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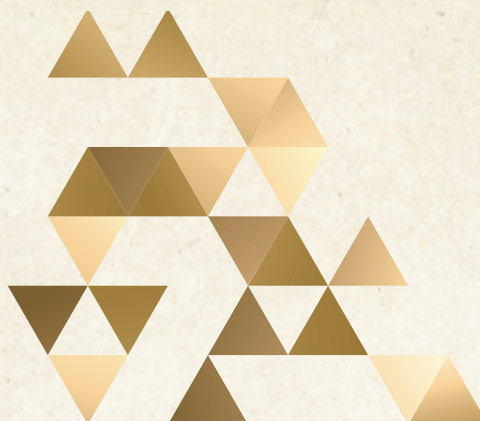
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President's Note



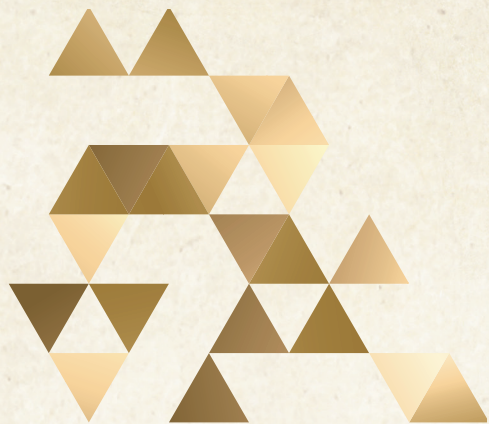
Magazines issued by Qatar University are important windows, highlighting the University's role both internally and externally, whether it shines a spotlight on knowledge production, or covers participation in community service, contributing to the success of important projects and events in the country, and in achieving the national goals and vision of the country, as well as others. The magazine also helps the University to deliver its scientific, humanitarian and social message to the concerned segments.

The publication of this issue coincides with the country's celebration of the successful organization of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, where the State of Qatar fulfilled its promise and delivered an exceptional tournament. For this reason, the title of this issue is named 'Hand in Hand, we achieved Qatar's World Cup 2022'. Furthermore, the slogan of Qatar National Day for 2022, 'Our unity is the source of our strength,' reflects the importance of harmony and togetherness in our country as a basis for success. Qatar National Day represents commemoration of our nation's founders and a testimony to the wise leadership of our country today, where we move forward towards a promising future. It is also a day to present our achievements, our aspirations, and our history that we cherish, and the values that we adhere to and consider to be an important part of our Arab-Islamic identity. We draw a meaningful lesson from these two important events, which illustrate for individuals and organizations the importance of clear and precisely defined goals and concerted and highly coordinated efforts. This is in addition to solid determination on the path to achieving goals that is not hindered by obstacles or negative voices -but rather- using these voices that question one's capability as fuel, and an incentive to challenge boundaries.

This issue carries with it current events that reflect the magazines' important role in informing the university community and keeping us updated on news, events, activities; regarding student clubs, academic discussions, MoUs and agreements with external partners, where you will get to know the university's notable achievements, and other topics which will be of interest to you. This magazine is for all members of the community, motivating you to work hard and with sincerity, so that your achievements too can be part of the legacy of our dear university.

Dr. Hassan Rashid Al-Derham
President of Qatar University

University News



QU sees marked improvement in THE World University Rankings



Qatar University was ranked in ten subjects for the 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject, improving in all subject areas.

The University was ranked 301-400 in Arts and Humanities, 251-300 in Business and Economics, 201-250 in Clinical and Health, 301-400 in Education, 101-125 in Engineering, 151-175 in Life Sciences, 176-200 in Physical Sciences, 251-300 in Psychology and 301-400 in Social Sciences. QU's best performance is in Computer Science, ranking 95 and entering the top 100.

QU now has 11 colleges, 18 research centers, and has the widest range of educational programs in the country. The University boasts over 400 collaborative projects with leading institutions worldwide. QU is committed to providing high-quality education in areas of national priority and prepares qualified graduates that are increasingly sought after in business and academia. Consolidating with this ranking, QU recently placed among the top 250 universities worldwide in the 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, effectively improving 100 places.

For the second consecutive year, Qatar University ranks second in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Arab Region University Rankings 2023. Since 2018, QU gained five places, over six considered years moved up four times and did not present negative performances.

This ranking consolidates QU's recent achievement in the QS World University Ranking as the institution moved from 224 in 2022 to 208 in the 2023 edition, effectively improving 16 places.

The QS Arab Region University Rankings 2023 have been published since 2014. The method retains key indicators of the global ranking, such as Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, and Faculty to Student Ratio, but also considers a set of performance metrics carefully tailored for the region.

QU launches three open source online courses on 'edX' worldwide e-learning platform

Qatar University announced in a press conference the launch of three massive open online courses (MOOCs) on the 'edX' worldwide e-learning platform, which includes: Arabic for Non-native Speakers course, the Human Being in Islam course and Qatar History and Heritage course.

Dr. Omar Al-Ansari, Vice President for Academic Affairs, praised the efforts made by faculty and staff of the Digital Learning and Online Education Office in completing this project, as these courses were designed to extend bridges between Qatar and the world and introduce Qatari culture and identity to a wider audience.

Director of the Digital Learning and Online Education Office, Mohammad Alsmadi commented saying, "The agreement we have with edX contributes to fulfilling the mission of the University to advance education and knowledge on a global scale. The launch of these MOOCs will also increase the number of people seeking to learn from QU provided courses, which will positively affect QU global rankings. The agreement will also enrich Arabic educational content on the Internet."



It is worth noting that QU signed the agreement with edX in June of this year, as it is one of the largest distance learning platforms in the world, and was established in cooperation between Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2012. The number of enrollments currently stands at about 42 million learners from around the world. The platform launches its courses in cooperation with more than 160 universities and educational institutions.

QU announces spinoff of fintech faculty member led startup



Qatar University announced the spinoff of its first faculty led startup in the Fintech sector. Genesis Technologies LLC, which was co-founded by Dr. Mazen El Masri and Dr. Karim Al-Yafi, faculty members and scientists of Management Information Systems (MIS) at QU's College of Business and Economics. The founders along with their team of blockchain developers have developed a novel block chain technology platform, that promises to enable radically more cost and energy-efficient decentralized and secure transactions in the digital economy.

The spinoff of Genesis is a direct result of the work of the University's Innovation & Entrepreneurship Strategy, a major initiative launched by QU that aims to position the University as a catalyst for sustainable socio-economic development of Qatar. The strategy also supports the national efforts for economic diversification and transition of the country to a knowledge-based economy in line with Qatar National Vision 2030.



Dr. Mazen El Masri, CEO and co-founder of Genesis explains, "Blockchain technology is becoming increasingly important to the digital age, especially as we move rapidly into the Web 3.0 and the metaverse. However, the current manifestations of blockchain technology suffer from some significant drawbacks such as very high-energy consumption and costly transactions. Our technology, based on the novel concept of 'proof of useful work' overcomes such challenges and creates new opportunities for our customers and partners."

Dr. Mahmoud Abdulwahed, Secretary of Affairs of QU Holding Board of Directors, and Director of the Office of Strategic Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Economic Development (SIEED) said, "Our support team aims to encourage and nurture innovation and entrepreneurship for our researchers and faculty members, as well as our students. We are glad to see Genesis Technologies LLC emerge as the first from a pipeline of many more promising startups that will start to emerge on a regular basis as a result of the QU Innovation & Entrepreneurship strategy."



