

Road safety awareness contest for students

The Qatar Road Safety Studies Centre (QRSSC) at Qatar University (QU) recently announced the launch of a video competition aimed at increasing road safety awareness in the country.

The competition will target the youth of Qatar to engage in road safety awareness and understand its importance in preventing traffic incidents and accidents. University and high school students in Qatar can participate in the competition, which is sponsored by Maersk Oil Qatar.

The submission deadline is May 16 and the winners will be awarded QR15,000 (first prize), QR10,000 (second) and QR5,000 (third).

QRSSC director Dr Khalifa al-Khalifa said: "This is an invaluable opportunity to bring young people on board and be a part of the solution to reduce traffic accidents in the country. Young people are a large and growing population in Qatar and will benefit considerably from their involvement in this competition and other awareness programmes. We are looking forward to seeing the talent and creativity that will emerge from this competition on such a critical issue."

Maersk Oil Qatar deputy managing director Sheikh Faisal bin Fahad al-Thani said, "Road safety is of paramount concern to all of us. We are excited to be working with the QRSSC on this important outreach to include youngsters to be a part of this national conversation on road safety."

Submissions will be judged by a panel comprising a media expert and sponsor representatives, who will distribute the



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winning awards. Information on submission rules, selection criteria and prizes can be accessed via www.qu.edu.qa?video_competition

Through its awareness programmes and research, the centre recognises the major societal, health, environmental and economic impact that traffic accidents have on Qatar's economy. Its establishment grew out of key developments in Qatar - such as the increase in population and an over-concentration of vehicles on the country's roads - that required a specialised centre to conduct comprehensive studies on the causes of traffic accidents and analysis of data in order to arrive at solutions to significantly reduce such mishaps.

The studies will look at patterns of accidents, contributing factors and drivers' competencies, and make recommendations for approaches that will result in improved road safety.

Areas of focus will be road user behavioural change, vehicle safety, biomechanics, road engineering and the environment.

The centre is managed by the College of Engineering and works in collaboration with other QU colleges, the Ministry of Interior (MoI), Hamad Medical Corporation, Ashghal etc.

QU recently announced the establishment of an advisory council of the QRSSC to be responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the centre, monitoring and evaluation of its activities, review of its annual budget and review/recommendation of the director's appointment. The council will also identify and support new research directions and trends in the field of road safety and strengthen and support the centre's engagement locally and internationally. It will meet twice a year.

The council will comprise QU V-P for research Dr Hassan Rashid al-Derham (Chair), College of Engineering dean Dr Rashid al-Ammari (Chair) and members such as QRSSC director Dr al-Khalifa, CENG associate dean for research and graduate studies Dr Abdelmagid Hammuda, secretary at the National Committee for Traffic Safety and traffic expert in the MoI Brig Mohamed Abdullah al-Malki, Ashghal manager (road operations & maintenance department) Yusuf al-Emadi, consultant at the Ministry of Municipality & Urban Planning Mohamed Abdah, and renowned rally driver and Qatar Olympician (shooting) Nasser Saleh al-Attiyah.

PM visits photo expo in Berlin



HE the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabor al-Thani is seen with senior German officials at the venue of 'Qatar: Reflections of the past, moments from the present', a photo exhibition highlighting the rich cultural heritage of the country, hosted by Maersk Oil Qatar at the recent Business and Investment in Qatar Forum, in Berlin. On display at the exhibition were collections of rare photos of Qatar, shot in the 1960s and 70s by Canadian photographer Alain Saint-Hilaire, who was on a visit of the country, along with photos by Qatari lensman Rashed al-Mohannadi. At the opening of the exhibition, the Qatari prime minister was briefed by deputy managing director of Maersk Oil in Qatar Sheikh Faisal al-Thani. Sheikh Faisal recalled on the occasion that Maersk Oil celebrated 20 years of its partnership with Qatar Petroleum last year. "We are pleased to announce that our association with QP has contributed to more than one-third of the total oil production in Qatar."

US-Qatar Business Council hosts reception for Kamal

The US-Qatar Business Council, in partnership with the International Economic Alliance, hosted a reception in honour of HE the Minister of Finance and Economy Yousef Hussein Kamal.

The event was held under the patronage of Qatar's Ambassador to the US, Mohamed bin Abdullah al-Rumailhi.

The reception was held at The St Regis Hotel in Washington, DC and attended by more than 150 guests representing private businesses and governments from around the world.

Council president Patrick Theros welcomed the guests and introduced Kamal who was in Washington, DC for the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual spring meetings that bring together ministers and central bankers from countries around the world.

Theros highlighted

the minister's impressive background and long career working in the Qatari government. He noted: "Qatar's economic growth over the last few decades has been nothing short of remarkable. As the country prepares to host the FIFA World Cup in 2022, we will continue to see one of the world's fastest growing economies doing great things on its path to a diversified economy."

