



## CELEBRATING GRADUATION

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## Message from the President

**Dear Wolves,**

Welcome to the thirty-first issue of our **UDST POST**.

As we celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2025, I extend my sincere congratulations to our students, faculty, and staff on reaching this remarkable milestone. Your hard work and perseverance have brought us to this proud moment, and you deserve every bit of the recognition and celebration that come with it.

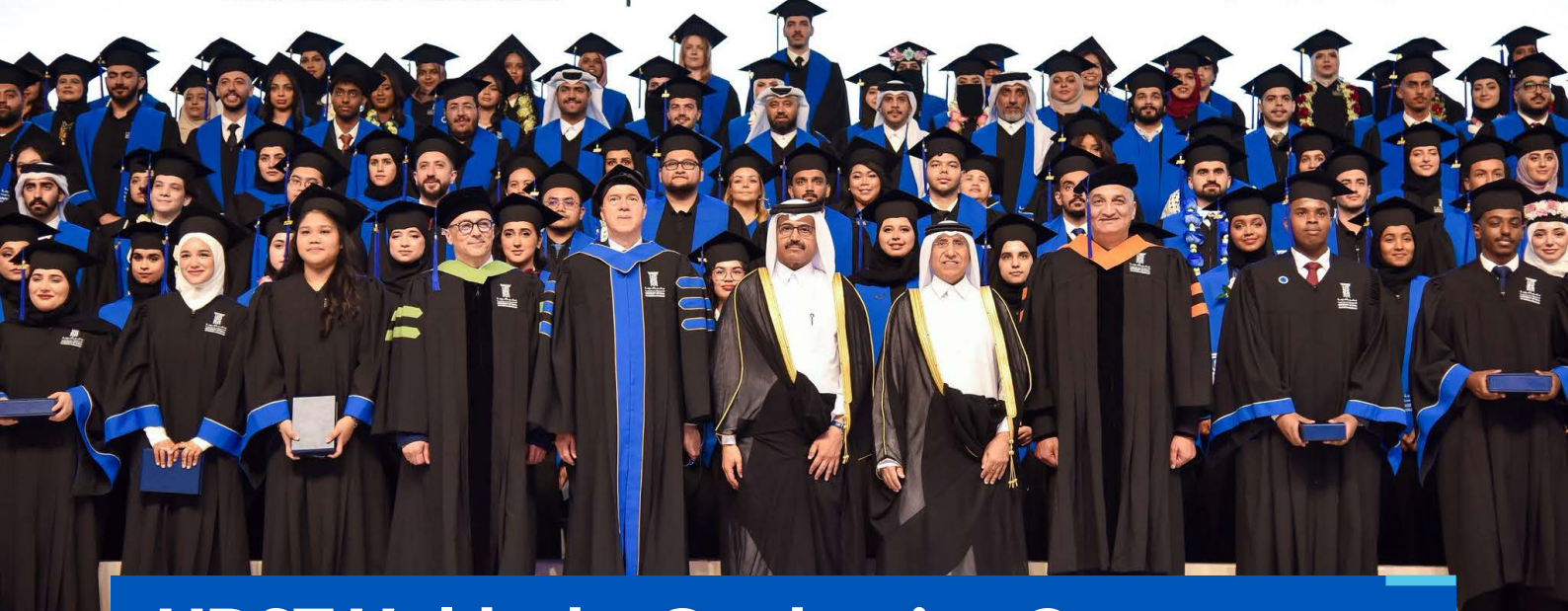
Graduation is not the end of the road; it is the beginning of a promising new chapter. While your time as a student may be concluding, your journey with UDST is far from over. You are now part of a vibrant and growing alumni network that will always connect you to your peers, your mentors, and your university. Wherever your path leads, UDST will remain a home you can return to, a network that supports you, and a community that takes pride in your success.

This academic year has also been a year of connection and collaboration. We were honored to establish global partnerships and to welcome international delegations and dignitaries to our campus, demonstrating the increasing recognition of UDST's role on the international stage. Our university continues to grow through the strength of its student body, the dedication of its staff, and the expertise of its faculty. Together, we are building a future defined by ambition, excellence, and impact.

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

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## UDST Holds the Graduation Ceremony for Class of 2025

Under the esteemed patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) successfully concluded its 2025 graduation ceremonies.