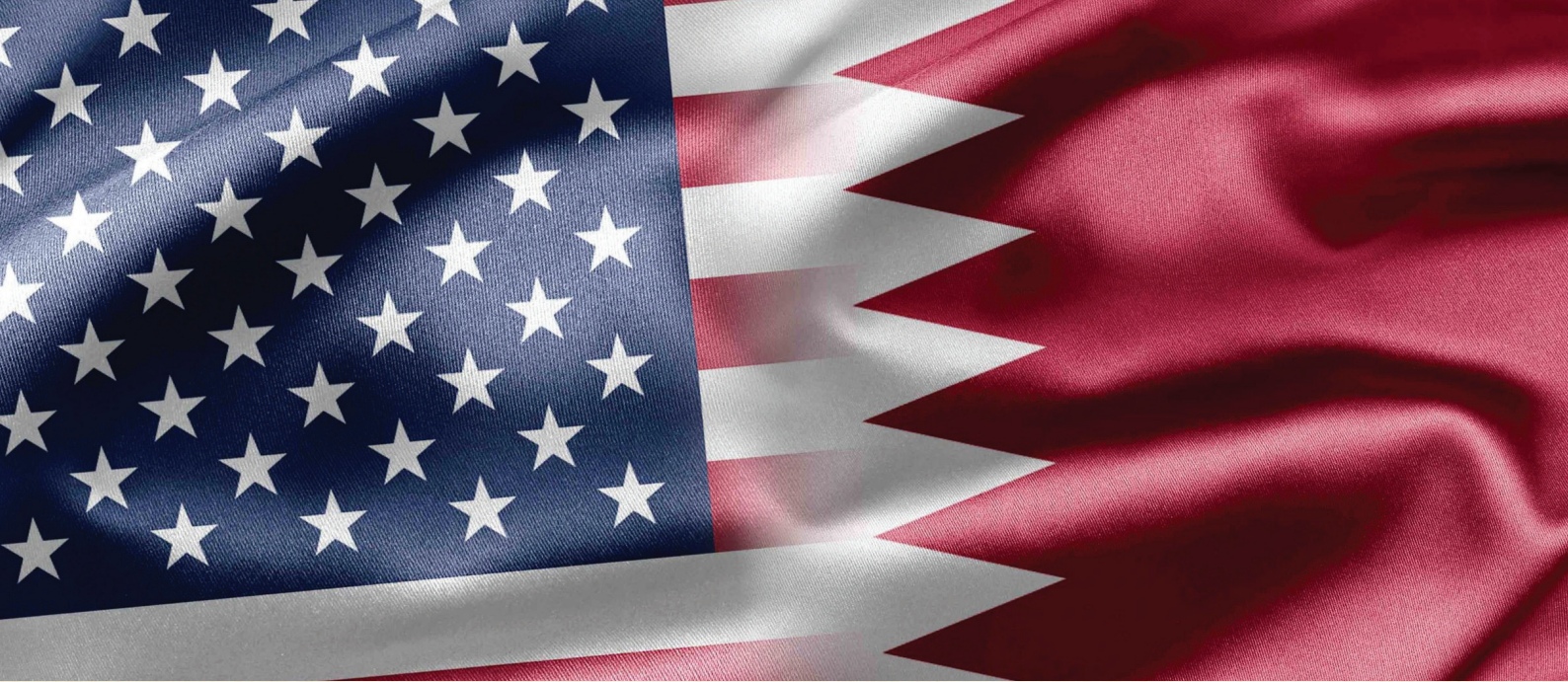
QU Alumni Association forms new board

The Board of Directors of the Qatar University Alumni Association held a meeting to form a new board to manage the association. This meeting witnessed a tribute to the members of the Association whose term of office has expired, in appreciation of their efforts during their period of work in the Association. The President of Qatar University honored the former members of the Association, who are: His Excellency, Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada, the former Chairman of the Association's Board of Directors, Mr. Abdullah Hamid Al-Mulla, Secretary of the Association, Dr. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Dosari, Chairman of the Professional Committee, Mr. Jassim Al-Nama, Mr. Hassan Al-Saei and Mr. Hassan Al-Baker.

The formation of a new board of directors was announced, as follows: His Excellency Sheikh Dr. Faleh bin Nasser Al Thani, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, as Chairman of the Association, His Excellency Mr. Khalifa bin Jassim Al Kuwari as Vice Chairman, and Ms. Fatima Sultan Al Kuwari as Secretary. Ms. Sabah Al Haidos was appointed as the head of the professional committee, HE Mr. Khalifa bin Jassim Al Kuwari as the head of the finance committee, Ms. Aisha Al Mu-dahka as the head of the marketing committee, and Ms. Fatima Sultan Al Kuwari as the head of the branches committee.



It is worth noting that the mission of the Qatar University Alumni Association is to be a pioneer in the region in the field of alumni relations, and to enable the university's graduates to establish sustainable relations with their university. The Qatar University Alumni Association is also working to revive the interaction between alumni and their university through various programs and events offered by the various branches of the Association. The branches of the Association aim to bring together people with specializations or common interests in order to enrich their personal experiences and provide mutual support between them and the university in various aspects and fields.



QU Library receives a donation of 70 books from the US Embassy

The US Embassy in Doha gifted a collection of 70 books in the field of law to Qatar University Library as part of the on-going collaboration and partnership between the Library and the Embassy. The Public Diplomacy Officer Mr. Jay Men was welcomed by Ms. Asma Al Buainain, Library Director. During the ceremony that was held at Qatar University Library, the US Diplomacy Officer said that the US Department of State gifted 70 book titles as part of a property grant.

It was noted that this program is designed to foster and enhance people-to-people connections and to share knowledge and resources with long term relationships between our two great countries. The Library Director thanked the US embassy for their books that will play an important part in enriching the Law and Legal studies Collection at the Library. This will support the high-quality research and scientific needs of students and faculty members.

The donated books cover a range of topics including administrative and criminal law, litigation, arbitration, and other related topics. It is worth mentioning that the University Library accepts cultural gifts that promote and support academic and research aspirations, in accordance with the Collection Development and Acquisition Policy.



QU joins the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)



Qatar University recently joined the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF). The Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie is a worldwide association for institutions of higher education and research. Founded almost 60 years ago, it groups more than 1000 institutions of higher education and research spread over the five continents in more than 120 countries. It is also the operator of the Francophonie Summit for higher education and research. The AUF mission aims at promoting an interdependent French speaking university-based community committed to the social, economic and cultural development of society. QU President, Dr. Hassan Al-Derham spoke during the press conference saying, “We are very pleased to have joined the AUF, due to its significance, which will open wide horizons for the University to have cooperation with prestigious French universities, as well as in Canada and important French-speaking African and Arab countries.”

He adds, “Qatar University, in its role as the national university, seeks to take advantage of the distinguished relations between Qatar and France, in all fields, and to expand this cooperation to include educational aspects. The University built this relationship years ago, through its many French offerings. The State of Qatar also includes many French-speaking schools. The inclusion of Qatar University to the AUF will open the opportunity for us to work together with French universities in the academic and humanitarian fields.”



Regional Director of the AUF, Dr. Jean-Noël Baléo introduced the AUF to the audience, explaining its tasks and objectives, noting, “We do work to promote the entrepreneurship of the students, we have a network capacity so we work on the international networking and cooperation, and of course quality of education.” He also addressed important aspects that such a partnership could include, for example: student exchange between member universities and faculty exchange, as well as the exchange of research databases.

QU participates in internationalization of higher education conference in Spain

Qatar University participates in the 32nd Annual European Association for International Education (EAIE) Conference and Exhibition, where professionals of education from all over the world met in Barcelona, Spain from 13-16 September, to take part in workshops and exhibitions with the aim of learning, networking and knowledge exchange.

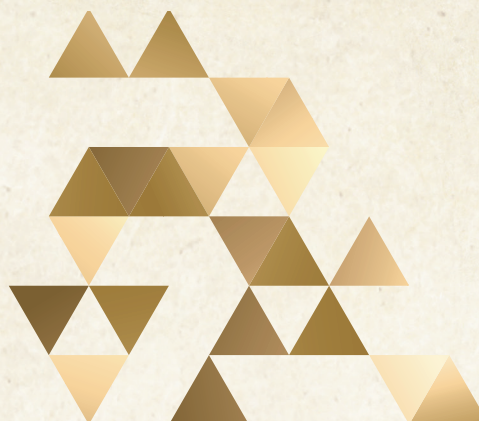
QU Director of Communications and Public Relations, Dr. Hitmi Al-Hitmi took part in the conference and said in a statement, “It has been very beneficial for the University to meet with the international higher education community in person again, to take part in a series of panel discussions, workshops and receive visitors at the designated QU booth. As QU remains committed to playing a leading role in shaping and enabling the transformation of the higher education system in the State of Qatar, it is vital to have a proactive role in influential conferences such as this one, where we can keep pace with the latest developments in the education sector.”

QU’s participation comes within the framework of the University’s strategic direction, to foster effective engagement with local and international stakeholders to enrich education, strengthen research, impact socioeconomic development, and enhance visibility and image.





Q&A



In an Interview with Campus Life Magazine, Mr. Abdullah Al Mulla, Director of the Student Activities Department:

“We have organized several activities, programs and events, coinciding with Qatar’s organization of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.”



Mr. Abdullah Hamed Al-Mulla, Director of Student Activities, confirmed that his department had organized many activities, programs and events this year, coinciding with the State’s celebrations of organizing the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Al-Mulla said in an exclusive interview with Campus Life Magazine that there are continued efforts to expand the vision and scope of student activities, develop and diversify student programs and services offered, provide opportunities to discover talents and creative potentials, and harnessing all means to achieve personal and professional growth opportunities for the student community at the University. Below are the most important points discussed in the interview:

What are the most important events that you organized this semester, coinciding with the country’s organization of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022?

The Student Activities Department organized several activities, programs and events that coincide with the State’s organization of the World Cup, including the University Public Speaking Competition organized by the Department of Culture and Arts on campus, in cooperation with the Department of Arabic Language, which aimed to enhance the importance of Arabic language and enable students to use its aesthetic features. This year, the competition focused on writing eloquent poetry using the saying of His Highness the Father Emir Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani, (may Allah have mercy on him): “Welcome to Doha, Everyone’s Doha” as a way of expressing warm welcome to the guests of Qatar during the World Cup period. The Department also participated in organizing a number of events and various programs aimed to enrich life at the university during the World Cup. For example, it organized special events for World Cup volunteers coming from outside Qatar who were hosted by the university through programs aimed to entertain them following the effort and hard work they put into organizing matches and accompanying delegations.

What about the cultural village festival and the other various tournaments?

The Covid-19, had a negative impact on student activities and posed a major challenge and a hindrance in terms of organizing events in light of the imposed restrictions on the organization of large events that require physical presence of people in large numbers, including the cultural village. Despite these challenges, we organized several events that comply with the imposed regulatory controls and restrictions to ensure the continuity of student life and their positive and effective integration. The activities included field trips, seminars, competitions and charitable campaigns. We are currently working on annual cultural and entertainment activities for the year 2023 similar to the Cultural Village, to be organized in the new Student Affairs Building, which contains multiple facilities that will add more value to events and the student life in general.

