



BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

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

I am filled with pride and gratitude for the remarkable ways in which UDST has come together to support each other and our wider community during the Holy Month of Ramadan.

This time was particularly meaningful as we embraced the spirit of giving and cultural exchange through a series of impactful events. Our collaboration with Qatar Charity for meal distributions reflected our commitment to service and compassion. The Garangao celebration, organized by the Qatari Student Association, not only brought joy to many but also served as a vibrant showcase of our traditions, making it accessible to people from diverse backgrounds within our community.

We have also celebrated significant milestones that promise to shape the future of our University. The opening of the Hamad International Training Center and our Digital Communication and Media Production Lab represents a leap forward in our mission to provide

cutting-edge facilities and opportunities for innovation and learning. These advancements, alongside the ongoing accreditation of our programs, are pivotal in our pursuit of academic excellence and ensuring our students are equipped for success in a rapidly changing world.

As Eid draws near, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. This period of reflection and celebration is a reminder of the strength we draw from our community and the shared values that unite us.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the journey that awaits us. With your continued dedication and enthusiasm, we are poised for a period of dynamic growth and achievement across the University. I encourage you all to return from the Eid break refreshed and ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead with the same spirit of innovation and commitment that has always defined us.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi

President,

University of Doha for Science and Technology



Festival of Cultures: A Celebration of Diversity

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) proudly hosted its annual Festival of Cultures event, a vibrant celebration of the University's diversity. During the two-day event, the campus courtyard was transformed into a bustling exhibition of art, dance, music, and cuisine, showcasing the cultural heritage of UDST's 85 different student nationalities.

Organized by Student Engagement, a division of Student Affairs, the festival saw the presence of the Chairman and Board Members of UDST, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST and distinguished guests, including Ambassadors of Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Turkey, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Yemen, representatives from the Embassies of Ukraine and Malaysia, UDST students, faculty, staff, and their families. The event attracted close to 15,000 visitors who joined to celebrate the multicultural mosaic of the UDST community. Over 500 student participants from 24 countries showcased their cultures, including Qatar, Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Somalia, Syria, Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine and Yemen. Students decorated their booths representing their country's unique values and traditions, wearing their national dress as well as showcasing cuisines from their homelands.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, commented: "Inclusivity stands at the core of our values. At UDST, the journey is all about learning, interacting, engaging, and growing. This cultural exchange endeavors to broaden the horizons of our students, staff, and their families, illuminating the richness of diversity and the critical

importance of embracing and respecting our differences. Such diversity encapsulates the very essence of humanity's unique beauty. We are immensely proud of the exceptional effort our students have put forth, competing in friendly rivalry for the best booth and performance categories, an endeavor that has brought out the best in every team. It fills us with great joy and pride to have been visited by all ambassadors and guests. We are hopeful that with each passing year, we will expand this festival from UDST to the broader nation."

The Festival of Cultures attendees were encouraged to immerse themselves in the experience, donning traditional attire and enjoying a range of artistic and cultural activities. UDST announced an exciting addition this year by providing one complimentary return ticket each evening, courtesy of Qatar Airways, valid for travel to any of their global destinations.





The event concluded with the announcement of many awards, including Best Booth, Most Engaging Booth, Best Performance, Always on Time, Most Dedicated Country, and more celebrating the efforts and creativity of participants and showcasing the exceptional talent and cultural pride present within the UDST community.

The University of Doha for Science and Technology looks forward to continuing this tradition, inspiring ongoing cultural exchange, and celebrating the diversity that strengthens its community.





Skills Day 2024: A Showcase of Innovation and Applied Learning

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) hosted its most expansive co-curricular event of the academic calendar, the annual UDST “Skills Day,” marking a celebration of innovation, collaboration, and applied learning.

With an impressive array of over 60 different competitions and activities spanning across engineering and technology, computing and information technology, health sciences, business, and academics, UDST’s Skills Day served as a platform to propel students into real-world scenarios while simultaneously honing their problem-solving skills and exploring innovative solutions to tackle challenges they are likely to face in the professional world.