Held over three consecutive days, the celebrations began with a ceremony honoring high-achieving students. The event was graced by the presence of His Excellency Hassan bin Abdullah Al Ghanim, Speaker of the Shura Council, and Her Excellency Ms. Lolwah bint Rashid bin Mohammed Al Khater, Minister of Education and Higher Education, who attended as the Guest Speaker. Also in attendance were other Excellencies, Ministers of State, the Chairman of UDST's Board of Trustees His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada, Board members, UDST President His Excellency Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, university staff and faculty, and the families of Honors graduates.

The following days featured dedicated ceremonies for graduates of the College of Business and the College of Computing and Information Technology. The final day celebrated graduates from the College of Engineering and Technology and the College of Health Sciences.

The ceremonies took place at the Qatar National Convention Centre and marked the graduation of 426



students from the College of Business, 164 from the College of Computing and Information Technology, 328 from the College of Engineering and Technology, and 248 from the College of Health Sciences.

A key highlight of the occasion was the recognition of 32 exceptional students by Her Excellency Ms. Lolwah bint Rashid Al Khater, Minister of Education and Higher Education. The honorees included students who maintained a perfect GPA of 4.0 throughout their academic journey, as well as recipients of the President's Award for Academic Excellence.

In her speech to the graduates, Her Excellency, Minister Lolwah bint Rashid bin Mohammed Al Khater said: "The







University today offers 77 academic programs, including 11 at the master's level. It houses nearly 200 laboratories, holds 21 accreditations, and maintains 65 local and international partnerships. But the most surprising and delightful fact I learned is that the University has 30 sports facilities, enough to qualify it, without a doubt, to establish its very own football club. So, to our esteemed professors and proud graduates, you have every reason to take pride in being part of this inspiring story. Dear graduates, today, I won't shower you with poetry or grandiose words. I haven't come before you wearing the robe of a poet but rather carrying an old, cherished bag filled with knowledge, skills, and memories. That bag belongs to my original field: engineering. It was my first career path before life took me down new roads and through different fields and institutions."

These ceremonies served as a proud milestone for the Class of 2025, celebrating their academic excellence and reaffirming UDST's steadfast commitment to applied education and workforce readiness.

In his remarks, H.E. Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST affirmed the graduates' readiness to lead today and in the future. He noted: "The future promises rapid and unprecedented advancements in technology and artificial intelligence developments that challenge educational systems to adapt, integrate, and prepare future generations to use these innovations responsibly and sustainably, in service of humanity. Today, we proudly reaffirm that the

University of Doha for Science and Technology, through its applied learning philosophy and steadfast commitment to sustainability, embraces technological progress with an open and forward-thinking approach. We harness these developments across our research, teaching methodologies, and daily engagement with students, partners, and the broader community to support national development, address sector needs, and build impactful initiatives that will contribute to long-term self-sufficiency and progress.

Dr. Al-Naemi also shed light on the University's strategic direction and ongoing efforts to align academic offerings with evolving market demands, both locally and globally. This academic year witnessed the launch of several new programs, most notably the Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering and Aviation Management offered in collaboration with Qatar Airways, Airbus, the École Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ENAC), and the Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace (ISAE-SUPAERO) in France. Additionally, newly introduced bachelor's and master's programs in STEM and TVET education were included under the national "Tomouh" in-country scholarship initiative. Dr. Al-Naemi underscored that these milestones reflect the invaluable support extended by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, which plays an important role in advancing the University's mission in alignment with the priorities of Qatar's Third National Development Strategy.



In closing, Dr. Al-Naemi extended his heartfelt gratitude to the wise leadership of the State of Qatar, led by His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, may God protect him; to His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs; and to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, headed by Her Excellency Ms. Lolwah bint Rashid Al Khater, for their constant guidance and support in elevating the University and fostering a culture of innovation and excellence.

Addressing the graduates, Dr. Al-Naemi concluded: “I extend my warmest congratulations to each of you on this remarkable achievement and encourage you to continue striving forward. I take great pride in celebrating this moment not only with this cohort but with all graduating generations and age groups who have chosen knowledge as their path and embraced innovation in its many forms throughout their journey at the University. The outcome is one and the same: excellence, commitment, and a collective determination to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of our nation and to proudly represent Qatar on the global stage.”

The Class of 2025 valedictorian, Hamad Al-Sharshani expressed his happiness to be representing all his fellow honor graduates during the ceremony. He said: “I am pleased to stand before you today as a doctor and as the first Qatari man to graduate from a program that is the first of its kind in Qatar and the region: the Master of Science in Diabetes Care and Patient Education.

