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## COLLEGE OF GENERAL EDUCATION: LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



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## Message from the President

Dear students, faculty, and staff,  
Welcome to the eighth issue of our UDST POST.

We are starting a new year, a new semester and a new chapter for our beloved Nation. After hosting a phenomenal World Cup tournament, Qatar has proved to the world that with ambition, dedication, and perseverance anything is possible. And that's a lesson I want you to remember. You will face many challenges in your course of study, in your career, and in life. These challenges can be overcome if you truly believe in yourself and your capabilities.

As we move from 2022 to 2023, UDST Post is offering a recap of the last days of 2022. It is highlighting the efforts that the College of General Education is deploying to support learning beyond the classroom. The newsletter also covers the College of Engineering Robotics Competition, the students' activities and the

partnerships we have initiated. We have also shed light on the National Swiss Team and all its training sessions on campus through "The Social" section.

Furthermore, we have included a new events section where the main upcoming activities and celebrations on campus will be featured.

Finally, every new start comes with hope, high expectations and great motivation, therefore I wish you all a great term and a bright year full of success and many achievements.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi  
President  
University of Doha for Science and Technology



## College of General Education Learning beyond the classroom

### Art Trail Field Trip

Students from the Intro to Arts Course at UDST were taken on an Art Trail tour to Sidra Hospital, Qatar Foundation Headquarters and the Seeroo Fil Ardh Carousel exhibit. The trail was led by Layla Bacha, Qatar Foundation's Senior Art Specialist. According to Layla, all segments of the public, tourists, youngsters, adults, and seniors need to be aware of the components of art that are present in this foundation. This led to the initiative of creating art trails to educate the students further on the art scene in Qatar.

Mr. Othman Khunji, course faculty and interdisciplinary conceptual artist, organized this exclusive field study trip as part of the course. "It is a pleasure to have such a trip organized solely to educate people on art and I am glad that the students of UDST got to experience that", remarked the Dean of General Education, Dr. Rosie Bateson who also accompanied the students on this tour.

The trail had begun by showcasing some local and international artworks / installations in Sidra Hospital made by renowned artists such as Takashi Murakami, Damien Hirst, and Ali Hassan. Sidra Medicine has one of the largest art collections among all of Qatar foundation.

The next destination was Qatar Foundation Headquarters.

The building itself is a living artwork with glass enclosure rooftops through which the breathtaking city view could be sighted. Some more artworks were witnessed within the building in addition to the exclusive private lobby of H.H. Sheikha Moza bint Nasser Al-Missned where the students were able to witness the exquisite largescale artwork by Cai Guo-Qiang made from gunpowder on porcelain panels.

The trail was concluded with the masterpiece carousel of Maqbool Fida Hussain in The Seeroo Fi Al Ardh permanent exhibit. It consisted of an art performance of the marvelous artist's final work which highlighted nature and innovations made by mankind. The interactive carousel installation contained life size horse sculptures made of colorful Murano glass and vintage cars such as Rolls Royce's that are part of H.E. Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani's private collection.

One of the students, Ibtehal Aamir remarked, "I thoroughly enjoyed this trip. It was something new to me, as I had never been on a trip related to art, design and cultural aspects before. Thanks to this opportunity, this trip has changed the way I observe art and has enabled me to appreciate creative entities more every day, whether a building, artwork or installation, I seek the story behind it, its value, and how it shapes our culture from a creative perspective.



### Exploring Al-Zubarah Fort

UDST students of five sections of the GARC1001 course Qatar History and Society traveled to the North West of the country on October 8, 2022 to visit Al-Zubarah Fort, a historic Qatari military fortress built under the oversight of Sheikh Abdullah bin Jassim Al Thani in 1938, and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