In addition to fostering individual learning, Skills Day emphasized the importance of collaboration and teamwork, providing students with invaluable opportunities to work alongside their peers and faculty members. By nurturing these collaborative skills, UDST equips its students with the tools necessary to thrive in an interconnected professional landscape, regardless of their chosen career paths.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, highlighted the event’s significance, stating: “Skills Day showcases our students’ readiness to implement their acquired knowledge in the real world and drive positive impact and effective change.” He added, “UDST has always strived to align its programs and educational approach with evolving industry trends and demands. This event is an opportunity to demonstrate what our students have learned throughout their educational journey at the University and how these

skills will help them seamlessly transition and excel in their chosen fields after graduation.”

More than 340 students eagerly participated, working on challenging projects. Skills Day offered a unique experience, blending interactive educational activities with spirited competitions. Participants engaged in challenges ranging from electrical and mechanical engineering to cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, programming, problem-solving, marketing, and human resources, in addition to taking part in healthcare scenarios and skills stations and various other STEM challenges, reflecting UDST’s commitment to comprehensive technical and vocational education.

Not limiting participation to its student body, UDST extended its outreach to local schools, welcoming hundreds of secondary students to witness the competitions firsthand and engage in hands-on STEM activities. By fostering this collaborative spirit, UDST aims to inspire and cultivate the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers, enriching the wider community with its educational endeavors.

The culmination of the event will be marked by a special ceremony on March 6 where winners of the various competitions will be announced and honored with medals and recognition certificates. This ceremony serves as a testament to UDST’s unwavering dedication to excellence in academic and applied learning and its steadfast mission to create a vibrant and innovative learning community that empowers students to thrive in a rapidly evolving local and global landscape.





The College of Health Sciences Programs Receive Accreditation

University of Doha for Science and Technology was honored to host Lauralee Thompson, the esteemed CEO of Accreditation Canada. Her visit was a significant occasion, aimed at officially awarding the accreditation certificates to the senior management for three legacy programs within the College of Health Sciences (CHS). The Medical Radiography, Advanced Care Paramedicine and Respiratory Therapy degree programs achieved this milestone in November, bringing the number of successful accreditation activities for UDST programs within the CHS up to seven within the past academic year.

At UDST, the pursuit of external accreditation for our programs is a key priority, underscoring our commitment to quality and excellence. This achievement reflects the collaborative efforts across all colleges and the Program Development and Accreditation unit, reinforcing our dedication to delivering premier educational offerings.



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Annual Business Gateway Pitch Day at UDST

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) held the final Pitch Day for its annual Business Gateway Competition – an impressive demonstration of student creativity and dedication culminating in a final ceremony for the winners. The program was organized by UDST's Applied Research, Innovation and Economic Development Directorate (ARIED) in collaboration with Qatar Development Bank (QDB).

The event was meticulously structured to provide a comprehensive and engaging experience for all students. The core part of the day featured student presentations from competition finalists. These teams had cultivated their business ideas over several months in the lead-up to the event, with the support of workshops, mentoring sessions, and awareness programs done by QDB. Students were competing to win one of four exclusive spots which will allow them to further develop their ideas at UHUB, UDST's Business Incubation Center, in addition to a cash prize of 30,000 QR for each winner granted by QDB.

Pitched ideas ranged from platforms for people with disability to sustainability solutions and technological advancements. This event not only highlighted the participating students' outstanding talent, but also reinforced UDST and QDB's roles as catalysts for innovation and entrepreneurship in Qatar.





Free Educational Webinars to Promote Continuous Learning

Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) at University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) proudly announced the launch of a series of free educational webinars as part of its ongoing commitment to community outreach and empowerment.

Designed to engage and inspire local community members, the webinar series aims to foster a deeper connection with the public while raising awareness about key topics across various fields of knowledge. With an emphasis on addressing community needs, the webinars cover an array of carefully curated subjects including “Caring for the Elderly Physically and Psychologically,” “Food Safety at Home,” and “Postnatal Care for Mothers and Newborns.” The content, developed and delivered by esteemed subject matter experts commissioned by CPE, ensures high-quality, informative sessions for participants.

Beyond community outreach, CPE has previously introduced technical content tailored for professionals, managers, and executives. These resources, covering topics such as cybersecurity, python programming, Excel functions, and time management, offer prospective participants insight into CPE’s learning approach and material quality.