I am also proud to be the first Qatari man to work in the field of Diabetes Care and Education at Hamad Medical Corporation. Graduating from this esteemed institution is a proud moment for all of us. It marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. To my fellow graduates, let us remember that today is not the end, but the beginning



of a new chapter. Every one of us carries the promise of achieving extraordinary things. Let us continue to innovate, grow, and strive towards the betterment of our society and our beloved homeland.”

In his address, Dr. Rachid Benlamri, Vice President, Academics, expressed deep pride in the graduates, stating: “Today, our graduates step confidently into a new chapter, equipped with knowledge, hands-on experience, and the skills needed in a digital world. As you transition from students to professionals, I encourage you to remain true to knowledge, uphold your values, and embrace lifelong learning. You are the generation entrusted with shaping the future. The knowledge and expertise you possess are more than professional tools, they represent a responsibility to your nation, your community, and the world. You are in a position to lead change, so be innovative in your thinking, generous in your contributions, and inspiring in your humanity. We are proud of you and confident that you will represent UDST with distinction wherever you go.”





On the second day, the valedictorian Hafsa Hassan Diriyeh addressed her peers, saying: "Today, we stand at the gateway to the future, ready to transform challenges into opportunities. Nothing can stand in our way. True success is not measured by titles or awards, but by the impact we make and how we choose to show up in the world. I extend my heartfelt thanks to our faculty, who supported and believed in us throughout this journey. To my fellow graduates, you have been a genuine source of inspiration. We've come so far together, and this moment is just the beginning."

Valedictorian Baraa Suleiman, speaking on the final day, reflected on her experience, stating: "Each of us has followed a unique path, yet today we unite in this shared moment of pride and achievement. As a chemical engineering student, my journey was filled with challenges, long hours solving technical problems, analyzing safety data, and grappling with complex systems. But during our capstone project, when we designed a sustainable chemical plant from concept to implementation, everything came together. Each late night, failed attempt, and moment of doubt has become a source of pride. This is what distinguishes UDST, not just academic instruction, but a mindset of learning, adaptability, and perseverance in the face of adversity."

Through its applied learning philosophy and deep commitment to sustainability, UDST continues to embrace innovation with an open mind, integrating advanced technologies across research, education, and community engagement. The university remains dedicated to supporting national development, addressing societal



needs, and launching impactful initiatives that promote long-term self-sufficiency.

To date, UDST has graduated more than 10,000 students who actively contribute to the advancement of Qatar both locally and globally. With over 8,500 students currently enrolled across diverse academic programs and representing more than 85 nationalities, UDST fosters an inclusive and vibrant educational environment rooted in a shared commitment to learning and excellence.



## Swiss State Secretary Dr. Martina Hirayama Visits UDST

Dr. Martina Hirayama, State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation of Switzerland, recently led a high-level Swiss delegation on an official visit to UDST. During the visit, Dr. Hirayama met with UDST President Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, where they discussed opportunities for collaboration in education, research, and innovation.

The delegation toured UDST's state-of-the-art facilities, gaining insight into the university's cutting-edge academic programs spanning its diverse colleges. The visit highlighted UDST's commitment to fostering international partnerships and advancing knowledge through innovative education.

Dr. Hirayama praised UDST's progressive approach to higher education and expressed enthusiasm about potential future collaborations between Swiss institutions and UDST. The visit marks a significant step towards strengthening educational ties between Switzerland and Qatar.



## UDST Proudly Supports National Sustainability Milestone

As a Golden Sponsor, UDST proudly supported the Corporate Environmental Sustainability: Reports and Achievements Conference and Book Launch, held under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Subaie, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The event marked a significant milestone in promoting transparency and environmental responsibility across Qatar's private sector. During the event, Dr. Vladimir Brusic, Vice President for Applied Research and Graduate Studies, took part as a panelist in the opening session, which focused on emerging trends in sustainability.

The initiative aligns with Qatar National Vision 2030 and the Third National Development Strategy 2024–2030. The newly launched book showcases the efforts of Qatari companies in reducing emissions, enhancing resource efficiency, and advancing sustainable practices.

By sponsoring and supporting such impactful events, UDST reaffirms its commitment to fostering environmental stewardship and preparing the next generation of leaders to contribute meaningfully to national and global sustainability goals.







