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## Message from the President

**Dear UDST Community,**

Welcome to the thirteenth issue of our **UDST POST**.

We are starting our new academic year with more than 1700 new students. This increase reflects the importance of UDST's progressive academic offerings and the unique approach that the University adopts towards its students. As we progress to achieve our vision and become the leading institution that promotes excellence in applied education and research, I hope you will start this year with a positive mindset that will allow you to pave new ways for your future and set the pace for great accomplishments.

In this issue of UDST Post, we are putting the spotlight on our one-of-a-kind 2023 graduation ceremony and the AHLAN event, for the academic year 2023-2024, which was held to welcome our new

joiners on campus and provide them with guidance and support. You will also accompany our College of General Education students who embarked on a learning journey and visited beIN SPORTS. It is also important to highlight that UDST has successfully established a Metrolink service on campus which is currently in operation from the QU Metro Station; you can find all the details in the Info section.

Finally, we look forward to a dynamic and inspirational semester ahead. Let us make the most of it united by the quest to learn and grow as teams and individuals.

**Dr. Salem Al-Naemi**

*President,*

*University of Doha for Science and Technology*





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**Under the patronage of His Excellency  
Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al  
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**UDST holds a Graduation  
Ceremony for Class of 2023**



Under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, UDST held a one-of-a-kind graduation ceremony for 781 students. The ceremony took place at the Qatar National Convention Center in the presence of His Excellency Hassan bin Abdullah Al Ghanim, the Speaker of the Shura Council, Her Excellency Sheikha Al-Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Chairperson of Qatar Museums, as a guest speaker; and with the attendance of Their Excellencies Ministers of State and UDST Board of Trustees' Chairman, His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada and the Board Members: Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, the University's staff and faculty, and the graduates' families.

UDST's second graduation ceremony witnessed a 68% increase in the graduates' number compared to last year. Numbers of graduates in each discipline are: 222 from Business Management, 78 from Computing and Information Technology, 267 from Engineering Technology and 214 from Health Sciences. UDST offers 64 programs to its students, each tailored to the needs of Qatar's economy.

The ceremony started with the parchments' distribution and a congratulatory message from Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST who expressed his pride in the graduates and their commitment to learning and perseverance. He shed light on the strategies adopted by UDST to equip its students with future-proof skills

and said: "Under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, may God protect him, and thanks to the support that the education sector has received from the government led by His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, and with the guidance of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education led by Her Excellency Ms. Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, University of Doha for Science and Technology was able to thrive and achieve its national mission. UDST's educational approach is in line with the national strategies and plans and takes into consideration the needs of the fourth industrial revolution, particularly the surge of Artificial Intelligence. Our purpose is to develop skilled professionals that are needed across different sectors and who can easily lead in the market and become an integral part of delivering Qatar National Vision 2030."

He added: "The University has developed a network of partners with leading private and public entities which led to the launch of many important projects and advisory committees that bring unique knowledge and skills to the University. The committees embody experts that keep us aligned with the ever-changing market conditions and as a result, UDST has launched 8 new programs that are unique in their intent and scope. The new programs cover the fields of marine engineering, smart manufacturing, software engineering, neonatal intensive care, midwifery, sustainable tourism, TVET, and STEM education."



Dr. Salem Al-Naemi concluded his speech with words of advice to the graduates, he said: "Opportunities come and go, but self-development is key to your success, never stop learning so you can always stay relevant when new doors open. Always remember that machines are not human beings, technology will keep on developing and it is up to us to make the right use of it. My last piece of advice may seem very easy when you hear it but it is actually not. Be true to yourself, feel free to express your ideas in an objective manner, and be open to differences in people and situations because diversity and inclusion are key to success in societies."

In her speech to the graduates, Her Excellency Sheikha Al-Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Chairperson of Qatar Museums said: "As graduates of the University of Doha for Science and Technology, you are qualified for innovation and creativity. As you are aware the development of the technology sector is accelerating rapidly, and it requires continuous research and innovation, to transform Qatar's efforts from a technology-consuming to a producing and exporting country."

The Class of 2023 valedictorian, Abdullah Ahmadi holder of the President's Award for Academic Excellence expressed his happiness to be representing all his fellow graduates during the ceremony. He said: "UDST was the University of choice for us. This is where we learn in an applied environment and we acquire knowledge and skills that prepare us to lead the future. This campus offered

us the support we needed to learn and grow but also to shape our personality and be able to develop on a personal level. Our graduation is only the beginning, the learning never stops and it is now our time to shine with the spirit of UDST and give back to the community and our beloved country Qatar."