Do you plan to increase the number of student activities?

Certainly. Continuous efforts are being made to expand the vision and scope of student activities, develop and diversify the programs and student services provided. We aim to utilize the opportunities to discover talents and creative energies and facilitate all possible means to achieve personal and professional growth. We would also like to point out the establishment of several new clubs which will be added to the existing bodies and organizations. Examples of the newly established clubs are the Young Authors Club, the American Club in cooperation with the Qatar University Library, the Wireless aircraft, and the Arab Association for Cyber Security - Student Branch. And soon, the Japanese market will be opened, which will be organized to form a version that is compatible with the World Cup. We are working to continuously respond to requests to establish new student clubs and organizations during this academic year, and many of them are expected to be approved soon. The purpose of these clubs is to add value and enrich students' experience and opportunities.

The university happened to receive medals and get awards for participating in the Gulf Theater and cultural activities. Do you plan to enhance and improve your position and role in this respect?

Our students have amazing extra-curricular capabilities in terms of their artistic and musical talents and creative writing skills in general. QU students have proven their skills by winning several awards in theater and poetry. Accordingly, our Culture and Art Section in the department seeks to strengthen all the cultural and artistic skills of students aiming to prequalify them to compete constantly in various contests at the local and international levels. As our students have been able to win many awards over the past years in theater performances and poetry (both classical and Nabati (popular)), we are sure that they will be able to continue to obtain awards in the future.

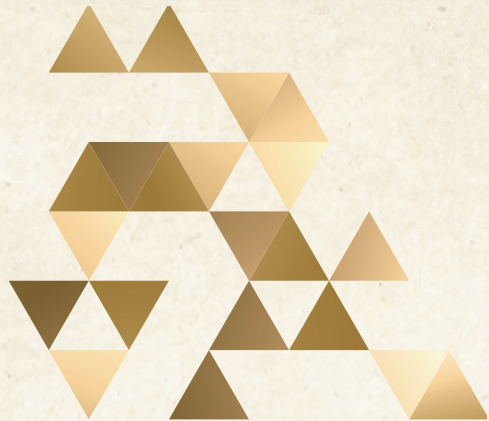
How far has the integration process between you and the Ministry of Culture been achieved? And what are the most prominent aspects of cooperation between you and the Ministry?

We have a section that is concerned with culture and arts, and it is in constant contact with the Ministry of Culture with regards to several aspects including the literary aspect. The Authors Café sessions were launched in cooperation with the Qatari Forum for Authors in 2021 and are still ongoing. The idea behind these sessions is to open a space for dialogue and discussion on topics related to culture, identity and society. This is done by hosting cultural elites and stakeholders in the cultural scene in the State of Qatar. The existence of such cultural sessions is construed as an intellectual enrichment for students, and it also helps in building a link between students and the elite of experts in the cultural arena. As for the poetry field, our partnership continues with the Qatar Poetry Center (Diwan Al-Arab) through the establishment of the University Poet competition, in which QU students were ranked first for this year. As for theater, we are working on building and developing the skills of university students through continuous cooperation with the Center for Theater Affairs by providing workshops for playwriting and theatrical performance, aiming to be well prepared for performances at the university level through the Universities Theater Festival in which the university team leads Qatar for the best theatrical performances during the past three years. Finally, as for music, we have launched, for the first time, a music competition entitled 'Awtar', which is intended for lute and piano players from among the students category. This is to discover artistic and musical talents among university students, support their skills and ensure awareness of the importance of artistic and musical production in general. A partnership has been made with the Music Affairs Center for this year to ensure an integrated cooperation in terms of supporting qualified students through training and development of their skills, as well as enabling them to perform theatrical nationalistic songs.

What is the importance of various activities for university students?

Student activities are one of the most important pillars and complements of the educational process besides the academic study offered by the university. Student activities contribute immensely to the process of educating, building and shaping the students' integrated personality and refining their scientific and practical skills. It is also one of the most important foundations of the individual and group work system, which contributes to the development of youth intellectually, culturally, religiously, socially, technically, scientifically and athletically. The university provides a positive environment suitable for practicing values, behaviors and skills that help students face the challenges of the current era and future. Finally, I invite male and female students to join and participate in the many university activities that are announced systematically and periodically through official advertising channels such as e-mails or social media to manage activities. I also invite them to join more than 95 diversified clubs and organizations that meet their needs and ambitions. It is an opportunity to unlock, refine and develop their talents to help them succeed in their next career after graduation and to ensure their integration in future professional practical fields.

In Focus



The Honors Program is a way to immerse students in a culture of excellence and innovation

The Qatar University Honors Program, part of the Deanship of General Studies, strives to provide the optimal learning environment for distinguished and ambitious students by exposing them to a variety of skills and instilling in them various traits such as leadership, lifelong learning, and the awareness of developments in technology and the economy. In order for the program to fulfill its goals, a special study package was set following the requirements and challenges of today's world and the labor market.

QU's Honor Program is also a member of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) in United States. In Spring 2021, the program launched a new study plan as a response to the global challenges and to cultivate values of excellence and innovation in the university. Through this issue, Campus Life will showcase the opinions of some officials in the Honors Program, to understand more about its goals and aspirations.

The Dean of General Studies, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Kaabi said, "The Honors Program is one of the most important programs at the Deanship of General Studies. The program reinforces Qatar University's strategy towards excellence in education, to achieve both the university's vision as well as the State of Qatar's vision. The Honors Program, with its new study plan, is focused on spreading a culture of excellence and innovation, connecting the local and global community, and investing in youth through new methods of education in accordance with the principles of international honor program curricula. This direction is important because it encourages the students to engage in the society, to be active and responsible citizens capable of leading social and economic developments at the State level."

He added that QU expects much from this program in terms of graduating an elite of students who are highly equipped with the skills of the 21st century. "I am proud of our faculty and staff for their guidance, for their relentless pursuit to provide the best possible educational experience and for providing countless opportunities for the university community."

The Director of the Honors Program, Dr. Yousri Marzouki noted that the Latin root of the word 'honorare' is linked to the meaning of reputation, dignity, and reverence, which are qualities reflected in the program's mission, particularly through the originality in designing lessons using the latest pedagogical methods. The Honors Program, he says, is not only limited to academic content but also rather gives immersive experiences, that take sometimes the form of field visits or artistic workshops performed off campus.

He adds, "The Honors Program aspires to be a distinctive and stimulating educational model for brilliance at Qatar University through the quality of its academic programs and initiatives, which inspire and prepare the students to be future leaders. The Honors Program enables students to be pioneers, by focusing on interactive learning and providing them with the opportunity to engage in innovative scientific, social and training courses and workshops, with the aim of qualifying them to make real social changes after their graduation."



As part of a survey to assess the program, Prof. Magdy Mahfouz, Professor of Social Work at QU and one of the Professors in the Honors Program introductory course said, “This program is considered a rich and successful experience by all standards, and I would like to thank the administration of the program for providing the necessary support for all members. I would also like to point out a few indications of the success of the program, all the students in the program have a very high GPA, which makes them truly distinguished and all are motivated to succeed and have a healthy competitive spirit, which is demonstrated through discussions, training and exercises within the class and outside it as well.”

He adds, “Our students are studying a diverse range of specializations, pharmacy, engineering, Islamic law, international affairs, education, psychology, English. . . this was a push for us to open the door for transfer of experiences and the integration of alternative views through different methods such as critical thinking, innovative thinking, where students can acquire skills such as goal setting, leadership skills, decision-making, time management, teamwork, research, communication skills, and others.”

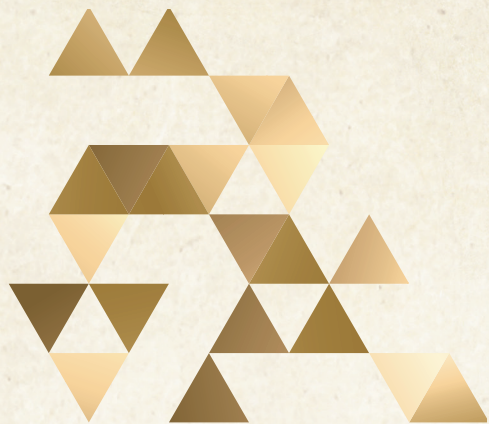
Ms. Iglal Ahmed, Senior Academic Support Specialist at the Honors Program says: “To be a professor at the Honors Program means working among strong and distinguished students, who are motivated to work. During the past two years, I had the opportunity to work with these students and it was an exceptional experience, where I was exposed to various challenges that helped me grow as an educator. Working in this program allowed me to develop myself, learn new educational strategies and helped me leave my comfort zone.”

Professor Samir Jaoua of Microbiology and Molecular and Microbial Biotechnology, says, “Throughout my career, working in the Honors Program has been a unique experience, as I worked with very talented students from different disciplines such as pharmacy, arts, education, political affairs, media, computer engineering, psychology and medicine. The discussions that happen during the classroom are very interactive, more so than a normal lecture as each student participates according to their respective field and offering their perspective, which allows us to collectively see ideas from different angles. Even from the viewpoint of the teacher, I receive many new questions and ideas, taking into account the different areas of the students.”