## Participating in the 3rd International Scientific Conference on CSR Research 2025

UDST participated in the 3rd International Scientific Conference on Corporate Social Responsibility Research 2025. The event brought together distinguished experts and leaders to discuss the role of artificial intelligence and innovation in advancing social responsibility and sustainable development across various sectors.

UDST's delegation included Dr. Rachid Benlamri, Vice President of Academics, who joined notable speakers such as H.E. Dr. Hamad bin Abdulaziz Al Kawari, State Minister and President of Qatar National Library, Dr. Dawood Al-Hidabi, representative of the International Islamic University Malaysia, Dr. Muhammad bin Saif Al-Kuwari, the Deputy Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee.

The conference addressed key themes including AI in CSR practices, technology's impact on inclusive education, innovation in sports, healthcare, and government sectors, and the legal and ethical considerations of AI in social development.



## Partnership with QCS to Advance Cancer Awareness and Education

UDST and Qatar Cancer Society (QCS) have signed an MoU to establish a collaborative framework focused on cancer awareness, prevention, and healthcare development. This partnership aims to strengthen education, research, and community engagement in alignment with Qatar's national health priorities.

Under the agreement, both institutions will collaborate on developing academic and continuing education programs, conducting joint research, integrating healthcare professionals into teaching roles, and organizing outreach initiatives to promote early cancer detection and public awareness.

The partnership emphasizes the role of applied education and research in addressing critical health challenges. It also highlights the value of cross-sector collaboration in building a health-conscious and proactive society.

By joining efforts, UDST and QCS aim to empower students, educators, and the broader community with the knowledge and tools necessary to support national cancer prevention goals and contribute meaningfully to public health advancement.





## UDST Student Among 2025 IOSH Student Bursary Recipients

Chanille Calado, an Occupational Health, Safety, and Environment student at UDST, has been spotlighted internationally for her passion and leadership in workplace safety. Awarded the prestigious IOSH bursary, Chanille is recognized for her commitment to advancing occupational health and safety standards, both in Qatar and beyond.

With hands-on experience as a student mentor at UDST's Advanced Writing Center, a trainee at Siemens Qatar, and a volunteer at the FIFA World Cup 2022, Chanille brings a unique perspective to the field. Her shift from healthcare to OSH was driven by a deep belief: preventing workplace hazards is as vital as treating illness. With this opportunity, Chanille aims to become a leader who shapes safer, more respectful work environments.

UDST celebrates her as a shining example of its mission in action.



## College of Computing and IT Hosts 4th Scientific Breakfast on Graduate Studies

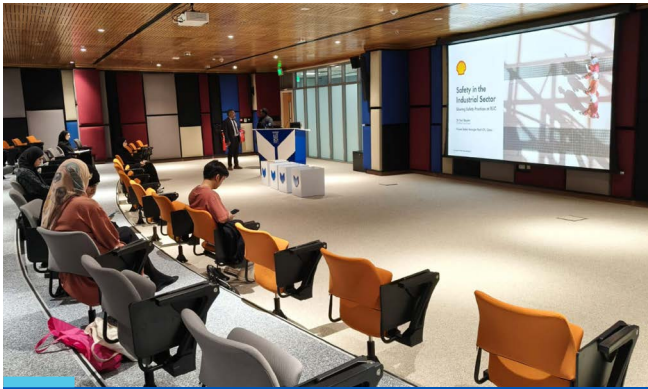
The College of Computing and Information Technology (CCIT) at UDST held its 4th Scientific Breakfast. The event centered on the theme "Graduate Studies @UDST/CCIT: Challenges, Enablers, Drivers, and Opportunities," leveraging meaningful discussions on advancing graduate education.

The breakfast brought together academic leaders, including Dr. Rachid Benlamri, Vice President Academic Affairs at UDST and other CCIT leadership, alongside distinguished attendees from key organizations such as the Civil Service Bureau, Gartner, Ooredoo, Microsoft, and SAS Institute.

Participants engaged in insightful conversations addressing the evolving landscape of graduate studies, identifying obstacles, facilitating factors, and future prospects. The gathering provided a valuable platform for collaboration between academia and industry, aiming to strengthen graduate programs and better prepare students for professional success.

The event reaffirmed CCIT's commitment to excellence in education and its focus on building strong partnerships across sectors.





## Bridging Academia and Industry: Shell Qatar Leads Workshops at UDS

UDST recently welcomed professionals from Shell Qatar as part of a collaborative initiative designed to connect academic learning with real-world industry experience. Over several days, Shell engineers conducted a series of interactive workshops that enriched the educational experience for both students and faculty.