During the ceremony, 14 holders of the "Graduation Class Honor Society Award" were honored by Her Excellency Ms. Buthaina bint Ali Al Jabr Al Nuaimi, Minister of Education and Higher Education. Furthermore, the audience embarked on a journey with the graduating students through a video retracing their steps to



complete a successful education and highlighting their hopes and dreams for the future. The celebration was marked by a special appearance of a robot that interacted with the President of UDST demonstrating the advanced capabilities of the University and its ability to walk the talk.

University of Doha for Science and Technology has graduated more than 7400 students dedicated to serving Qatar locally and internationally. UDST hosts more than 7000 students across its 5 Colleges. They represent more than 70 nationalities reflecting a diversified community that shares the love of learning and works together for a better future. The audience applauded the class of 2023 dressed in their graduation regalia designed and crafted by a Qatari Fashion House.





## UDST welcomes its students to the Academic Year 2023/2024. More than 7000 students enrolled for the Fall semester

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) ventured into a new academic year with more than 7000 students enrolled for the Fall 23/24. New and returning students have joined 5 Colleges that are offering more than 60 programs in the fields of Business, Computing and Information Technology, Engineering and Technology, Health Sciences and General Education.

The University organized “Ahlan”, a two-day event to celebrate more than 1700 new joiners and provide them with guidance and support. The Student Engagement Department, a division of Student Affairs held many interactive sessions to introduce new students to the campus life and facilities. Students had the opportunity to interact with faculty members and Deans from different Colleges in addition to connecting with their peers and various Student Affairs divisions such as Sport and Wellness, Counselling and Accessibility Services, Admissions and Registration and Student Central Services.

The “Ahlan” event reflects the vibrant campus life that UDST is well known for and eases the transition for new students to help them navigate their university environment in a successful manner. In addition to academic advising, new joiners were also introduced to extracurricular activities and programs notably the different student clubs that they can join to engage in and experience university life.

Addressing the students, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST said: “Welcome to a university that embodies

inclusivity, integrity and innovation at its core. You are now part of a strong community that will empower you and push you to new heights. Do not shy away from challenges, but consider them as an opportunity to learn and grow. We are pleased to see many new enthusiastic faces who are eager to integrate into UDST and graduate as sought-after professionals who will contribute to the innovation and sustainable development of the State of Qatar and the global community.”

University of Doha for Science and Technology is starting the academic year with 8 new programs that were created to address the market needs and contribute to economic growth in Qatar and the world. The list of programs includes Bachelor’s degree in Marine Engineering, Smart Manufacturing Engineering, Software Engineering and Midwifery in addition to a post-diploma Bachelor in Midwifery, a Master’s program in Sustainable Tourism Management, a post-graduate diploma in Interprofessional Neonatal Intensive Care, and a post-graduate diploma in STEM/TVET Education.

Furthermore, at UDST both Qatari citizens and children of Qatari women are exempt from the payment of tuition fees for Bachelor’s degree and diploma programs. The University offers applied Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programs in addition to diplomas and certificates. All programs are tailored to achieve human, social and economic development goals nationally and internationally.



## UDST introduces two Technician Training Programs as part of the “Mahara” initiative



Continued and Professional Education Directorate (CPE) at University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) has partnered with the Civil Service and Government Development Bureau (CGB) to launch an IT Technician program and Emergency Technician program as part of the bureau’s “Mahara” initiative. The program is taking place in the UDST campus, and will aim to equip Qatari Nationals who are interested in technical programs with the necessary skills to join Qatar General Electricity & Water Corporation (Kahramaa), The Public Works Authority (Ashghal), as well as the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs.

The technical programs, which will be completed over a period of six months, will encompass a wide range of carefully curated content. Such topics include Cable and Conductor Installation and Removal; Underground Residential Distribution (URD) Systems, Device Configuration and Management, Computer Maintenance and Cloud Computing. The programs are also complemented with communication and interpersonal skills development in addition to practical workshops and on-the-job training.

