



HER HIGHNESS SHEIKHA MOZA AND HER EXCELLENCY SHEIKHA HIND PARTICIPATE IN QF SCHOOLS' NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

QF Students Celebrate National Day with Traditional Story and Song

Doha, Qatar, 12 December 2016 - Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), and Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani, Vice Chairperson and CEO of Qatar Foundation, participated in a Qatar National Day ceremony this morning at Awsaj Academy.

The festivities, hosted by QF schools, were also attended by HE Sheikh Joaan bin Hamad Al-Thani, Chairperson of Qatar Leadership Academy (QLA) and included a variety of local heritage and literary activities staged by more than 100 young students.

The students' performances commemorated Qatar's unification and also showcased QF's commitment to preserving the country's rich culture and heritage.

Buthaina Al Nuaimi, President of Pre-University Education, QF, said: "We are honoured to welcome Her Highness Sheikha Moza and Her Excellency Sheikha Hind to our schools' National Day celebration. This collaborative event is a great opportunity to bring together students from all of the QF schools and to celebrate our local heritage and the many accomplishments and challenges we have overcome together."

As part of the celebration, a Qatar Academy Sidra student sang a patriotic song about Qatar, while sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students at Qatar Academy Doha (QA Doha) presented a play entitled 'Aladdin and Heritage Scenes from Qatar', with fourth- and fifth- grade girls school students singing an arrangement of traditional songs.

Students from QLA performed an 'Ardha', a national sword dance, while a third-grade student performed a poem by Hamad bin Khazeena, entitled 'The Unity of the People'.

Additionally, first-grade students at Qatar Academy Al Wakra sang a song entitled, 'My Country, My Country', while primary stage students at QA-Doha sang 'Qatar: House of Love'. Children from Awsaj Academy presented a story about Qatar's past, present and future, while Qatar Academy Al Khor students told a story of local fishermen.



Commenting on the performances, Al Nuaimi said: “The contributions made by the pupils and teachers highlight the commitment QF is making to lifelong learning in Qatar and its efforts to promote educational experiences throughout our communities.”

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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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