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SharePoint Conference in Doha from Dec 5



QATAR will host the two-day Middle East SharePoint

Conference 2010 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Doha from December 5. "This is a reflection of Microsoft's commitment to its partnership with Qatar," says Microsoft Gulf General Manager Samer Abu Ltaif. Talking to Qatar Tribune on Thursday, the newly appointed Microsoft Gulf head said the conference would be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Doha on December 5 and 6...

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IF it wasn't for an informant tipping off the Saudis, the two

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DOHA QATAR University's honors programme students were guests at an Opera Night and dinner hosted by Ambassador of Italy HE Andrea Ferrari and his wife at their residence recently.

The event included a lecture on the historical and cultural origins of opera.

QU President Prof Abdulla al Misnad, Honours Programme Director Dr Ahmed Ibrahim, and Visiting Professor of the Honours Programme Dr Sara Hager also attended the event.

Opera Night was part of a project initiated by Dr Hager to engage students in the exploration of the rich culture of different societies that encompasses the visual arts, music, literature, and cuisine.

Dr Hager gave the group an insight into the origins of Italian operatic melodrama which, it is believed, started in the Camerata dei Bardi in Florence in 1576.

She spoke about the works of such composers as Donizetti, Leoncavallo, Mascagni, Verdi and Puccini.

She also discussed one of the first symphonic masterpieces, Claudio Monteverdi's Orfeo, the comicsentimental dimensions of 18th century Italian opera, as well as the influence and operatic interpretations in the 19th century of Romanticism, the literary movement, and the Risorgimento, the political and social movement of Italian unification.

The evening's programme also featured famous and passionate operatic arias from Pagliacci, Madama Butterfly, Turandot, Tosca, and Aida, which was well-received by the group.

"The language of opera is the universal language of humanity as it expresses deep human emotions such as love, compassion, sadness, anger and jealousy", Dr Hager said.

"Opera transcends cultural and national barriers and speaks straight to people's hearts.

We hope that through these events, we can encourage the young to enjoy opera and become the next generation of opera lovers." Commenting on the event, Dr Ibrahim said: "The honours programme aims to increase our students' knowledge and appreciation of artistic achievements worldwide and to help them to explore different cultures with a critical, but nonetheless openminded perspective."

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