A highlight of the program was the session titled “Career Journey for Female Engineers in Oil and Gas,” where accomplished female professionals from Shell shared their personal stories, challenges, and achievements in the energy sector. The session inspired meaningful conversations and motivated UDST’s female engineering students to pursue their aspirations with greater confidence.

The initiative also featured two technical workshops on Process Safety, highlighting its importance in industrial operations. Students gained practical insights into safety protocols and risk management through case studies and discussions.

The program concluded with a hands-on CAD Design for 3D Printing workshop, showcasing the role of digital tools in modern manufacturing.



## Earning Great Place to Work® Certification for Third Consecutive Year



UDST has been certified as a Great Place to Work® for the third consecutive year by Great Place to Work® Middle East, following a comprehensive evaluation process based on employee feedback and organizational culture.

The certification reflects UDST’s commitment to nurturing a positive, inclusive, and high-performing work environment. The evaluation involved an anonymous employee survey and a thorough review of workplace practices, ensuring the recognition is rooted in authentic employee experiences.

UDST earned high marks across areas such as trust, communication, leadership, and well-being. The University provides extensive opportunities for professional and personal development, including biannual Professional Development Days, access to international conferences, and advanced resources. Additionally, as a FISU Healthy Campus Platinum Label recipient, UDST promotes health and work-life balance through robust wellness initiatives.

This continued recognition underscores UDST’s role as a leading institution in cultivating a dynamic, supportive, and innovative workplace.





## UDST at Career Village, KidZania

UDST participated in the Career Village event, organized by the Qatar Career Development Center in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. Held over three days at KidZania, the event aimed to inspire young students by offering an immersive experience into various career paths.

UDST's team actively engaged with attendees, providing insights into academic programs and future job opportunities. This initiative reflects UDST's commitment to nurturing the next generation of professionals and equipping them with the knowledge to make informed career choices.

The event offered an interactive platform where students explored different professions in a realistic, fun environment.



## Environmental Health Students Join Food Safety Inspections

Environmental Health students from UDST's College of Health Sciences recently joined Shahaniya Municipality's food safety team for a practicum focused on real-world inspections. Visiting restaurants, hypermarkets, dairy plants, and organic farms, the students assessed hygiene practices, storage conditions, and food safety compliance under expert supervision.

They identified issues such as improper temperatures, expired items, and sanitation gaps, while also highlighting strong practices in some establishments. The experience enhanced their technical skills in hazard analysis and critical control points, and improved their ability to communicate professionally with business owners.

Students also led food safety awareness sessions with staff and customers, encouraging proper food handling and hygiene. This practicum provided a powerful link between academic learning and the vital role environmental health professionals play in protecting public health.







## Embracing Failure: A Transformative Journey with the Entrepreneur and investor Abdullah Al-Naimi

In May, UHUB spotlighted “Embracing Failure” as a powerful and transformative theme, inviting students to rethink failure not as a setback but as a critical step in the path to success. Through a candid and inspiring series led by Abdullah Al-Naimi, UHUB’s Entrepreneur in Residence and a leading startup investor, students explored how failure is not the opposite of success but often the path to it. From “Failing Forward” to “My Startup Graveyard,” Abdullah shared real stories and strategic lessons on how failure fuels resilience, sparks innovation, and leads to long-term growth.

### Student Startup Sprint: Practical Workshops by UHUB

Alongside the inspirational sessions by Abdullah Al-Naimi, UHUB launched a parallel track of interactive workshops under the Student Startup Sprint initiative, designed to help students move from idea to action. These sessions provided hands-on support in goal setting, pitching, feedback, and team formation.

#### Each week, students participated in focused 30-minute engagements:

- Group Coaching: Build Your Business Goals
- Mini Pitch Challenge
- Speed Mentoring on Your Business Idea
- Mix and Match: Find Your Startup Partner(s)

The series created a safe and energizing space for students to test their ideas, gain real-time feedback, and connect with potential co-founders, building momentum toward launching their own ventures.

### Empowering Young Innovators: UHUB’s Strategic Role in the Ministry of Education’s Young Entrepreneurs Initiative

UHUB proudly took part in the Young Entrepreneurs Initiative for School Students, a national program led by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Qatar. The initiative aims to instill entrepreneurial thinking and leadership skills among middle and high school students through structured workshops, mentorship, and project-based learning.