Al-Anood Al-Kubaisi, a student in the Honors Program from the College of Business and Economics and the proud recipient of the 2021 Excellence Award at QU says: “The Honors Program provides an excellent experience for students, where we are able to achieve a lot and where we receive continuous encouragement, which allows us to be the best versions of ourselves and move up the ladder of success. The program nurtures distinguished students of all nationalities, allowing them to practice for their future careers through purposeful training. I advise all incoming freshman to work towards being part of this program as it is a wonderful opportunity.”

Asma Al-Hor, a student in the Honors Program from the College of Arts and Sciences where she is the Women’s Head of the Student Representative Board says, “The Honors Program is a unique experience for us in our academic journeys, integrating our various disciplines and contributing to the expansion of our perceptions. The program allows us to practice different skill sets and apply them practically, starting from entrepreneurship, to critical thinking, to leadership in an era of changes, digital technologies, the fourth industrial revolution and sustainable development. This all culminates as extremely beneficial to us in terms of scientific research methods and specialized research, as these units cover the technological aspect as well as modern sciences and all this contributes to the outputs and competencies in line with the standards of the Qatar University strategy.”

Agreements and MoUs



Qatar University enters into local and international partnerships with the aim of joint cooperation

Qatar University offers a wide range of opportunities for students to advance their academic and research careers, in their respective fields. This is achieved through a number of academic agreements and partnerships with relevant institutions in the fields such as industry, government, academia, business and civil society, that are in line with the university's strategy to improve student output and academic performance, to launch their abilities, talents and creativity.

Memorandums of Understanding, agreements, and partnerships are valuable as they enable students to contribute effectively to academic, cultural and research activities. They also prepare students for the labor market through discussion sessions which bridge the relationship between students, experts, specialists and decision makers. Such agreements have culminated in the launch of several chairs on national, regional and international issues, with the chair officials assisting students in their graduation and research projects, as well as providing training opportunities to prepare them for the labor market.

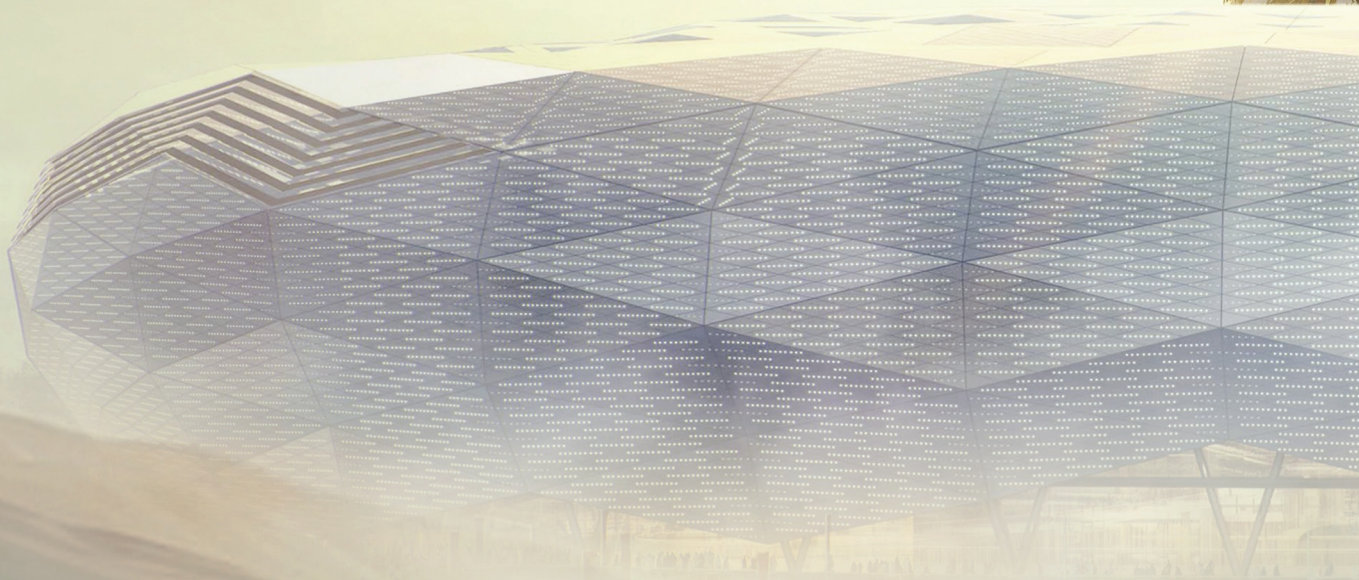
The following are the main agreements of the year:

- QU and the Ministry of Sports and Youth sign MoU to enhance joint cooperation between them and benefit from the joint capabilities of both parties, including working in the field of developing, organizing, managing and implementing training programs and courses to qualify cadres working in sports professions.
- QU and Traffic Tech (Gulf) Group sign research agreement to enhance joint cooperation in research, consultancy and knowledge transfer, in the traffic engineering and safety field, aiming to benefit from their joint capabilities.

- QU, Qatar Foundation's Earthna Center, and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change join forces on a national program to conserve and restore Qatar's coastal ecosystems, targeting the mangrove forests, seagrass, and coral ecosystems.
- QU Health and The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RSCI) sign an agreement to activate a dual doctoral program between the two universities, which will include PhD candidates from both sides as part of their close academic and research cooperation.
- QU and Potel et Chabot and Saint Clair, world famous catering brand, sign agreement seeking to provide QU students from the Human Nutrition Department and specifically the food safety programme, excellent internship opportunities to play an active role and be part of the food safety team during upcoming sports events.
- QU and Spectre Solutions sign MoU to enhance joint cooperation and benefit from the joint capabilities of both parties to serve the two institutions, in the fields of research, consulting and community service. The two parties also agreed to provide all possible assistance within the limits of the specific competencies of each party to achieve these objectives.
- QU signs a MoU with Moldova State University to establish joint cooperation in the field of education and research. As part of the agreement, both parties agree to exchange information including newsletters, journals, studies, statistics and other data, as well as conduct studies, hold conferences, meetings and training.

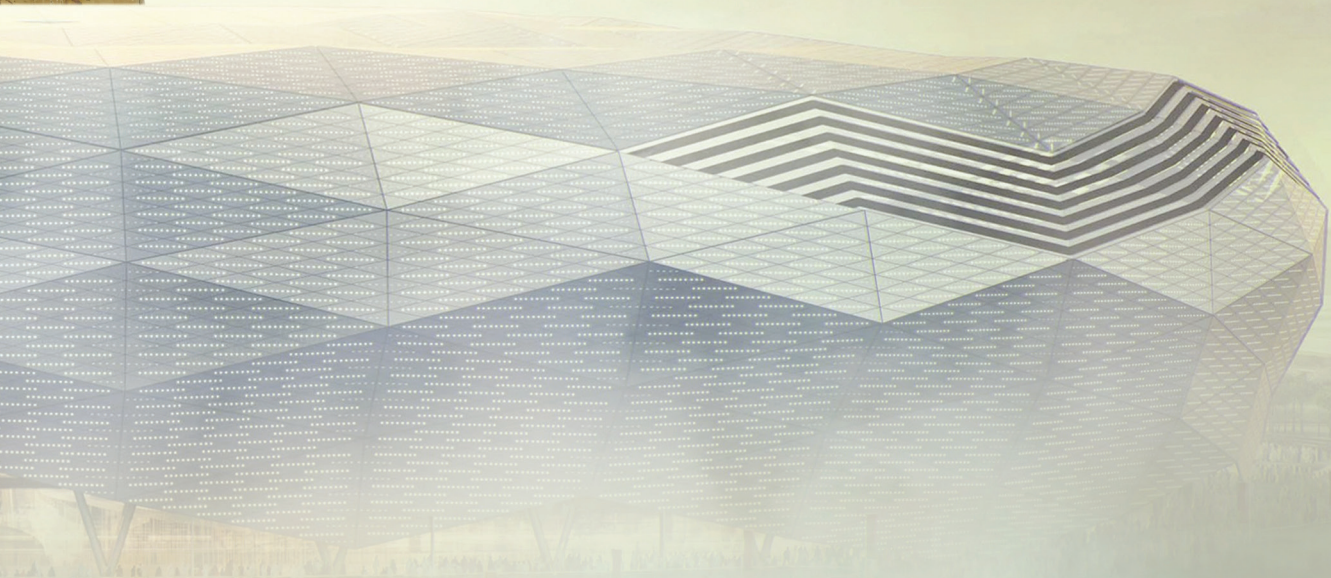


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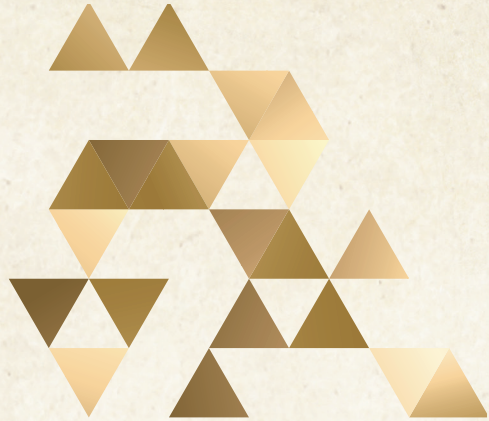




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Under the Microscope



QU research finds that tea consumption improves cognitive function



A joint scientific study between Qatar University's College of Health Sciences and the University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing found that higher tea intake is associated with reduced cognitive decline in adults. Dementia is known to affect the quality of life, while cognition-related disorders such as mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease are gradually increasing and becoming a global burden. This study, published in the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, may shed light on the potential role of tea consumption in preventing cognitive decline.