CPE is committed to providing effective, accessible professional education, training, and certifications accredited by leading international educational institutions. Its team of highly qualified educators and trainers takes a meticulous approach to curriculum development, supporting CPE’s goal to position itself as the premier destination for continuing and professional education, training, and consultancy in Qatar. Furthermore, CPE is dedicated to contributing to Qatar’s socio-economic development and empowering its workforce.

Click [Here](#) to watch the webinars

The College of Engineering and Technology at DIMDEX



In a significant stride towards bolstering its Marine Engineering program, the College of Engineering and Technology at UDST participated in the prestigious Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition & Conference (DIMDEX). This strategic move underscored the institution’s commitment to showcasing the innovative and comprehensive curriculum of its Marine Engineering program.

The program, which stands as Qatar’s first undergraduate offering in this field, is tailored to support the nation’s burgeoning LNG shipping industry. It is renowned for combining rigorous academic training with practical, hands-on experience and aims to equip students with the skills necessary to excel in the fast-evolving maritime sector. By engaging with industry leaders, global defense contractors, and maritime professionals at DIMDEX, the College of Engineering not only highlighted its educational excellence but also fostered vital connections that promise to enhance educational and career opportunities for its students. This participation marks a milestone in the College’s efforts to stay at the forefront of maritime engineering education and to contribute significantly to the maritime defense industry.





More than 20,000 Visitors at UDST's EXPO 2023 Doha Pavilion

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) hosted more than 20,000 visitors in their exciting and interactive booth at EXPO 2023 Doha. The booth underscored the University's deep-rooted commitment to innovation in sustainability and primarily focused on innovative campus-wide sustainability initiatives.

The students, faculty and staff of UDST have each been an essential part of the University's achievements toward cultivating a more sustainable future both on campus, and in the wider community. University initiatives on display at the booth included a weather station, a sustainable greenhouse model, various robots, an agricultural tricycle, a smart trash bin system, and a hydroponic system capstone project. EXPO visitors to the booth had the opportunity to take part in a series of hands-on educational activities such as setting up precision agricultural sensors to monitor soil moisture and temperature, and composting and soil building. Other activities included assembling a small-scale hydroponic system, where visitors can learn about hydroponic-compatible plants; installing a smart irrigation system; and agricultural 3D printing, complete with design tutorials.

EXPO 2023 Doha concluded on March 28, 2024. UDST's participation sets an important precedent for educational institutions, with their commitment to ensuring the next generation is prepared to tackle environmental challenges. This also reflects the University's alignment with the strategic sustainability goals stipulated by the Qatar National Vision 2030.





Qatari Student Association at UDST Celebrates Garangao Night

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) campus was abuzz with excitement and joy as the Qatari Student Association successfully hosted a memorable Garangao celebration in the University's main courtyard on the evening of March 25, 2024. This special event, organized as part of the Ramadan festivities, brought together students, faculty, staff, and their families for an evening filled with cultural enrichment, community bonding, and delightful fun for attendees of all ages.

Garangao, a cherished tradition in the Gulf region, is celebrated at the mid-point of Ramadan and is especially beloved by children who, dressed in traditional attire, go door-to-door singing songs and collecting sweets and nuts. UDST's celebration mirrored this tradition, transforming the main courtyard into a festive space where the spirit of community and cultural heritage was palpable.

The event featured a variety of activities designed to immerse the UDST community in the rich traditions of Garangao and the broader cultural significance of Ramadan. From traditional games and storytelling sessions to stalls offering a taste of local delicacies, the celebration was a testament to the university's commitment to fostering a sense of unity and cultural appreciation among its diverse community.

The Garangao celebration at UDST not only provided an opportunity for cultural immersion but also strengthened the bonds within the university community, highlighting the importance of coming together to celebrate shared traditions and values.

Hamad International Training Center Opens a New Branch at UDST



Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), through Hamad International Training Center (HITC), as the provider of multi-professional Healthcare training, has established a collaboration with University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) to open a new branch on campus.

The Hamad International Training Center (HITC), at Hamad Medical Corporation provides opportunities for physicians, nurses, paramedics, and allied health practitioners to continue their professional and personal development. This encompasses basic and advanced levels of professional medical and public training.