Kamal in his address cited Qatar's "impressive" gross domestic product (GDP) growth that has multiplied at unprecedented levels over the last decade. The minister laid out the objectives behind the Qatar National Vision 2030 plan, which is the country's developmental road map.

He spoke about how Qatar was investing specifically in education and research and development in order to create a highly educated pool of



HE the Minister of Finance and Economy Yousef Hussein Kamal speaking at a reception at The St Regis Hotel in Washington, DC.

citizens that will be the foundation for a knowledge-based economy.

He also praised the roles played by several American universities located at Qatar Foundation's Education City.

Kamal also engaged in a question and answer session moderated by John Quelch of the Harvard Business School and IEA.

Council member Al-Anabi Racing, an investment of the Qatar Rac-

ing Club, was the main sponsor of the event. The team's drivers - Khalid al-Balooshi and Shawn Langdon - attended the event ahead of their upcoming race in Charlotte, NC this weekend.

Al-Anabi's manager, Alan Johnson, addressed the gathering and presented a video that showed how the team's success is raising awareness for Qatar in the US.

QNB First launches bancassurance product

QNB First has launched a bancassurance product - International Saving Plan - that will be provided through MetLife Alico and will be available to all its current and future customers. QNB First has hand-picked investment and bancassurance plans from the world's leading financial institutions and combined them with their home grown expertise to help QNB customers to obtain their financial goals while dually protecting them from risk. With QNB's International Saving Plan, the bank said it will optimise its customer's hard earned savings and help them to proactively reach their financial goals and aspirations. The bank said: "The key to having your money work harder for you is through a disciplined approach towards savings. International Saving Plan is designed to offer you access to a wide range of professionally managed International funds across various asset classes. You can invest in a customised investment portfolio that suits your risk and return profile. Your investment choices range from one or a combination of our three investment strategies (conservative, balanced and aggressive). Enhanced Islamic fund meets Sharia-compliant with the insurance protection." QNB First said it understands that having financial security is fundamental to its customers as well as their extended family members. This is why QNB has created a carefully designed range of investment plans which will protect its customers every step of the way.

Workshop for parents

Awsaj Academy, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, will hold a workshop for parents of children with autism. Slated for April 29, the workshop will be conducted by Dr Hitham el Bashir, the head of Children's Rehabilitation Section at HMC. Dr Biji Philip, speech and language pathologist at Awsaj Academy, and other experts from Mada-Qatar Assistive Technology Center will also take part. Awareness workshops are held every month at Awsaj Academy, in order to assist parents by helping them in understanding their children's educational needs. Awsaj Academy launched its first workshop in December 2012. The academy believes parental guidance and involvement are very essential and critical part of a child's development, and they have a significant impact on a student's academic and social achievement.

Lecture on migrant workers

The Centre for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE) will organise a public seminar, "Migrant Workers: Ethical Perspectives on Challenging Questions", from 6pm to 8pm tomorrow. CILE, a member of Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies at Qatar Foundation (QF) for Education, Science and Community Development, will host the seminar in the LAS building at QF. The event is part of a series of public seminars and lectures organised by CILE to tackle the critical issues of the day in various fields and professions, including methodology, bio-ethics, environment, politics, food, psychology, economics, education, media, arts and gender. The seminar will discuss migrant workers' living conditions and provide suggestions to improve their situation in light of the higher objectives of Islam/Maqasid al-Shariah and universal values.

Pearls exhibition to display rare jewels

A pearl-drop earring worn by Charles I at his execution in 1649, magnificent pearl tiaras worn by European nobility and a necklace of cultured pearls given to Marilyn Monroe by Joe DiMaggio in 1954 will be among the array of jewels and other objects that will be on display in an exhibition that will be held at London's V&A (Victoria & Albert Museum) in partnership with the Qatar Museums Authority (QMA).

The exhibition, Pearls, will start on September 21 this year and continue until January 19, 2014. It will explore the history of pearls from the early Roman Empire to the present and will be the highlight event of the Qatar UK 2013 Year of Culture.

On display will be over 200 pieces of jewellery and works of art showcasing the variety of colour and shape of natural and cultured pearls. The exhibition will examine how pearls have been employed over centuries in both the East and the West as a symbol of status and wealth, how tastes vary in different cultures and the changing designs of jewellery with pearls.

The creations will be drawn from the V&A and QMA collections, alongside objects from British collections such as Tate Britain,

the British Museum and the Royal Collection.

The exhibition will begin with an insight into the natural history of pearls and the pearl fishing trade from across the Arabian Gulf to Europe and Asia, since antiquity. A collection of rare pearls and pearl-bearing molluscs

will demonstrate how Gulf pearls have for long been some of the most desirable and valuable in the world.

Pearls is co-curated by independent jewellery historian and curator Beatriz Chadour-Sampson and Hubert Bari, director of the Pearl and Jewellery Museum at the QMA.

The exhibition will be a highlight of the Qatar UK 2013 Year of Culture, which aims to forge new partnerships in education, sports, creative industries and science, while promoting an awareness and appreciation of each other's culture, achievements and heritage.

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