The study involved 4,820 Chinese adults aged 55 years and above, who were followed up multiple times between 1997 and 2011. The study found that older adults who drank four cups or more of tea per day had higher cognitive function scores compared to those who did not drink tea, and had 25%-30% decreased risk of reporting poor memory or memory decline than those who did not drink tea.

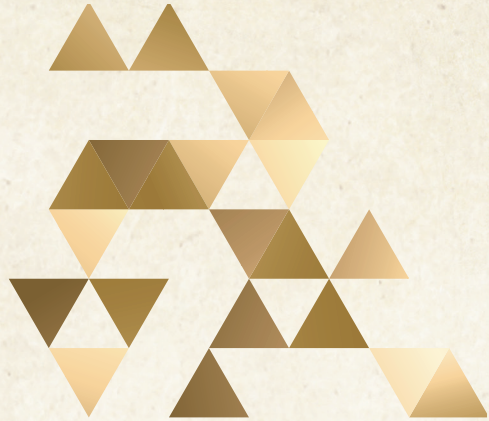
The authors explained that the beneficial effect of tea on cognition may be attributed to one family of compounds in tea called 'polyphenols', which previous research has suggested has antioxidative and anti-inflammatory effects. The senior and corresponding author Professor Zumin Shi, from the Human Nutrition Department at QU-CHS, highlighted that the cognitive protective effect of tea may be due to the synergistic effect of several of its chemical components rather than a single compound, as it contains several important nutrients, such as Vitamin C. The authors also added that previous research suggests that tea intake may decrease serum concentrations of total cholesterol and lower the risk of hypertension, both of which are linked with cognitive dysfunction. Consequently, tea intake may indirectly have a positive impact on cognitive health by decreasing the risk of relevant health problems.

Interestingly, the authors further examined if the relationship between tea and cognition is affected by other nutrients in the diet. Ms. Layan Sukik, the first author of the study and current master's student at QU-CHS from the Human Nutrition Department noted, "Iron intake had no negative effect on cognitive health among those who drank tea, but had a negative effect among those who did not drink tea." This was further explained by co-author Dr. Jianghong Liu, from the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania, who said that the beneficial effect of tea on cognitive function may be through the protective role of tea against the negative effect of high iron intake on cognitive health.



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QU Press Publications



The Legal Framework for Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects in Qatar

As part of the ‘Scientific Theses’ series, Qatar University Press published a book entitled “The Legal Framework for Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects in Qatar.” It is originally a scientific thesis by which researcher Yousef Shafie obtained a Master’s degree in Law from Qatar University, under the supervision, review and presentation of Dr. Muhammad Salem Abu Al-Faraj, Associate Professor of Commercial and Maritime Law, College of Law, Qatar University. This book comes as the first research work that deals with the legal aspects of partnership contracts between the public and private sectors in the State of Qatar.

What enhances the value of this research is its comparison with other legislations that have dealt with this topic. So that it becomes clearer what the approach chosen by the Qatari legislator is distinguished, so the researcher made comparisons between Qatari, Kuwaiti, Emirati and Egyptian legislations. The study was also guided by the research and guidance framework published by the World Bank for countries specialized in organizing partnership projects.

Since the purpose of the research was to highlight the Qatari legislator’s handling of the disputes arising from this type of contracts, the status of those contracts in the Qatari legislative and judicial system, and the consequent under-

standing of the most important rights and obligations of the parties to the contracts; the research was divided into two parts. The first of them relates to a descriptive study of this type of contract, and an explanation of the parties’ intention when entering into it; so that judging the status of these contracts in Qatari legislation stems from an accurate perception. As for the second section, it shows the extent of the existence of a regulatory framework governing such contracts in Qatari legislation in light of the descriptive analysis in the previous chapter.



The first chapter begins with the definition of the partnership project in Qatari legislation, comparative legislation and Arab jurisprudence, then the cases showing partnership project in terms of the private sector’s compensation source, the type of project infrastructure, private sector’s function, and the project assets ownership during the contract implementation period. The researcher explains the historical background of partnership projects in Qatar and other countries, and the usual stages of concluding a partnership contract, which is regulated by Law No. (12) of 2020. He sheds light on the most prominent means of settling disputes arising from partnership contracts away from the judiciary.

Introduction to Sources of Qatar's History



“Introduction to Sources of Qatar’s History” is a book that has just been published by Qatar University Press. Written by Dr. Aly Afify Aly Ghazi, a researcher specializing in the modern history of Iraq, the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula, the 335-page book is divided into four chapters, preceded by an Introduction.

In the Introduction, the author familiarizes readers with the concept of the historical document, and its relation to archives, in addition to its role in recording historical events. He highlights aspects of the document’s history in Arab and Islamic civilization, and the debut of the modern international archive in the Arab world; which becomes a memory that serves the national history of each country.

The First Chapter focuses on archival documents; illuminating that writing history is based on the source material that is represented in documents as the first element, which whenever becomes available, makes more clearer to the researcher the era they are writing the history about. It also introduces some of the archived Qatari, Ottoman, Portuguese, Dutch, French, British, Indian, American, Russian, German, Hungarian, Austrian, Iranian, Egyptian, Iraqi, Sudanese, Tunisian, Omani and Moroccan documents; showing their importance and historical value. The author, then introduces some of the published documentary books such as the Atchison Anthology, Saldana Reports, Bombay Anthology, Qatar History Sources, Qatar Code of Laws, Shura Council Minutes, Official Gazette, Sheikh Khalifa’s Press Talks, Qatar Records, Permanent Constitution Draft, Cooperation Council Documents, those from the Egyptian Archives In the history of the Gulf and the Arabian Peninsula, from the documents of the Arabian Peninsula in the modern era, and from the Ottoman documents in the history of the Arabian Peninsula.

In the Second Chapter, the author analyzes what was reported about Qatar in the writings of seventeen Western explorers and travelers, they are: Pedro Teixeira, Gasparo Balbi, Carsten Niebuhr, David Seton, William Belgrave, Lewis Pelly, Max Oppenheim, Samuel Zwemer, Hermann Burkhart, Percy Cox, Paul Harrison, Robert Ernest Cheesman, William Richard Williamson, Bertram Thomas, Allen Valers, Cornelia Dalenberg, Karnick George. He gives an idea about these travelers and their historical importance, then briefly reviews their journeys and routes, and finally analyzes what was reported about Qatar on their journeys, to show Qatar’s image in their writings as they saw it, and demonstrate their historically valuable writings as a historical source for multiple aspects: geographical, heritage, social, and cultural.

In the Third Chapter, the author talks about John Gordon Lorimer, the author of the book “The Guide to the Gulf.” He then depicts it as an important source for studying the history, geography and society of the Arabian Gulf and the Peninsula, the sources from which he drew his scientific material, and his translations into Arabic, and finally analyzes the contents of its two sections: the geographical and the historical.

The Fourth Chapter displays some important sources for writing history in general, and the history of Qatar in particular, such as antiquities, inscriptions, manuscripts, blogs and memos, postage stamps, photos, maps, cinematic and documentary films, newspapers, journals, magazines, folklore, proverbs and folk songs, Nabati poetry, tangible and intangible heritage, and oral narratives.

Through this book, the author refutes allegations of those who believe that the sources of Qatar’s history are rare, stressing that they are many and available, and vary between archival documents, published and unpublished sources, manuscripts, writings of eastern and western travelers, and studies in Arabic and foreign languages. Finally, the book includes a bibliographical list that serves to write on the history of Qatar in Arabic and in foreign languages.





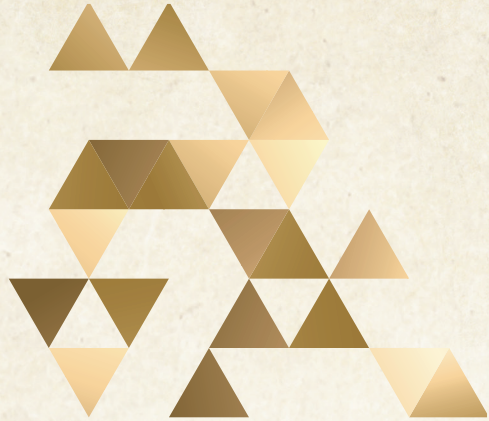
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College News



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HEALTH



QU and Hamad Medical Cooperation have been recognized as a section within the International Association for Dental Research



The research initiatives of the College of Dental Medicine at QU Health in Qatar University in collaboration with Hamad Medical Cooperation have been recognized by the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) through the establishment of the IADR Qatar Section. IADR is the largest and most prestigious organization in the world regarding research in dentistry and oral health.

Founded in 1920, the aim of this association is to promote research in all fields of oral and related sciences, to encourage improvements in methods for the prevention and treatment of oral and dental disease, to improve the oral health of

the public through research, and to facilitate cooperation among investigators and the communication of research findings and their implications throughout the world. The IADR organizes many prestigious conferences around the world on oral health research, and it has the most prestigious research journal in dental research.