This collaboration with UDST's College of Health Sciences will support the training and development of the next generation of healthcare professionals in Qatar. The center will also support the students of UDST's healthcare programs, giving them practical skills and training. It will enable them to conduct research, interact with healthcare practitioners, and gain insight into the diversity of healthcare practices and interprofessional programs. The opening of Hamad International Training Centre demonstrates UDST's belief in academia-industry partnerships that help nurture a workforce capable of meeting the healthcare challenges of today and tomorrow.





The Opening of Digital Communication and Media Production Lab

The College of Computing and Information Technology (CCIT) has established a Digital Communication and Media Production (DCMP) Lab as a reflection of UDST's commitment to providing cutting-edge educational experiences. The purpose of this lab is to create a learning environment that bridges theoretical knowledge with practical application, preparing students for the dynamic and evolving media industry.

By allowing students to operate in roles ranging from technical directing to audio control and camera operation within a simulated media studio, CCIT is not just teaching them how to use equipment; it is preparing them to solve real-world problems and understand the opportunities and challenges that the media production field brings.

This approach ensures that UDST graduates are not just knowledgeable; they are ready to contribute effectively from day one in their professional careers, setting them apart in the competitive media industry.

This aligns perfectly with UDST's educational goals by fostering innovation, creativity, and professional readiness among its students.



More than 700 visitors at UDST's Open Day

In a bid to showcase its dynamic learning environment and the multiple opportunities and programs it offers; University of Doha for Science and Technology hosted an Open Day. Under the theme "Discover the life we add to learning," the event was an insightful journey for more than 700 prospective students and their families, who delved deep into the university's rich academic and extracurricular landscape.

Attendees had the chance to discover more than 60 programs offered by the university through 5 Colleges: The College of Business, the College of Computing and Information Technology, the College of Engineering and Technology, the College of Health Sciences and the College of General Education. They also explored the vibrant campus, engaged with faculty and current students, and got a firsthand look at the state-of-the-art facilities that make UDST a breeding ground for innovation and success.

This Open Day stands as a unique opportunity for visitors to immerse themselves in the community spirit that defines UDST, learning about the endless possibilities that await within its campus.





UDST Celebrates Future Healthcare Leaders at Pinning Ceremony

University of Science and Technology (UDST) marked a significant milestone in the lives of its healthcare graduates with a Pinning Ceremony, celebrating their transition from students to professionals in the healthcare sector. This special event not only honored their hard work and dedication but also highlighted the solemn responsibility they embrace in caring for humanity.

During the ceremony, each graduate was bestowed with a pin, a powerful symbol of the trust and expectations placed upon them by future patients. This pin signifies the graduates' readiness to apply their knowledge and skills for the benefit of those in need and marks the beginning of a promising journey filled with discovery, engagement, and rewarding experiences in healthcare.

The ceremony's speakers acknowledged the challenges that lie ahead on this path, encouraging the graduates to face them with courage and resilience, embodying the spirit of UDST wolves. Graduates were reminded of the importance of maintaining an eagerness to learn and grow, even in the face of adversity.

Family, friends, and faculty were recognized for their invaluable support, having played a crucial role in guiding the students to this pivotal moment in their careers. As these new healthcare professionals step forward to assume their responsibilities, the ceremony served as a reminder that UDST's support and solidarity will accompany them in both their triumphs and trials.

The Pinning Ceremony was not just a celebration of academic achievement; it was a clear expression of UDST's commitment to nurturing compassionate, skilled professionals ready to lead and shape the future of healthcare. The pin will serve as a constant reminder of their responsibility to their patients and the supportive community that UDST represents.

Professional Development Day: An Opportunity to Empower Faculty and Enhance Education



University of Science and Technology (UDST) once again demonstrated its commitment to educational excellence and innovation by hosting its Professional Development Day for faculty members. The gathering, themed "Navigating the Learning Landscape with Massive Open Online Courses and Micro-Credentials in Higher Education," aimed to address the ever-evolving challenges of the educational sector and equip the faculty with the tools and insights necessary for success.