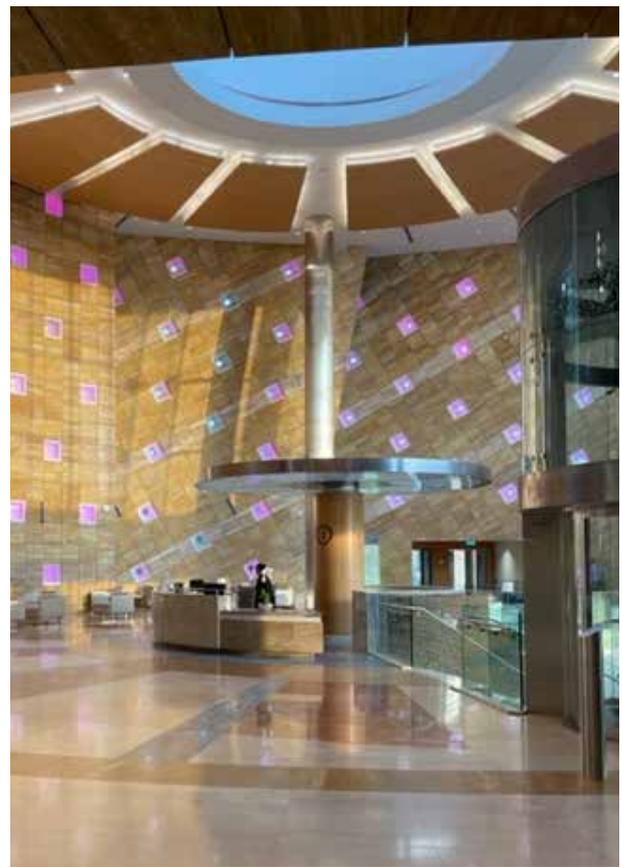
The course instructor, Muysar Suleiman, invited Professor Robert Carter of the Qatar Museum Authority, a leading expert on the archaeology of Arabia and the Gulf of all periods to introduce the site to the group and discuss its historic importance.

Nafila Firosh reflects, “We would like to thank our beloved instructor and UDST for giving us the opportunity to visit Al Zubarah Fort, Qatar’s most renowned historical site.”

Aysha Noorin and Shabeeba Shihabudeen appreciated the tour around Al-Zubarah and the old ruins of Al-Murair village, “We first went to the old ruin village; which has been maintained by constantly rebuilding the destroyed walls. Mr. Robert explained the history of this village and how it was abandoned. We were able to relate to the story as we had already learned about it in the Qatar history class. We then visited Al-Zubarah fort which is now a museum. This trip was extremely beneficial to us as it allowed us to gain a better understanding of what we are learning in class. It was fascinating to see everything in person that we had only seen in pictures. We truly hope that more of these kinds of trips will be offered in the future.”

Sara Riad enjoyed Al-Zubarah Fort trip a lot, “When I travel abroad, part of the itinerary is visiting at least one historical place to explore the country’s foundation, background and how people lived. It felt great visiting one here for the first time, in the country where I have been raised in. I enjoyed Prof. Robert’s enthusiasm while explaining to us the details of the site and I was amazed by the way structures were built with sea shells. Also, I didn’t expect to enjoy seeing the sea and feeling the good breath of fresh air!”

Speaking for all students who took the field trip, Mohammed Soliman shares, “I would like to thank everyone who organized this trip, especially our instructor Dr. Muysar. It was a good opportunity to visit Al-Zubarah Castle as I hadn’t had the chance to visit before, only hearing about its importance. To be honest, today’s trip was one of the best I have ever attended! It was well organized, a mix of knowledge sharing and entertainment which provided us with a vivid account about one of the important historical places in Qatar. I don’t know why, but I connected deeply and emotionally with the site, imagining how this place was once full of life and activity.”



### At the National Museum of Qatar

UDST History & Society students went also on a field trip to the National Museum of Qatar. This was a great opportunity for students to experience, explore and visualize the history of life in Qatar. The students were introduced to several historic topics through different eras, the role of the Al Thani family in the formation of the nation, the state-building process and the society pre- and post-oil discovery. Field trips serve as a supplement for materials discussed in class. They are an important educational tool that connects students to the classroom and enhances their critical thinking skills which allow them to successfully further their education.

## UDST signs MoU with Qatar Armed Forces Strategic Studies Centre



University of Doha for Science and Technology and the Qatar Armed Forces Strategic Studies Centre (QAFSSC) have signed a three-year MOU for cooperation on education, training, and research and consultancy.

This MOU was signed at UDST campus by Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, UDST President, and S/Major General (Dr./Air) Rashed Hamad Al-Naemi, the Commander of the QAFSSC, and in the presence of senior officials from both institutions. The agreement is expected to lay the foundation for future collaboration on projects and initiatives in the areas of professional training, UDST students' internships, and conducting research and studies in the relevant fields of both institutions. A key part of the agreement is to develop a form of expert exchange between both institutions and support joint conferences, seminars, and workshops.