Vice President for Medical and Health Sciences Dr. Asmaa Al-Thani expressed her delight at the news and commented, "Joining the IADR provides international recognition and visibility to dental research in Qatar, especially to QU Health and the College of Dental Medicine, as well as the Dental department of HMC. Having a Qatari division in the IADR opens the possibility to organize major international scientific meetings in Qatar and lead global initiatives in oral health research."

Dean of the College of Dental Medicine, Professor Mandeep Duggal said, "We are delighted that the International Association of Dental Research, the largest and most prestigious dental research organization in the world, has given formal recognition to dental research in Qatar by recognizing the Qatar Division as one of the member chapters of IADR. We are proud that our joint effort from the College of Dental Medicine in Qatar University and Dental Research in HMC has been recognized by IADR. This will further enhance collaborative oral health research in Qatar and bring international visibility and recognition to Qatar University and HMC in the field of oral and dental research and enable us to host prestigious international dental research events. This will also be a huge step to enable dental researchers from Qatar to sit at the top table globally in the arena of dental research."

Conference entitled “Ensuring Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable and Modern Energy in the MENA Region: Beyond COP27”



Qatar University’s College of Law held a conference entitled “Ensuring Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable and Modern Energy in the MENA Region: Beyond COP27.” The conference aims to examine energy transition in the MENA region from a legal, institutional, and policy perspective through the lens of SDG7 focusing on ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy.

During the conference, participants shed light on current developments, international cooperation initiatives and investments in infrastructure and technologies related to the topic. The contributions will be published in a special issue by the AIPN Journal of World Energy Law & Business by Oxford University Press.

Dean of the College of Law, Dr. Talal Al-Emadi said during the conference, “Currently, the Arab world is seeking to curb environmental pollution and climate change, which have already caused great harm and are expected to further affect Arab nations. Some countries in the Arab world are experiencing record-breaking temperatures, while others are suffering from water scarcity and extreme weather patterns.”

Dr. Talal Al-Emadi also noted that energy governance is extensively debated today, and is expected to remain so for the foreseeable future. Globally, various organizations have been established to respond to challenges posed by this phenomenon, such as the International Energy Agency and the International Renewable Energy Agency. The question of energy governance has been subject to deep analysis and dialogue, debated under legal themes and from an interdisciplinary perspective.



Conference on 'FIFA World Cup Qatar: Looking into Global and Local Perspectives'



The Gulf Studies Center, as a part of the College of Arts and Sciences held a two-day international conference to discuss Qatar's experience in the organization of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. The conference aimed to add a country specific focus to the current more general debate and multidisciplinary studies about the phenomenon of football in Middle Eastern societies in general, and the Gulf region in particular. As opposed to most events discussing the 2022 FIFA World Cup, the conference was not limited to the focus on technical/organizational dimensions or sports diplomacy only. Its main priority was to trigger comprehensive debates on the different social, political, economic and cultural aspects of the World Cup and its impacts on the hosting country, the Gulf Region, Middle Eastern and North Africa (MENA) region and the world.



Professor Mahjoob Zweiri, the Director of Gulf Studies Center said, "This conference is an academic platform to discuss all matters related to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, and the aim is to publish an edited volume that can be beneficial to the future generation." The international conference brings together scholars, practitioners and policy influencers from a wide range of disciplines to engage in a nuanced debate on the multifaceted impacts of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 on Qatari society and the region as a whole.



كلية الهندسة
College of Engineering
QATAR UNIVERSITY جامعة قطر

Career Fair for Engineering Majors



The College of Engineering, Student Affairs Sector and Professional Services Center launched a Career Fair for Engineering Majors in the presence of a number of companies and institutions from both public and private sectors.

In his comment, CENG Dean Dr. Khaled Kamal Naji said, “This exhibition comes to enhance collaboration with the college’s partners in order to discover the professional opportunities available in institutions and companies, and to provide broader training fields for students in the public and private sectors to integrate students into the labor market.”

He added, “We extend our sincere gratitude to all participating institutions that communicate with students to develop their skills and competencies in various engineering fields. Such involvement will enhance students’ skills and leave a good impact to diversify their experiences, knowledge and various abilities.”

In her comment, Dr. Haya Al-Attiyah, Assistant Vice President for Student Success and Development said, “The exhibition is one of the events organized by the QU Professional Services Center, which seeks to achieve several goals, including the employment of graduates of the CENG, providing training opportunities for current students, as well as providing opportunities for academic sponsorship. It provides an opportunity for all students to learn about the requirements and needs of the labor market.”



QU team wins in Global Sustainability Space Challenge 2022



QU held a closing ceremony, in which the College of Business and Economics, and Metavisionaries announced winners of the Global Sustainability Space Challenge 2022. The competition was organized alongside the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar, with the aim of leveraging the momentum of the event, and co-organized with global partners Metavisionaries, ICE Cubes, Space Applications Services, International Space University and Club of the Future founded by Blue Origin, and supported locally by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) in Qatar. It is also sponsored by Qatar General Electricity & Water Corporation (Kahramaa), Blue Salon and Microsoft. The competition organized by the College of Business and Economics at QU in partnership with Metavisionaries brought together students from around the globe with the aim of finding innovative solutions to tackle pressing issues related to one or more areas of the Sustainability Development Goals.

Commenting on the competition, Prof. Rana Sobh, Dean of the College of Business and Economics said, “Business schools have a responsibility to shape the minds of future leaders and build the skills and attributes that they will need to create a sustainable future for all.. The ultimate goal from the competition is to find economically viable and scalable solutions that would help accelerate the global transition towards decarbonization. But most importantly, and in the process, empower, educate, inspire future generations and shed light on the significance of tapping into the limitless resources of space.”

In the category of sustainable consumption and supply chain track, a team from Egypt and Saudi Arabia won for their project on Se-Explores, Self-Deorbiting CubeSats. In the Sustainable Food and Agriculture track, a team from Brazil won. The project of this team was based on ocean microplastics. In the category of Art, Fashion and 3D Technology track, a team from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Palestine and USA won. The project of this team was based on 3D printing food in space. In the category of Climate Change, two teams won, one from Egypt and one from Qatar (Qatar University). The projects of these teams were based on Phytoplankton & CCS Station. A team from Palestine, who were the winning team in the Life Science and Health Care track, was also identified as the winner of all winners for their Health Alert System project.





كلية التربية
College of Education
QATAR UNIVERSITY جامعة قطر

Female students of the Art Education Department organize art exhibition

The Art Education Department at the College of Education organized an art exhibition entitled 'My Feathers Welcome the World Cup' for the students of the Art Education Department.

In the opening speech, Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Hessa Al-Thani said, "I am pleased to meet you today, in the annual art exhibition of the Department of Art Education in our College, College of Education. This year's art exhibition coincided with the World Cup 2022 hosted by the State of Qatar. The Department of Art Education in our college was eager to confirm their artistic presence in this event and change how society interacts. We believe that

the College of Education plays a significant role in interacting with local and global events, and we are eager to leave our educational, artistic, and cultural imprint on various occasions. Through this exhibition, the World Cup activities in 2022 will be translated into a visual language that expresses the community's culture, identity, and special creative and cultural history."



For her part, Dr. Latifa Al Mughaisib, Head of the Art Education Department, said: "Those who look at the artworks of the exhibition express the joy of Qatar's hosting of the 2022 World Cup, by introducing the heritage and landmarks of the country and by mixing the symbols of the World Cup in innovative ways that reflect the awareness and skills of the students acquired through the concerted efforts of the course professors to reach this high level."



كلية الشريعة والدراسات الإسلامية
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A Reflective Training Portfolio (Excellence in Teaching & Learning in Light of the Structural Consistency)

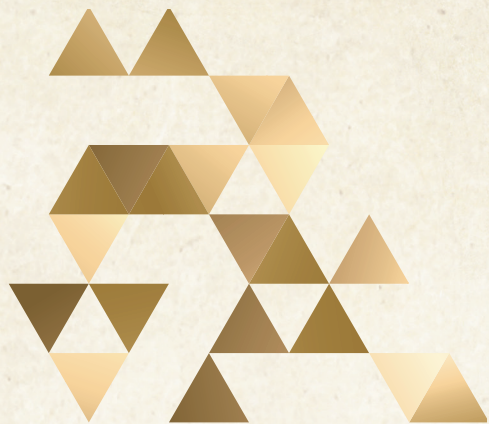
The College of Sharia and Islamic Studies presented a training package to its faculty entitled “Excellence in Teaching and Learning in the Light of the Structural Consistency.” The training offers an introduction as well as five integrated, interactive workshops on structural consistency theory: The effective design of deep learning outcomes, teaching activities according to structural consistency, how to design teaching activities for deep learning, assessment according to structural consistency, and lastly, documenting the teaching process according to structural consistency. The workshops, in which more than 60 faculty members of the College of Sharia participated, were organized within the framework of the second phase of the College’s strategy.

Commenting on the organization of this workshop, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Ansari, Dean of the College of Sharia and Islamic Studies, said: “The organization of these workshops comes in the context of preparing for a new cycle of strategic mobility in the college, and within its plan to effectively invest in strategic initiatives at the university level related to the second of the university’s strategic goals ‘Education Excellence: To be regionally recognized for the provision of holistic education that is transformative, learner-centric, experiential, research-informed, competency-based, digitally enriched and entrepreneurial.’ This is consistent with the strategic direction of the college and its own initiatives, especially related to our goal which is in the current strategy stating ‘To create a stimulating educational environment that embodies the student-centered teaching philosophy of the college in order to achieve excellence in Sharia education.’” Dr. Ibrahim Al-Ansari stressed that these workshops will reflect positively on the students, who will be able to serve their community to the fullest.





