

QU holds National Identity Conference 2019

THE PENINSULA
DOHA

Qatar University (QU), represented by its Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI), organised the National Identity Conference, which discussed both national identity and the role of education in promoting national identity in Qatar.

The event was attended by Minister of State H E Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al Kawari; the Chairman of the Planning and Statistics Authority, H E Dr Saleh bin Mohammed Al Nabit; Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education Dr Ibrahim bin Saleh bin Khalifa Al Nuaimi; President of QU Dr Hassan Al Derham; and Director of QU's SESRI Dr Hassan Abdulrahim Yousef Al Sayed, as well as a number of researchers from QU, students, faculty, government agencies and other interested participants.

Dr Al Kawari spoke at the

event and discussed the importance of identity in determining the role of each individual person. He says identity is a modern concept and involves a system of cultural values shared by a group of people and a sign of their affiliation with each other. This also includes language as an essential vessel to preserve heritage.

Dr Al Nuaimi spoke about the role identity plays in safeguarding the conscience of the nation. He said various ministries and institutions in the State of Qatar work hard to cultivate and promote intrinsic values.

In his welcoming address Dr Al Derham said: "I am pleased to launch this National Identity Conference in Qatar University, which is organized by SESRI, one of the leading research centers in QU. The topic of the conference is a pivotal issue as national identity is the basis for societies today, where it sets the nation apart in a cultural, social and political 'code' or 'cultural imprint'."



Minister of State H E Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al Kawari; the Chairman of the Planning and Statistics Authority, H E Dr Saleh bin Mohammed Al Nabit; Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Dr Ibrahim bin Saleh bin Khalifa Al Nuaimi; President of QU Dr Hassan Al Derham and other dignitaries during the event.

The conference comes one decade after the establishment of the SESRI research institute in QU. The institute has conducted

more than 100 survey projects that tackle different aspects, including economic, social, health, education and sports.

Dr Al Sayed spoke about the importance of the National Identity Conference in identifying what makes up the Qatari

national identity in order to support decision makers when designing national policies related to identity.



MoPH signs pacts for Health Program in Workplace

FROM LEFT: Ahmad S Sultan, Director, Public Relations and Communication Department, Qatar Financial Markets Authority; Dr Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Thani, Director of the Public Health Department, Ministry of Public Health; Rashid Hamad Al Marri, Chief Administration Officer, Nakilat; and Dr Khuloud Al Mutawa, Senior Consultant of Community Medicine and Head of Non-Communicable Disease, Communicable Disease Department, MoPH; addressing the media prior to the MoU signing held at the Ministry in Doha yesterday. PIC: SALIM MATRAMKOT/THE PENINSULA



QA wins 'Top Employer Brand' Award

Qatar Airways recruitment team receiving the award. Qatar Airways' recruitment team has been named 'Top Employer Brand' by Bayt.com, at a ceremony that took place earlier this month at the Grand Hyatt Doha Hotel.

Embassy of India advises parents to stop waiting further for afternoon shift

THE PENINSULA
DOHA

The Embassy of India has advised Indian parents not to wait further for admission of their children in afternoon shifts in Indian schools.

"It is unlikely that approval will be accorded by the concerned authorities, for Indian schools in Qatar to start afternoon shifts," the Embassy tweeted yesterday. "Please make alternative arrangements and do not continue to wait, in the hope that it will be approved," it said.

Some Indian schools which received the go-ahead from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education to start the second shift had started registration of the admission in afternoon shift for the academic year 2019-20 but after a while they put the admission procedure on hold asking the parents to wait for the final decision from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

By the end of February, the MES Indian School, which was one of the four to receive the go-ahead to start the second shift,

posted on its social media platform that they had suspended the admission to the evening (second) shift and advised the parents to wait for further instructions from the ministry.

The ideal Indian school had also posted on their official website that the "evening shift is on hold until further confirmation from the Ministry of Education. Registration and admission tests are being cancelled."

According to parents, the schools returned the registration fees for admission for afternoon shifts.

Arrangements are under way to welcome Qatar's Deputy PM and FM, says Sudan

QNA
KHARTOUM

The Sudanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs denied yesterday reports circulated by a satellite TV channel

claiming that Sudan refused to receive a Qatari delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H E Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesman, Ambassador Babiker Al Siddiq, told Sudan News Agency that arrangements are under way for the visit of the high-ranking Qatari delegation to Khartoum.

