOK CORNER
Utopia
by Ahmed Khaled Towfik

A GRIM futuristic page-turner about Egypt in the year 2023, Ahmed Khaled Towfik's Utopia is a gripping and visionary novel that will have readers hooked until the very last page. Described by Egypt's The Daily News as '...a highly imaginative novel that has succeeded in injecting new blood into the current [Arabic] literary scene' Utopia takes readers on a chilling journey beyond the gated communities of Egypt's north coast, where the wealthy are insulated from the bleakness of life outside their walls. When a young man and a girl break out of this bubble of affluence in order to see the lives of their impoverished fellow Egyptians for themselves, they are confronted by a world they had never imagined possible. Breathtaking and tautly suspenseful, Utopia's twists and turns will keep readers guessing throughout, and may leave some wondering whether this is a vision of the future that is not too far away. International best-selling author of The Yacoubian Building, Alaa Al Aswany, has enthused about the book, saying it is a 'wonderful novel, [and] a real addition to Arabic literature', and indeed, Utopia is a stunning work of fiction from one of the Arab world's most prominent bestselling authors of fantasy and horror genres. Already a bestseller in Egypt, Utopia

is available now for the first time in the rest of the Arab world and is being published by Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing (BQFP). An English edition will be released later this year.

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Dear Editor,
I visited Qatar Diabetes Association recently and on picking up a copy of QF Telegraph (issue No 24) was astonished to read about the work undertaken by the Social Development Center for the betterment of mankind. We now know that the Government of Qatar not only provides good education but also the means to move on in life in the world of entrepreneurs. Let us hope that young Qataris take advantage of these facilities. If it is possible to share this

email with Noor, I would greatly appreciate it. I would like to visit SDC and would be grateful if you could advise me on the location or provide the contact numbers.

May God bless your efforts directed towards the development of society,

Ambrosio Dias
Merchant Relationship Manager
The Commercial Bank of Qatar

Editor's Reply:
Dear Ambrosio,
That is wonderful to hear. We have passed on your letter to Munther Dawood, Projects & Investment Manager at SDC, who wrote the column.

Conditions of submission
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Games

9x9 grid for a puzzle game with numbers 1-9.

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 showing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.

My Favorite...



Liz Kepferle

Director of Admissions at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar
What has made me happiest over the past few years is something that I can do almost anywhere, and with no real need for equipment - walking and exercising in the open air. For several years, my husband and I have been part of a walking group which gathers early Friday mornings on the Corniche or at Aspire Park to walk, jog, and chat for 90 minutes, followed by some great yoga exercises for stretching out and cooling off. The highlight of the morning is the breakfast we share in Souq Waqif afterward, as we watch the passersby, the shisha smokers, the families with children on tricycles and scooters and the other diners. We use the time to meet the new people in the group, catch up on everyone's news, come up with new ideas for work projects, and share our incredibly varied lives.

Arts & Crafts Fair

Thurs, 10 February,
3pm – 8pm
The fair will give creative talents the opportunity to display and sell their handcrafted items. Registration is necessary for booking a stand.

AaQool Atrium, Community & Recreation Center (C&RC)
For more information, please contact:
communitysupport@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

JANUARY 2011

Promising Film Awards

Thurs, 21 April – Sun, 24 April

The Cultural Development Center in collaboration with Al Jazeera International Documentary Festival invites local university students to submit

their documentary films to the Promising Film Awards. Three winners' documentaries will be aired during the festival in April and will receive prize awards. The deadline for submission is 25 March.

For more information, visit www.festival.aljazeera.net or email cdc@qf.org.qa

**Crossing Boundaries:
Contemporary Art and Artists
from South Africa**

Wed, 26 January to Sat, 5 March,
9am – 5pm

The exhibition, curated by Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar (VCUQatar) gallery director Jochen Sokoly and South African gallerist Ortrud Mulder, brings together a diverse group of contemporary artists whose work represents photography, mixed media, print, installation and text. It reflects discourses with culture, environment, society and self and provides an insight into contemporary post-Apartheid South Africa.

The Gallery at VCUQatar

Education City Go-Karting Race

Thurs, 27 January, 6pm – 10pm
Members of the QF community will participate in a go-karting race. Family members and friends are invited to watch and cheer on their loved ones during the competition.