## UDST Students Excel in Shell’s NXplorer Pro Skills Competition

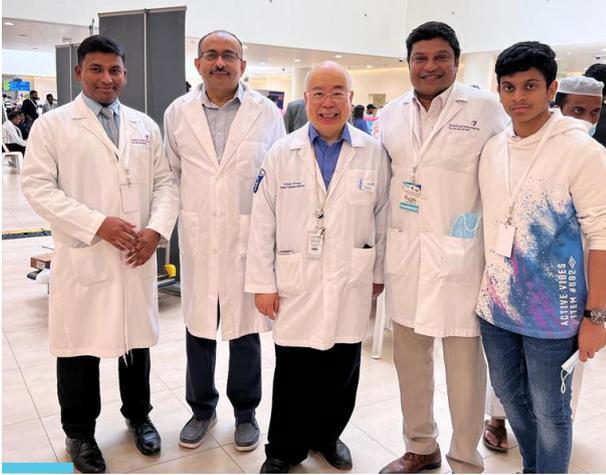


University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) and Qatar Shell announced the successful conclusion of the NXplorer Pro Skills Competition, a collaborative initiative between Shell, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and leading educational institutions. The competition showcases the commitment of these entities to innovation, creative thinking and social responsibility.

Teams of Engineering students from UDST’s College of Engineering and Technology took part in the competition, demonstrating their innovative thinking and problem-solving skills. The competition framework was comprised of several stages, starting with a workshop where students engaged in facilitated NXplorers discussions and online classes. Following this, the teams submitted their ideas, underwent a shortlisting process, participated in an internal competition, and finally, the top teams advanced to the final competition where they joined a live pitching event at an award ceremony.

Throughout the competition, students learned to adopt a holistic approach when solving problems. They thoroughly discussed the pros and cons of their proposals and considered their impact on various stakeholders, including government entities, fishers, farmers, and the community as a whole. The first, second, and third-place winners from UDST proposed practical and scientific solutions to pressing issues such as food security, waste management, and support for people with disabilities.

## Pharmacy Technology students volunteer at the Wellcare Medical Camp



Over 16 Pharmacy Technology students volunteered at the Wellcare Medical Camp to serve close to 5000 low-income workers and families. The camp offered the visitors medical check-ups and medications when needed. Students and Faculty described the experience as rewarding and enriching. Our students were able to practice their skills in a real-life situation and contribute to the betterment of the community in Qatar.



## UDST Students participate in the Gartner Mentoring Program



Thirty students from the College of Computing and Information Technology took part in the Gartner Mentoring Program. This initiative aims to connect students with Gartner employees over the course of 6 months. Gartner's team shared their expertise with participants and prepared them for the job market through different sessions that include soft skills development, resume creation, identifying job opportunities as per the market's trends, and networking. The coaching sessions were delivered online, and the program was concluded with an in-person meeting. UDST's first cohort to participate in the program was a great success and the University is planning to take part in the program with a second batch of students this Fall 2023.





## College of General Education students at beIN SPORTS

A group of students from the College of General Education (CGE) embarked on a learning journey to the world-renowned headquarters of beIN SPORTS to gain firsthand knowledge of the network's role in globalization and its contribution to enhancing Qatar's soft power. The sports channel was a perfect destination for a field trip as part of the "Globalization and the Environment" course. beIN SPORTS showcased Qatar's dedication to hosting major sporting events like the FIFA World Cup 2022, and has amplified the country's international presence and garnered global recognition for its commitment to excellence in sports.

