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- ◆ *Interviewed by: Najla Al Marri*

Seetah Al Marri is working in journalism successfully. She is a good example for Qatar University graduates representing Mass Communication students. She received training at Al Sharq newspaper where she works as an active journalist covering field work and writing reports and articles.

Al Marri is a reliable editor in the website of Al Sharq newspaper, so we conducted an interview to find out about the challenges she faced and her career in working in Al Sharq.

Being a graduate of Qatar University, and representing Mass Communication students do you advise female students to work in the field of journalism, and why?

Of course, I advise the students to work in the media field with its all forms including radio and television, especially the online, because the Internet and technology are the language of the times. Reliance on it increased after COVID-19 pandemic and people began to read newspapers on websites.

We are now in a digital media era and a good journalist is the one who can keep pace with this development and practice his specialisation as he likes it, and do not leave room for any negative influences.

The journalist has an important role in raising the awareness of society and conveying news to the public with impartiality and objectivity.

What are the difficulties you faced?



I believe that the college graduates are highly academically qualified graduates, but they need more practical experience, and this is something that we are working to develop in programmes. And not only that, but we are also working on developing our bachelor's programmes enabling students to have multiple specialisations and skills to get more opportunities in job market.



In fact, there are some difficulties, which are represented in moving from one stage to another, that is, from being a university student to heading to the job market as a journalist in one of the most important newspapers in Qatar. To adapt to the new work environment and professional life, and of course with the passage of time I was able to overcome this challenge with perseverance, diligence and determination.

Who was your first supporter?

My first supporter is my mother and my sisters, however, I consider everyone to be the first supporter. Then others come, and as for me, I have been myself overcoming difficulties, as my

perseverance supporting me to continue in the field of Journalism.

By proving my existence as an effective journalist, immediately after graduating, I got involved in the field of journalism, where I was given opportunity by Al Sharq newspaper.

In the beginning, I was a trainee and then a journalist, and I considered that I reached this point by building social relations with colleagues in the profession, exchanging experiences, and registering my presence in media sector.

Writing reports, conducting exclusive investigations, media coverage and giving suggestions and ideas for development helped me to make my own place in Journalism.

Would you like to give any advice to the students Mass Communication?

Yes, I advise the students to love what they are learning now, which helps them to do their best when they do their job. The media field is interesting with all its challenges.

My advice to the female students is that after graduation to prove their presence in any media institution, even if it was initially without any financial compensation. Perseverance and diligence will lead you to the desired goal.

The study is also very different from joining the job market, which helps to acquire skills and personal development.