Villaggio Gondolania Karting Track

FEBRUAR 2011

Arab Qatari Farm

Sat, 5 February, 9.20am – 12pm

QF members and their families will visit the Arab Qatari Farm, learn more about its activities and find out how they can plant vegetables and plants themselves.

For more information, please contact communitysupport@qf.org.qa

Lecture: 'You Made it, You Take it Back', by Dr Andrew Dent

Wed, 9 February 6pm

In this lecture, Dr Dent looks at the dwindling of critical resources that manufacturers and builders will need to take into account as they design, manufacture and build in the coming years. This new paradigm for material sourcing may become the norm in the next generation of design thinking across all disciplines. Dr Dent is Vice President for Research at Material ConneXion,

leading consulting teams that help companies around the world in projects ranging in size from a shoe to a stadium.

Atrium at VCUQatar

The Challenges of Teaching Arabic in the 21st Century

Wed, 9 and Thurs, 10 February

This conference, an open forum for research, will explore the many and varied challenges that teachers of Arabic as first or second language face.

Lecture Hall 1202, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

Quackfest

Fri, 11 February, 2.30pm – 5.30pm

The sixth edition of Qatar's Ultimate Arts, Community & Creativity Festival (Quackfest), Qatar Academy's (QA's) annual fundraising event, promises to be an exciting and fun day for students, teachers and families alike. Held under a Disney theme, this student-born and student-organized spring festival will raise money for charities including Educational Support to Eravur Educational Development Institute in Sri Lanka, Hamad Hospital, Model United Nation (MUN) Action projects for children living in Abou Hamour & Messemer, and QA's Books for Africa project. Qatar Academy Senior School & Track Field

CREATIVE
CLASSES

Tunes for Tots Music Classes

Every Wed until 30 March, 8.30am – 9.20am or 9.30am – 10.20am

Babies and toddlers aged six months to three years are invited to take part in music lessons. Activities include listening to classic rhymes and songs, finger plays, marching and movement, and learning to use bells, maracas, egg shakers,

puppets, scarves, ribbons, bubbles, balls, rhythm sticks, bean bags and a parachute. Cost is QR 300 per child, including a music CD.

Education City Club House (ECCH)

For registration, please contact Sheryl McKnight: mcknightclan@yahoo.com

Painting Class

Every Mon and Wed in February, times tbc

Children aged 6 to 16 will learn basic painting skills in this class. Cost is QR 40 per person, and materials are included in the price. Shafallah Conference Room, C&RC
For more info, please call 55147642 or email communitysupport@qf.org.qa

Guitar Class

Beginners: Every Fri, starting 4 February until 29 April, 2pm – 3pm.

Advanced: every Sat, starting 5 February until 30 April, 4pm – 5pm

Participants will learn how to play acoustic guitar. Classes will be held on two levels – beginners and advanced. Cost is QR 480 per person for the three-month course. ECCH

For more information, please email clubhousecommunity@qf.org.qa

Spanish Class

Beginners: every Fri, starting 4 February until 29 April, 9am – 11am.

Advanced: every Sat, starting 5 February until 30 April, 9am – 11am

These classes will cover basic topics such as the alphabet, numbering, colors, foods, household items and family members, and will teach students how to express thoughts and ideas, and hold everyday conversations. An introduction to Spanish countries and cultures will also be presented through forms such as music and geography. Registration: QR 300 including course manual and other materials. ECCH

For more information, please email clubhousecommunity@qf.org.qa

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

WE RECOMMEND...

PROFESSOR
JEAN-MARIE
LEHN LECTURE

Sun, 6 February, 9.30am – 12.15pm

Professor Jean-Marie Lehn, Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1987, will present conceptual considerations on science in general and on chemistry in particular. Lehn, a French chemist, received the Nobel Prize together with Donald Cram and Charles Pedersen in 1987 for his work in Chemistry, particularly his synthesis of cryptands. Lecture Hall 238, Texas A&M University at Qatar
For more information, please visit: www.qf-research-division.org/distinguished

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

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

Please call the EC

Ⓢ For enquiries please call the EC Clubhouse reception (45440834)