Qatar Airways Holidays offers packages for CONMEBOL Copa America Brasil 2019

THE PENINSULA
DOHA

Qatar Airways Holidays, the leisure division of Qatar Airways Group, is offering exclusive travel packages for the CONMEBOL Copa America Brasil 2019, giving fans the chance to follow the Qatar National Football Team to Brazil this summer.

Qatar Airways Holidays is offering exclusive travel packages until April 29, which include return flights to São Paulo with Qatar Airways, domestic flights within Brazil, hotel accommodation and official match tickets to the CONMEBOL Copa America Brasil 2019 that will take place from June 14, to July 7 2019 in Brazil. Qatar Airways Senior Vice President Marketing and Corporate Communications, Salam Al Shawa, said: "Qatar Airways is delighted to provide exclusive travel packages for the CONMEBOL Copa America Brasil 2019. Nothing compares to watching a thrilling match live, and Qatar Airways Holidays' travel packages will bring football fans to the heart of the action in Brazil, enabling football fans to cheer on the Qatar national team in person.

"As an airline, we believe in the power of sports to bring people together, and we look



forward to providing our passengers with the ultimate CONMEBOL experience. From the moment they start their journey with us to the final match of the tournament in Brazil."

Members of Qatar Airways' frequent flyer programme, Privilege Club, holding Platinum, Gold or Silver status can also enjoy an exclusive 5 percent discount on all CONMEBOL Copa America packages. Privilege Club members can enjoy this discount when they quote their membership number at the time of booking for the discount to be applied.

Football fans can show their support for Qatar's national football team by selecting a package that includes one or all three group games. From the

opening game of the tournament to Qatar's Group matches, these exclusive travel packages can be booked by calling +974 4423 7938 or by visiting the Qatar Airways Holidays shop.

Qatar Airways Holidays provides a comprehensive range of travel packages that enable passengers to choose from an extensive range of dates, destinations and matches, offering the best possible mix of football and travel for an unforgettable experience. Customers are encouraged to visit the platform: www.qatarairways.holidays.com Follow Qatar Team for more information and to download the full Copa America Travel Packages Brochure that provides details on all travel packages, prices and inclusions for a seamless experience. Only a limited number of travel packages will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Qatar Airways is proud to sponsor premier sporting clubs around the world and is the official airline sponsor of the Copa CONMEBOL Libertadores, Copa CONMEBOL Sudamericana and the CONMEBOL Recopa. The multi-year agreement will provide Qatar Airways with maximum exposure in South America, while further strengthening the airline's global sponsorship portfolio.

IBPC to hold Vibrant Goa 2019 promotion event

THE PENINSULA
DOHA

In order to spread awareness about the upcoming Vibrant Goa Global Expo and Summit (VGGES) 2019 scheduled to be held in Goa from October 17 to 19, a promotion event titled "Vibrant Goa 2019" will be held in Doha on April 23, 2019.

P. Kumaran, the Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar, will be the Chief Guest on this

occasion. Vibrant Goa Foundation in partnership with Global Network and in association with Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Goa State Industries Association and Goa Technology Association will organize the event in Doha in collaboration with the Indian Business & Professionals' Council (IBPC) Qatar.

The event will highlight the salient features of Goa in key areas such as innovation, sustainability, industries, MSMEs,

technology, youth, skill development and knowledge sharing and networking. The VGGES 2019 will offer an ideal platform to meet, interact, network and discuss business proposition for importers, exporters, investors, customers and experts.

The knowledge summit will be organised concurrently with the Expo with the objective to bridge the gap between Goan industries and other national as well as international players.

Real estate trading volume exceeds QR1.8bn in a week

QNA / DOHA

The trading volume of registered real estates between March 3 to March 7 at the Ministry of Justice's real estate registration department stood at QR1.8bn. The department's weekly report said that the trading included empty lands, residential units, residential

buildings, residential complexes, multipurpose buildings and multipurpose empty lands.

Most of the trading took place in Al Rayyan, Doha, Al Daayen, Al Da'a'ayen, Umm Salal, Al Wakra, Al Khor and Al Thakhira. The trading volume of registered real estates between March 31 to April 4 was QR333.48m.