Highlighting the importance of staying abreast of the latest trends and methodologies, the event featured a series of workshops and discussions led by international experts in the field. These sessions were designed to foster an exchange of valuable experiences and insights, enabling participants to explore new ways of enhancing teaching methodologies, optimizing student engagement, and improving learning outcomes.

UDST's emphasis on adaptability and continuous learning was evident throughout the day, as faculty members engaged in spirited discussions, sought answers to pressing questions, and shared strategies for incorporating innovative tools and techniques into their teaching. The event underscored the University's dedication to not just advancing education but also cultivating future leaders through a collective effort of its committed faculty.



Iftar Meals to Workers on Campus in Collaboration with Qatar Charity

UDST in collaboration with the Students from the Qatari Student Association recently undertook a commendable initiative to serve 500 Iftar meals to workers on the University campus, in collaboration with Qatar Charity. This heartfelt endeavor aimed to express gratitude to the hardworking individuals across various campus divisions such as safety and security, housekeeping, maintenance, civil, and more.

Taking place within the University cafeterias, the enthusiastic students organized the packing and distribution of meals to the workers. This initiative offered a profound opportunity to grasp the essence of Ramadan, emphasizing the values of kindness, thoughtfulness, and giving back.

During Ramadan, Iftar poses a challenge for many shift workers who are unable to join their families for this traditional meal. UDST sought to show its appreciation for all individuals contributing to campus life, affirming their place within the UDST family.



Globalization and Palestine: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities

by **Mariam Alisi**
Globalization and the Environment course lead

In a thought-provoking panel discussion held at University of Doha for Science and Technology as part of the course “Globalization and the Environment”, prominent speakers gathered to shed light on the implications of globalization on the Palestinian cause and the ongoing challenges it faces in today’s rapidly changing global context. The dialogue was orchestrated by the event’s moderator and UDST student, Abdulrahman Al-Ishaq, who set the stage for an insightful exploration of the intersection between globalization and the Palestinian issue.

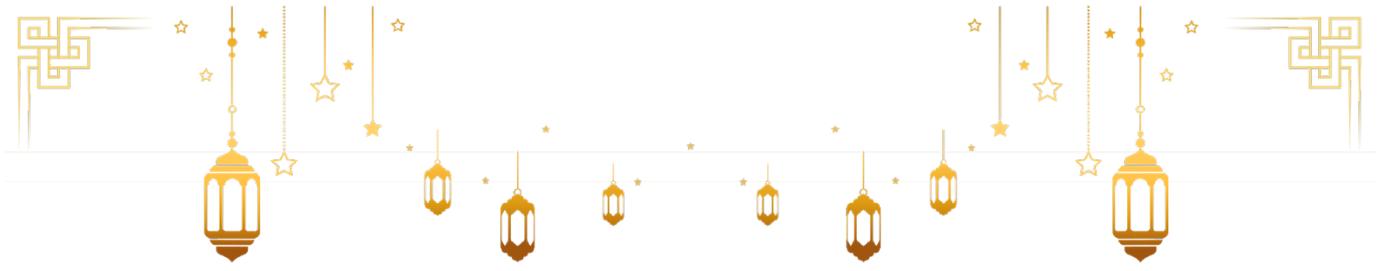
Globalization, often hailed as an opportunity for global communication and interaction, has transformed the world into a closely-knit community where boundaries of time and space blur. However, it also brings forth a set of challenges, unevenly distributed across the global village. Against this backdrop, the panelists delved into the impact of globalization on the Palestinian cause, beginning with an overview of its broader implications before delving into the contemporary events in Gaza and the international community’s response.

The first round of discussions focused on the nexus between globalization and the Palestinian cause. Abdulaziz Al-Ishaq, a media advisor within Qatar’s National Vision team, articulated Qatar’s stance on supporting the Palestinian right in alignment with its national identity and vision. Dima Khatib, Director of AJ+ channels, highlighted the role of digital media platforms in shaping global perceptions, particularly concerning the Palestinian issue. Dr. Tarek Hamoud, a human rights activist in Europe, shed light on the impact of the Palestinian diaspora in Europe on public opinion. Meanwhile, Dr. Nawaf Al Tamimi, drawing from his research on Israeli lobbying activities in Europe, provided insights into the evaluation of such activities from a globalization perspective.