Conversation with a Talented Student



Fatma Ashkanani:

“I aspire to master my talent in the art of photography”



Fatma Ashkanani is a 25-year-old junior, studying media in QU with a concentration in radio and television. Fatma boasts a number of talents but favors her talent in photography and continues to strive to develop her photography skills as she is captivated by this art. In this dialogue, we highlighted her talent and asked her how she organizes her time, which is divided between honing her technique in photography and working hard in her university studies.

Firstly, can you talk to us about the role your parents played in helping you to develop this talent?

My family played a major role in encouraging me and supporting this talent, as they made sure that I work to develop the talent of photography by enrolling me in many training courses and allowing me the opportunity to practice and gain experience. They also allowed me the space to improve myself in this area.

How has this talent had a positive impact on your life?

Yes, photography has played a positive role in my life in general, because it filled up my spare time and through it I gradually learned where my strengths are and what I need to work on. This hobby or talent has become an essential part of me, and I have rediscovered my personality through it.

At what age did you discover this passion?

I started practicing photography when I was 13 years old, I got my first camera from my father who encouraged me at the start. I started my photography journey by taking pictures during family events and travel trips, and after I enrolled in many photography courses, I started to photograph landmarks and buildings.

What are your aspirations for the future in this regard?

I aspire to develop this talent by working to engage in the art of photography in its various fields, and I will be keen to enroll in more courses for professional photography, especially in video shooting, as I have a great passion for learning more.

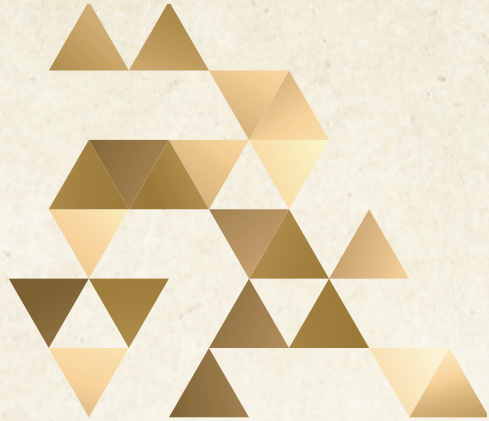
Has any of this been challenging for you, particularly as you are in your senior year?

This talent is not an obstacle for me in my studies, as every semester I make great care to create a balance between studying and photography. Since joining the university, I have been good with this time-management, which will be of benefit to me and my future. I practice photography in my spare time, and it is a daily habit and does not affect my daily schedule.



A.ziz Sadiq

Student Writing



Time management in the life of a university student Haya Baraka, College of Business and Economics

Time management was and still is one of the most important reasons for my success and the reason behind my good grades in Qatar University. Time management may be difficult to implement for many students but investing it in the right way brings great benefits to academic achievement. I start by working to record the appropriate materials in terms of timing and to have a sufficient period of rest between lectures, and then work to divide the courses based on which requires more time. So, there were courses that I needed to spend more time on and courses that come a bit easier. Following this, I worked to prepare a study schedule at home where I arrange my study tasks for each course and divide it based on the days and types of tasks (assignment, research, case study, etc).

I make sure to set up the schedule every weekend so that I could get ahead of my work, taking care to give difficult subjects, time and priority. In regards to the midterm exams, I prepare for them a week before the scheduled date,

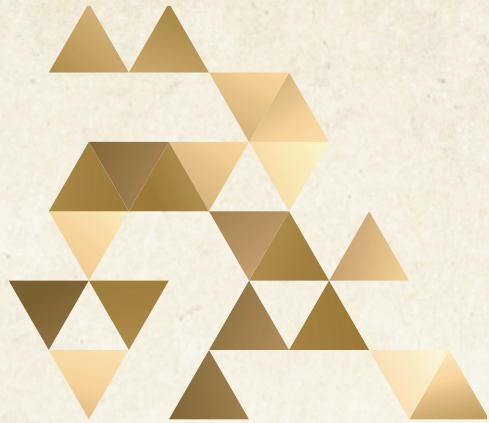
so that I give myself a chance to study, practice solving problems and time to see the professor in his or her office hours if needed. One important point is that I don't review immediately before a test. This is because, in my opinion, it is very distracting. On the day of the test, I prefer sleeping, resting and prepare for logistical requirements. I am a student who is predisposed to becoming anxious and nervous, I do not review any of my test questions and answers once I finish, and I make sure to say my prayers and put my trust in Allah (SWT).

As for the final exams, they were and still are the most difficult in terms of time management, because they are at the end of the semester after a huge amount of effort, so I make sure to plan the final exams a month in advance in order to take breaks between each subject. During the week of final exams, I practice only solving problems and reviewing only some points, but not all. So the goal is to quickly go over the information, and certainly to make sure that I get enough sleep.



In conclusion, my idea of time management may not be the most appropriate idea for everyone, as certainly time management differs from one student to another based on their major, habits and requirements of study. But it is important to take responsibility into your own hands and may Allah (SWT) help us all in our exciting university journey.

Sports and Recreation



Boost your athletic performance with healthy eating!

- Ms. Tamara Al Abdi. Lecturer
- Ms. Hiba Chatila. Lecturer
- Ms. Joyce Moawad, Teaching Assistant, Clinical Coordinator

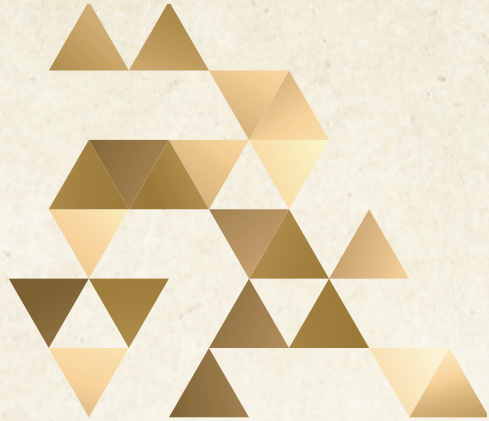
Nutrition is essential for optimal sport performance. Eating well is necessary for injury prevention, decreased muscle tiredness and soreness, muscle recovery, improved immunity and energy levels, as well as increased attention span. Carbohydrates are the most important fuel source for athletes and should comprise 45% to 65% of total caloric intake. Good sources of carbohydrates include whole grains, starchy vegetables, fruits, and milk/yogurt. Proteins build and repair muscle and should comprise 10% to 30% of total energy intake. Good sources of proteins include lean meat and poultry, fish, eggs, dairy products, beans and nuts. Fats are necessary to absorb vitamins (A, D, E, K), provide essential oils, protect vital organs and enhance the feeling of satiety. Fats should comprise 25% to 35% of total energy intake. Good sources of fat include fish, nuts, seeds, and plant oils, especially olive oil.

Vitamins and minerals are required for general good health, but especially for athletes, consuming proper amounts of calcium, vitamin D and iron is vital. Calcium and vitamin D are important for bone health, and muscle contraction. Sources of calcium include dairy products, broccoli, spinach and fortified grains. Vitamin D sources include fortified foods, such as milk, and sun exposure. Iron is important for oxygen delivery to muscles. Iron-rich foods include lean meats, leafy green vegetables, eggs and fortified whole grains.

To allow for proper digestion and avoid gastrointestinal upset, meals should be consumed a minimum of three hours before events. Meals should be rich in carbohydrates, protein and low in fat and fiber. High-fat meals should be avoided before exercise because they delay emptying of the stomach, making athletes feel sluggish and thereby adversely affect performance. Pre-game snacks should be ingested 1-2 hours for ease of digestion. Snacks can include fresh fruit, dried fruit, a bowl of cereal with milk, juice or fruit-based smoothies. During a long-term event, that lasts more than one hour, sports drinks and/or easily digestible carbohydrate-rich food such as fruit or granola bars can be ingested to help refuel and keep energy levels high. After exercise, it's important to restore fluids lost in sweat by drinking plenty of water. Proteins and carbohydrates are also important to consume 15-60 min after workout in order to replace muscle fuel and to build new muscles.

In humid/high ambient temperatures, similar to Qatar's climate, nutrition and hydration are indispensable to enhance the body adaptation and heat acclimatization of athletes. Indeed, heat stress can negatively affect sports performance in hot environment. Recommendations suggest that daily food intake regimen should stress on carbohydrates intake after exercise in order to replenish the body fuel stores and culminate in an optimal performance. In addition, protein supplementation can be helpful to achieve heat acclimation and mitigate the cardiovascular strain. In addition, fluid and electrolytes requirements are higher due to increased sweating and losses during extremely high temperatures. Indeed, frequent drinking of water and/or sports drinks is deemed as the most effective strategy to support temperature regulation during exercising in hot and humid conditions.

Student Clubs



Amina Al-Maadadi, President of the Environment and Sustainability Club:

“The club aims to promote sustainable behaviors to improve our society’s environmental stability”

Student clubs are organized under the supervision of the Student Activities Department at Qatar University. The Clubs play a vital role in building educational and life experiences among students and providing them the opportunity to engage in non-academic student activities that help integrate them into the university community with colleagues who share the same interests. Student clubs also provide rich development opportunities, which equip students with teamwork skills and help refine other practical skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership. Campus Life speaks to Amina Al-Maadadi, President of the Environment and Sustainability Club, where she sheds light on the club’s goals and its activities.