### An Enlightening Tour

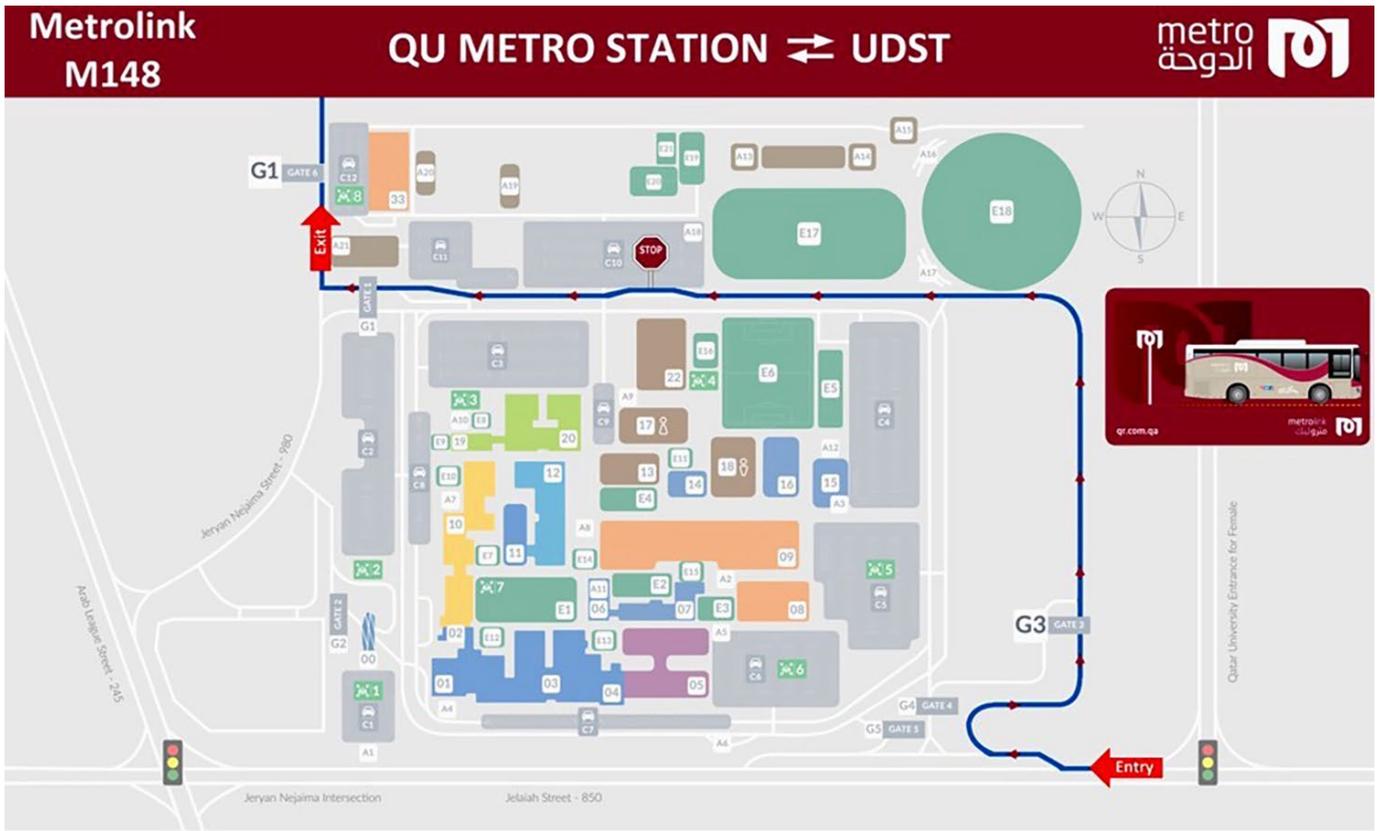
The visit provided a unique opportunity for these aspiring students to witness how a sports media network can shape international perceptions and promote cultural diplomacy. During the tour, the students were immersed in the dynamic world of beIN SPORTS, where they witnessed the bustling production control rooms to the studios adorned with the latest broadcasting equipment and technologies.

### Discussions with an Executive

Moreover, UDST students had the privilege of engaging in an enlightening seminar and several intriguing discussions with beIN SPORTS Executive, Mr. Jassim Abdulrahman Al-Muftah – Director of Corporate Communications, who introduced the evolution of the network from Aljazeera Sports to beIN SPORTS. He emphasized the network's pivotal role in shaping Qatar's soft power and enhancing its global image. Mr. Jassim Al-Muftah highlighted how sports media could transcend borders, bringing people from diverse backgrounds together and fostering cultural understanding. On the other hand, Mr. Al-Muftah expressed his appreciation in his after-visit note. He said: "It was our pleasure to host UDST students and to see how eager they are to learn. Their questions were pertinent and I wish them all the best in their educational journey."

The visit to beIN SPORTS headquarters served as a testament to the UDST commitment to experiential learning, industrial connections, and teaching excellence.

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## Metrolink at UDST

UDST has successfully established a Metrolink service on campus. The Metrolink route, known as M148, is currently in operation from the QU Metro Station. This route operates every 12 minutes and follows the metro's schedule. The below map indicates the pickup and drop-off location.

To ensure regulated exit from the bus, UDST has introduced a turnstile access control system. Remember to have your campus ID card ready for swiping at the control reader. This step highlights UDST's commitment to advancing an environmentally conscious transportation system, employing solar-powered electric buses (EV Charger).





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