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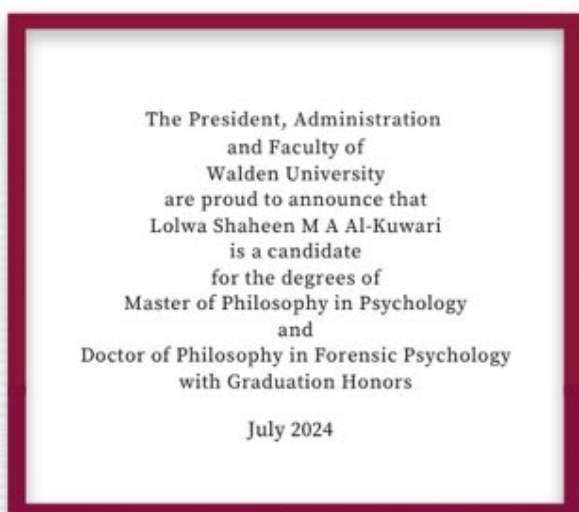
QCAO proudly participated in the 2024 EducationUSA Forum, a prestigious global event dedicated to promoting U.S. higher education to students from around the world. The forum, held annually, is organized by EducationUSA, a U.S. Department of State network of over 400 international student advising centers in more than 170 countries. EducationUSA aims to provide accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States.

This year, QCAO joined representatives from over 100 countries in Washington, D.C., to engage directly with U.S. universities, discuss the latest trends in higher education, and explore opportunities for collaboration. We were also joined by the U.S. Embassy in Doha's EducationUSA team, underscoring the strong ties between Qatar and the United States in the field of education.

During the forum, QCAO had the opportunity to meet with representatives from a diverse range of universities, including the University of Tulsa, the University of Arizona, Boston University, Princeton University, and many more. These interactions were invaluable in strengthening our relationships with these institutions and opening new pathways for Qatari students to pursue higher education in the U.S.

A key focus of our discussions centered on potential collaborations in specialized fields such as Engineering, Medical programs, Cybersecurity, Computer Science and Law. These fields are of particular interest to many Qatari students, and we are excited about the prospects of creating tailored programs that meet the unique needs of our students.

Looking ahead, many of the universities we met with will be visiting Qatar in September for the upcoming university fair (details will be announced through our social media pages). This event will be a crucial opportunity for Qatari high school students to engage with U.S. university representatives, learn about the application process, and explore the diverse academic opportunities available to them in the United States.



Class of 2024 - Graduate Highlight

We are thrilled to extend our congratulations to Dr. Lolwa Al-Kuwari on her remarkable academic achievements. Dr. Al-Kuwari has successfully earned both a Master of Philosophy in Psychology and a Doctor of Philosophy in Forensic Psychology, graduating with honors as part of the esteemed Walden University Class of 2024.

We look forward to the many ways in which she will continue to inspire the Qatari community within her field. Her achievements are a source of pride for all of us, and we wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.



Meeting with the University of Wisconsin Madison

The Qatar Cultural Attache Office (QCAO) recently held a productive meeting with the University of Wisconsin-Madison to discuss the admission of Qatari students into various programs, with a particular focus on Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, and other STEM majors. This cooperation marks a significant step in expanding educational opportunities for Qatari student.

The discussions centered on how the university can best support the academic and professional growth of Qatari students, ensuring they have access to cutting-edge resources and a supportive learning environment that encourages innovation and critical thinking.

We are proud to announce that, as a result of these efforts, new Qatari students will be embarking on their studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this year. These students will have the opportunity to engage in rigorous academic programs that are designed to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their chosen fields. This partnership not only strengthens the educational ties between Qatar and the United States but also reflects QCAO's ongoing commitment to providing Qatari students with the best possible educational experiences abroad. We look forward to seeing these students thrive and contribute to the growing community of Qatari professionals in STEM disciplines.



Degree Authentications Announcement

The U.S. Department of State has recently announced a significant reduction in the processing time for authentication and notarization of graduate degrees, enhancing the efficiency of this critical service. Previously, the process consumed up to nine weeks, but with new improvements and services, graduates can now expect a much quicker turnaround. This expedited service reflects the Department's commitment to better serving the needs of graduates seeking to use their credentials internationally, ensuring a smoother and more timely transition for those pursuing opportunities abroad. The Department continues to prioritize streamlined and reliable processes to meet the evolving demands of its diverse clientele.

We strongly encourage all U.S. degree graduates to authenticate their certificates as soon as they receive them to avoid any potential delays in employment or promotion opportunities in Qatar.

QCAO's Electronic Authentications portal is available online 24/7. Once you submit an authentication request and upload the necessary document copies, you can track your request's progress and view any notes regarding your case. There's no need to send us the original copy of your degree. Our office will print and circulate the scanned copy within the Department of State. Authentications Portal Link: qatarcultural.com/authentication-RQ11a



United Nations Training and Research Institute Visit to QCAO

On July 3rd, 2024, the distinguished intern cohort from Qatar University, affiliated with the United Nations Training and Research Institute (UNITAR), had the exceptional opportunity to visit the Qatar Cultural Attache Office (QCAO) in the Washington, D.C. area. This visit was centered around an enriching discussion on Cultural Diplomacy within the United States, a topic of growing importance in today's interconnected world. QCAO, widely recognized for its proactive initiatives and unwavering dedication to enhancing international cultural and educational understanding, hosted a comprehensive presentation that detailed its current affairs, strategic objectives, and the overarching significance of diplomacy in the U.S. context.

During their visit, the UNITAR interns were privileged to gain unique insights into the personal and professional journey of the Cultural Attache. They listened to firsthand accounts of his experiences in the nation's capital, which provided them with a deeper understanding of the practical aspects of diplomatic work. This exchange proved to be an invaluable learning experience for the UNITAR group, offering them a profound understanding of the multifaceted operations of QCAO and how these initiatives align with their academic focus on foreign policy and international affairs.

Beyond the formal presentation, the interns engaged in meaningful discussions that allowed them to connect their theoretical knowledge with real-world applications in cultural diplomacy. This visit not only broadened their perspectives on the role of cultural diplomacy in harvesting global relationships, but also inspired them to consider the impact they can make in their future careers. We extend our best wishes to the UNITAR interns as they continue their professional journey, with the hope that they will emerge as the new faces of Qatar's future diplomacy on the world stage.





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