## ILO visits CPE



International Labour Organization - ILO (Max Tunon-Head of Project Office, Michael Kandarakis-Technical Specialist) have visited UDST- CPE Directorate to discuss possible strategic collaboration in the area of professional education.

## UDST's Pharmacy students and alumni give back to the community



Pharmacy students Lynnsay Martin, Ayesha Sayed, Makka Hamed, Kalsoom Afridi, and alumna Sawsan Al Dubaili volunteered at the Free Medical Camp for Low-Income Workers and Families organized by The Wellcare Pharmacy Group. Close to 500 patients received free medical exams and were prescribed medications for free. UDST volunteers assisted the Wellcare pharmacists in preparing the medicine for the patients, and also assisted in interpretation at times.

Mr. Norman Wong, Pharmacy Clinical Instructor, and coordinator of the initiative accepted the appreciation certificates on behalf of the volunteers and said: "College of Health Sciences places an important role on community service and I am glad we have had another chance to participate in this event since the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions have been eased. The Wellcare Pharmacy Group has been one of our longest community pharmacy clinical partners and has provided placement sites for our students since 2008."



## Collaboration with Qatar Armed Forces



Dr. Rachid Benlamri, VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Saheim Khalaf Al-Temimi, Director of Continuing and Professional Education, and Dr. Awni Al-Otoom, Dean of the College of Engineering Technology at UDST conferred with the General Administration of Coasts and Borders Security. They discussed aspects of cooperation between the two parties and the importance of providing the necessary training for engineering officers from the Support Department of the General Administration, in coordination with specialists from the Naval Center and Police College. UDST will further its collaboration with Qatar Armed Forces to develop educational pathways for the Mechanical Maintenance, Electronics, Information Technology, and Cyber Security programs.

## UDST organizes an interdisciplinary robotics competition



Under the patronage of Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST), the College of Engineering Technology has organized a robotics competition for its students across all disciplines.

The competition aimed at building students' skills in innovation and developing effective teamwork through many challenges.

There are multiple educational aspects of this robotics competition and the learning outcomes go far beyond the competition itself. The contest teaches the participating students to think in a critical and creative manner and promotes the spirit of initiative. During the competition, students had to build a robot that can travel a specific tortuous path with two stages of control; autonomous control and mobile Bluetooth control.

The competition saw the participation of 60 students grouped into 20 teams. They produced their models as per the requirements and 8 teams qualified for the final round. The performance criteria were based on the accuracy of travel, speed, and overall look as well as the robustness of these robots. Cash prizes were distributed to the first 3 winning teams.





## Forever Friends Club – Family Hope Center Visit

Student Engagement's Forever Friends Club visited the Family Hope Center to create awareness about International Month of Down's Syndrome. Club members spent time with youth aged 5-18 with various intellectual and physical disabilities, learning more about different types of special needs including down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and more. Students also learned about various types of therapies such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, sensory therapy and others. Lastly, club members also received advice on what steps they can take in the future to help creating more diverse and inclusive communities. Family Hope Center students created a piece of art titled "With awareness there is hope", in commemoration of World Mental Health Day. UDST looks forward to many more exciting collaborations in the future.



## Quran Competition

One of the most awaited events by the Deen Club, The Qur'an Recitation Competition, took place last semester in the Mesaieed and Laffan theatres. The contestants were screened to recite the last two Juz (Parts 29 & 30) of the Holy Qur'an. The competition was judged based on the contestant's memorization, Tajweed (rules of recitation), and Tarteel (way of recitation).

The Deen Club was also privileged by the presence of Sister Rushda Naik, daughter of world-renowned Islamic preacher, Dr. Zakir Naik, as one of the female judges of the event. The Award Ceremony followed the next day and was attended by Dr. Salem Al Naemi, President of UDST who distributed the awards and certificates to the winners of the competition.