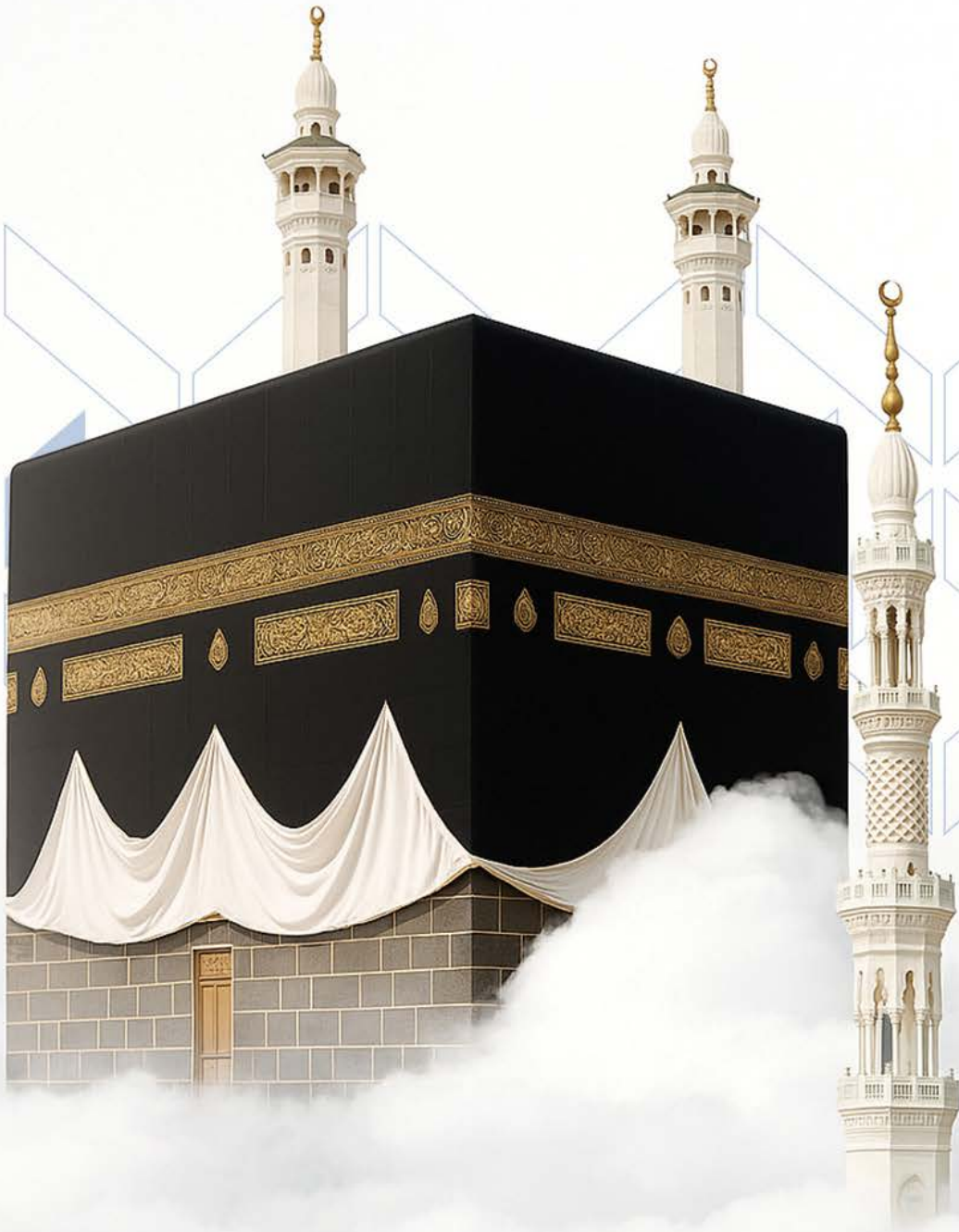
The third edition of this program engaged over 200 students from more than 40 public and private preparatory schools across Qatar. It was delivered in partnership with national stakeholders including the Qatar Chamber, Doha University for Science and Technology (UDST), the Youth Entrepreneurship Club, and the Qatar National Library.

Representing UHUB, Maram Al-Rawi, a UDST alumna and entrepreneurship trainer, led a workshop on the foundations of entrepreneurship, equipping students with essential knowledge in innovation, business modeling, and idea development. She also participated as a jury member during the final judging phase, helping evaluate students’ pitches and providing valuable feedback.



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