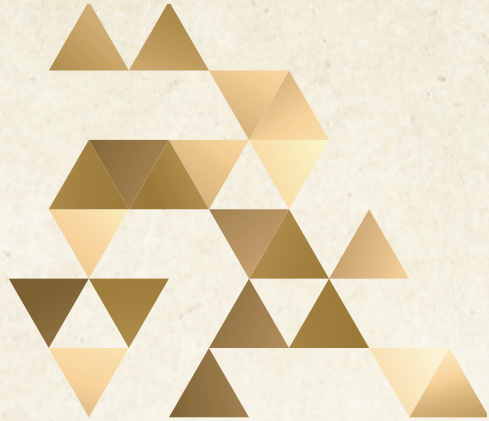


Amina Al-Maadadi says: “The Environment and Sustainability Club is concerned with a significant and relevant issue at the moment which is the environment and sustainability issue. Our club was founded by the Biological and Environmental Sciences department in the College of Arts and Sciences. The club conducts many events and activities aimed mainly at promoting environmental awareness, often targeting children, in order to develop a love for the environment from an early age.”

Amina also shed some light to Campus Life on the clubs latest events and activities saying, “The club has participated in many exhibitions and conferences such as the Second Waste Management Conference and Exhibition 2022, which was organized by the Ministry of Municipality. We also participated in the Qatar’s International Agricultural Exhibition (AgriteQ), organized by the Ministries of Municipality and, Environment and Climate Change. We also participated in the activities of the Qatar Sustainability Week 2022 in its seventh annual edition. We carry out many agricultural activities both within and outside the university and organize awareness campaigns that help support recycling for a green future.”

Commenting on the objectives of the club, Al-Maadadi said, “The club aims to educate Qatar University students and the surrounding community about methods to improve our society’s environmental stability. Our goal is to promote sustainable behaviors not only among university students but also in our community, as a part of a broader educational awareness of environmental threats. The club also strives to direct people to recycle, reduce consumption and take social responsibility to preserve the environment.”

Feature



Never Stop Learning

Dr. Ahmad Al-Own, Dean of Graduate Studies and Assistant Professor at the College of Sharia and Islamic Studies

In 2004, the beginning of my appointment as a teaching assistant at Qatar University, I was having a conversation with one of my professors, and said, “Would you believe, I received a request asking me to study in the United States of America, when my specialization is in Sharia (Islamic law)!” and his response stuck with me. He said, “Go... study and learn about other cultures, people and nations. Never believe that because you have a doctor degree, that it is enough. It is only the beginning of self-development.” Now that 18 years have passed, I would love to show my gratitude to that professor, but he is no longer with us and has since passed away.

The doctorate and postgraduate studies in their entirety are only one of the stages that the student of knowledge goes through, to develop himself, adjust his compass and refine his skills, and not the end of the road nor the seal of learning in any field of knowledge.

In postgraduate studies, professors seek to develop the skills of their students and build a solid scientific research methodology that helps, guides and directs them to find the best solutions to the problems facing them, their countries and humanity as a whole. It also helps to provoke

their spirit for innovation and creativity to come up with innovations that elevate societies, and make life easier, and more endurable to overcome obstacles.

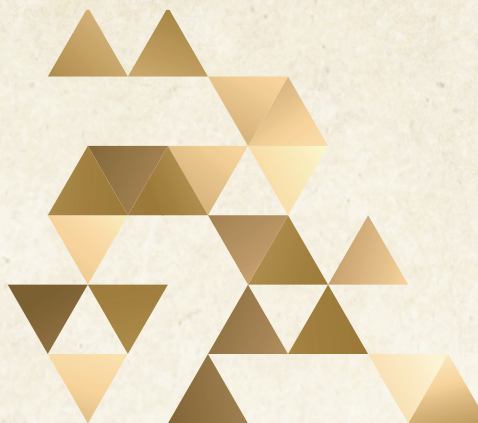
If you are a graduate student, or want to complete your graduate studies, I urge you to realize this point: “Do not think that all the effort will fall on your professors to extract these potential energies, and the hidden jewels from yourself, but quite the contrary. The greatest burden will fall on your shoulders in this field. Professors are mentors and teachers, who set you on a road map, but you must listen for their guidance, returning to them in difficult matters that you may not find a solution to. This requires you to work hard, and to search in the mysteries of yourself and its potentials for your strengths and exploit them, and for your weaknesses and seek to strengthen them, and this can only be done by reading, keeping abreast of the latest studies and using the latest technologies and capabilities available to you. You must possess the motivation and determination to overcome the obstacles that may stand in your way, and do not forget that there are those who have devoted their time, knowledge and effort to guide you.



In conclusion, here are these tips:

- Manage your time wisely and plan well every step you take.
- Prioritize, organize and plan well and allocate enough time for each task, set yourself a timeline and deadlines for each priority.
- Do not despair if you encounter difficulties, but believe in yourself and your abilities and that you are qualified and able to overcome any obstacle.
- If you need help and guidance, do not hesitate to ask for it, as man was created to learn, it is not shameful to ask for help.
- Enjoy your time and what you do; strive for success.

Performance Development



Performance Development Translation Development Mechanisms

Abdelhamid Zahid, Arabic Language Department, College of Arts and Sciences

Translation is considered as a bridge between civilizations, a channel for the transfer of science and knowledge between nations. Through the ages across the ancient civilizations of Greeks, Romans, Persians and Arabs, it has always been the only way for the mutual acquaintance among civilizations and contribution to the transmission of all the new sciences. The translation act throughout the ages has been concomitant with knowledge references that contributed at times to some nations civilizational transformation in some sciences, but failed to do so in other sciences at other times. If we want the translation act to be productive, translation has to achieve what translation studies refer to as:

Translation Quality Assessment (Julian House 2015):

Translation must achieve semantic equivalence between the original text and the target text in that the target language succeeds in capturing the register of the source language. The more the translation seeks to achieve this register, the more original it becomes, far from mystery and ambiguity. This objective is accomplished only if the translator is bilingual and bi-cultural. In addition, the target language must be structurally consistent, fulfilling what is known in translation studies as coherence and cohesion.

Computer-Assisted Translation Tools (Polking 1984)

Computer tools help the translator improve and develop his/her translation because computer software packages such as Trados Studio help the translator with not only spellchecking and text alignment, but also with creating, saving glossaries and reminding the translator of them during the translation. These computer-assisted translation software tools enable the translator to save time, increase and improve his translation product as well as achieving harmony in it, standardization of terminology at the level of the entire text away from errors and repetitions.

Specialized Translation:

In its broad sense, the text is difficult to grasp in terms of its language, terminology, and field. From this point of view, if we want to develop and refine translation, the translator must seek to accumulate a translation experience in a specific field of knowledge. According to Text Typology theory of Katharina Reiss (1970/2000), each text has its own style and terminology that requires the translator to employ special strategies and techniques appropriate for each text individually. Literary texts, for example, are different from scientific ones just as scientific texts are different from legal ones. The more assiduous the translator is in accumulating a translation experience in a particular discipline, the more distinguished he/she becomes from his peers in this specialty because the translator of a text must be one of those specialized in and acquainted with its field. For instance, translating very well a novel is not achievable but for a translator with a literary and novelistic sense. Likewise, a book on medicine can only be translated by a medical doctor or someone familiar with terminology and knowledge in medicine. May Allah have mercy on Al-Jahiz who talked in his book 'The Animal' about some characteristics of a translator and said: "The translator must be eloquent in his translation and knowledgeable in the target and source languages, so that he can be up to the same level in both of them."

Today more than ever our nation needs to establish translation as an institutional work following the example of the House of Wisdom in the Abbasid era. Nations can rise thanks to translation, only since Arab civilization would not have been possible without the House of Wisdom, while Western civilization would not have been feasible without the 'Toledo school'.



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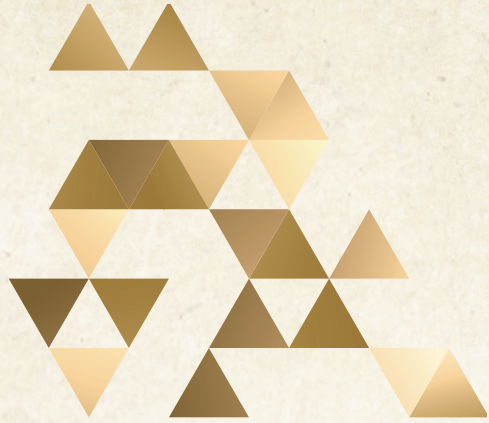
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My University Album



In this section, we look back at a number of beautiful university memories. In this issue, we showcase some rare photos from our campus archives dating back to the eighties, shining a spotlight on the football events and activities that capture the passion and enthusiasm and love for the sport. These events were organized on our QU campus.



The final match of the University Championship, in the college football league between the College of Sciences and the College of Humanities. Cups and prizes are distributed to the best players.



The team is captured playing in a football match during the Champions League – University Families.



A delegation of students visit from Al Ain, United Arab Emirates to attend a football match, which gathers students from two universities.



A delegation of students from the University of Jordan participate in a football match between the two universities.