



ROTA continues to empower teachers and students to *'Learn with the world, and not just about it'* through iEARN workshops

Doha, Qatar, 15 November 2015: Reach Out To Asia (ROTA), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), recently hosted a two-day workshop as part of the 2015 fall program of the International Education And Resource Network (iEARN).

The workshops were hosted by the National Center for Educational Development (NCED) at Qatar University and were sponsored by Qatar Chemical and Petrochemical Marketing and Distribution Company (Muntajat) Q.J.S.C.

As a member of QF, ROTA believes in the importance of unlocking human potential as well as the development of human capacities. ROTA supports training and educational activities that will develop the educational process and raise awareness for how education can change people's lives.

The iEARN program builds on the basic principle of Project Based Learning (PBL) and empowers teachers and youth to collaborate online in order to connect classroom learning with real world issues. It allows young students to acquire skills in critical thinking, and cross-cultural awareness while connecting their learning to real world issues, making learning both challenging and enjoyable.

During the two-day workshop in Qatar, a new group of 39 teachers from 17 different independent and private schools had the opportunity to join the worldwide community and learn about the basics of PBL, acquiring the know-how on how to implement iEARN projects, while cooperating online with teachers and students from more than 140 countries around the world.

On this occasion, Mr. Essa Al Mannai, ROTA's Executive Director, said: "Since its inception in Qatar more than 400 teachers from over 100 schools in the country



have attended ROTA’s iEARN workshops and participated in a variety of iEARN projects with their students. iEARN-Qatar is one more program that supports ROTA’s vision of empowering youth to realize their full potential and shape the development of their communities.”

The program enables participants to become global citizens who make a difference by collaborating with their peers around the world. ROTA recognized the need in Qatar to elevate this project, and, at the beginning of 2014, welcomed Qatar University’s College of Education as a partner on the project. iEARN was also included as one of the programs of the National Center for Educators Development (NCED). Additionally, a three-year sponsorship deal signed with Muntajat in 2014 has boosted the size and quality of the initiative.

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About ROTA

Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) is a non-profit organization launched in December 2005 in Doha, Qatar, by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani. Operating under the auspices of the Qatar Foundation, ROTA is committed to providing high quality and relevant primary and secondary education, encouraging relationships among communities, creating safe learning environments and restoring education in crisis affected areas across Asia and around the world. ROTA envisions a world, where all young people have access to the education they need in order for them to realise their full potential and shape the development of their communities.

For more information about Reach Out To Asia, please visit: www.reachouttoasia.org

About Qatar Foundation

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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Qatar exports 10 million tonnes per year of chemical, polymers and fertilisers, which are sold to customers in more than 120 countries.

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