Ayesha Sideeqa from the College of Health Sciences and Abdullah Mahmood from the College of Computing and IT were selected as winners among the female and male contestants respectively. The event also received a lot of university student attendees, staff, and faculty. "I loved the Quran competition. It made me motivated to learn the Quran. I really look forward to seeing more competitions like this to encourage the youth to get closer to Islam." -Zaineb Latif (Student)



## UDST's Annual Gala Dinner

University of Doha for Science and Technology has organized a special event that brought together all members of the University's family for an engaging, rewarding and entertaining evening. During his opening remarks, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, presented a review of the year's achievements and shared a heartfelt thanks to all the employees for their efforts and meaningful contributions to the success of the University. Employees who have been serving the University's vision and who made a difference in the institution during the year 2022, received special recognition awards.

The ceremony saw performances by multiple artists and talents from UDST. The event concluded with a raffle draw comprising of many attractive prizes and a dinner reception.





## UDST: Host training site for the National Swiss Team during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™

Over the past year, Sport and Wellness Directorate in collaboration with many entities at UDST, have been working closely with the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy and FIFA to host the Swiss Team within our state-of-the-art facilities. To know more about their experience Keegan Walker, Head of Community Initiatives and Ancillaries at UDST and FIFA Team Base Camp Manager, has shared the below details with UDST Post.

### Our Facilities served the team

Due to the demands of the tournament, the full team typically made use of the football pitches and of course the ever-popular and fully equipped outdoor gym area which was prepared for them by UDST. The coaches and technical staff on a number of occasions did use our Indoor and Outdoor padel courts during their downtime and this was of course met with great excitement and appreciation.

### Impressive Organization

The team had every one of their requests fulfilled by UDST in terms of equipment, support and logistics. They were extremely impressed with the team dressing room which had been recently modified by UDST to meet their requirements. The coaches and technical staff were delighted with their own dressing room and office/meeting space that was prepared just for them. The quality of the main pitch and goalkeeper training pitch (which match the stadia) ensured that they had the very best pitch conditions possible to prepare for their games. Also, the staff were transported in club cars daily to their dressing rooms, had their training equipment set up and prepared, water, ice baths all ready and even coordinated their post training laundry requirements to and from the UDST Campus. The team has gone on record saying that the level of facilities

and overall support in place has been by far the best they have experienced compared to previous editions of the FIFA World Cup.

### Training schedule

The Swiss team training sessions were scheduled around their games, typically training 3-4 times per week for up to 90 minutes. Before training, the players would spend time in the outdoor fitness area for up to 15 minutes and after training would be using their recovery ice baths and attending media interviews in the media center on site. The team preferred to train in the mornings at around 11:00 am but had a couple of evening sessions too. The final training session the day before their match is called an "Official training session" where the first 15 minutes of the training session is broadcasted live all over the world and media are invited to photograph the sessions. After the 15 minutes pass, the training session is closed to allow the team to prepare.

### UDST Volunteers

The Swiss team also extended the opportunity to UDST student volunteers to serve in the role of "Ball Boys" during their training sessions. The team of student volunteers were present around the football pitch and returned any stray balls back onto the pitch. A great opportunity and experience for the students to be so close to a national football team. The site also housed an acclaimed "lion" sculpture specifically designed for the Swiss and typically accompanies the team at major competitions/tournaments. Due to the FIFA hosting arrangement, the University benefited greatly from pre-and post-legacy considerations including the replacement of the grass football pitch and upgraded lighting to match the same levels within the World Cup Stadiums.



## AHLAN – WELCOME WEEK 2023

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday, January 5	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ahlan New Student Orientation Day	Building 1
Sunday, January 8	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Meet and Greet With Student Engagement	Outside Building 6, Main Courtyard
	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	"Before I Graduate, I Will"	Outside Building 6, Main Courtyard
Monday, January 9	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Food Truck Festival	Main Courtyard
	11:15 am – 11:30 am	President's Welcome Message	Main Courtyard
	11:30 am – 2:00 pm	Open Mic & Karaoke	Main Courtyard
Tuesday, January 10	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Food Truck Festival	Main Courtyard
	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Video Game Day	Atrium 1
	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Movie Night	Auditorium
Wednesday, January 11	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Food Truck Festival	Main Courtyard
Wednesday, January 11	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Club Fest	Main Courtyard
	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Drop In Debate Session	Main Courtyard
Thursday, January 12	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Food Truck Festival	Main Courtyard
	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Club Fest	Main Courtyard
	11:30 am – 1:30 pm	Welcome BBQ	Main Courtyard

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