Transitioning into the second round, the focus shifted towards the current events in Gaza. Evaluations were made on the performance of traditional Arab mass media during the



ongoing conflict and the emergence of citizen journalism and its potential as an alternative to traditional media in covering such conflicts. Throughout the panel discussion, students eagerly participated by posing insightful questions, reflecting their keen interest in understanding the complexities surrounding the Palestinian cause in the era of globalization. Questions ranged from inquiries about the effectiveness of traditional Arab mass media during the Gaza conflict to concerns about the role of citizen journalism as a viable alternative. The panelists welcomed these inquiries, underscoring the importance of engaging the younger generation in discussions about global issues and their impact on regional dynamics. Such active participation from students contributed to the depth and richness of the dialogue, enhancing the overall learning experience for all attendees.



Eid Al-Fitr in Qatar Brings Families & Communities Closer

Eid Al-Fitr marks the end of the Holy Month of Ramadan and is not just a holiday in Qatar; it is a profound cultural and religious experience that encompasses a wide array of traditions, bringing together families, friends, and communities in celebration.

The Dawn of Eid: Prayers & Gatherings

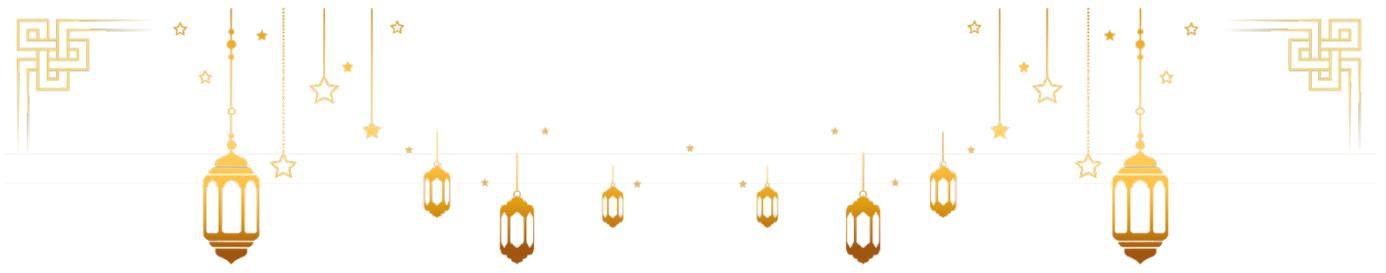
The day begins with the Eid prayer, an event that sees thousands of worshippers gather in mosques and designated prayer grounds across the country. This congregational prayer, held shortly after sunrise, is a moment of unity and reflection, setting the tone for the day's celebrations.



Embracing Generosity: Zakat Al-Fitr

An essential part of Eid in Qatar is the giving of Zakat al-Fitr, a form of charity aimed at ensuring that all members of the community can partake in the celebrations. This act of giving shows the values of compassion, solidarity, and social responsibility that are central to the Qatari way of life.





Festive Feasts and Family Time



Eid in Qatar is synonymous with lavish feasts and family gatherings. Homes are filled with the aroma of sumptuous dishes as families come together to share meals that often include traditional Qatari cuisine such as lamb with rice and "Luqaimat", sweet dumplings that are a staple of Eid celebrations.

A cherished tradition during Eid Al-Fitr is also the "Eidya". It is much more than a simple monetary gift given to children; it's a profound expression of love, blessing, and communal joy. This practice not only delights youngsters eagerly awaiting their Eid gifts but also strengthens family bonds and imparts lessons of generosity, fostering connections across generations and communities in Qatari society.



Cultural Events & Public Festivities



The celebration of Eid extends beyond family homes to the broader community, with a variety of events and activities organized throughout the country. Malls, parks, and public spaces come alive with cultural performances, children's entertainment, and fireworks displays, creating a festive atmosphere that captures the joy and exuberance of Eid. The government and private sector often collaborate to organize these events, ensuring that there are opportunities for everyone to engage in the festivities.

Through the timeless traditions of Eid, Qatar not only honors its past but also embraces a future where community, heritage, and progress go hand in hand.



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