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HEIR APPARENT OPENS CAREER FAIR



The Heir Apparent HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani after inaugurating the sixth edition of the Qatar Career Fair at Qatar National Convention Centre, in Doha, on Monday. (See also pages 19 & 20)

Youth with special needs to play big role in Qatar's progress, says Deputy PM

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DOHA

THE Heir Apparent HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani inaugurated the sixth edition of the Qatar Career Fair (QCF) at Qatar National Convention Centre on Monday amid high expectations from both the participating companies and visiting students.

Speaking on the occasion the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs HE Ahmed bin Abdullah al Mahmoud said that Qatar Career Fair reflects the keenness of the country's leadership to hire Qataris in the fields suitable to their abilities.

Mahmoud told reporters that the presence of HH the Heir Apparent at the fair reflected the leadership's keenness on benefiting from Qatari expertise in the country's development.

Mahmoud added that the career fair served some of the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030, such as hiring nationals and expressed his satisfaction that the country offered Qatari nationals a wide range of job opportunities in different fields of which they can choose.

Mahmoud also said that there was a law regulating the employment of people with disabilities and exuded confidence that people with disabilities in Qatar can play a big role in aiding country's development. He said that the emphasis of the fair was on hiring Qataris in the public sector.

The six-day fair featuring about 140 exhibitors, has been organised by Qatar Foundation, Qatar Petroleum, Emiri Dwan, Qatar University and the Ministry of Labour and aims to advance skills of Qatari youth and offer them suitable positions in premier companies and institutions.

Exhibitors have been divided into four main sectors including public sector; power and economy sector; education, health and sports sector as well as business and finances sector.

Executive Director of QCF, Abdallah al Mansoori told newsmen at a press conference that of the exhibitors, 28 were in the public sector, 39 in the power and economy sector, 30 in education, health and sports and 32 in business and finance sector.

He added that there were 16 awareness centres exhibit-

ed at the fair including among others Afif Project, Rawda Centre, Qatar Talents and Qatar Golf Ladies Centre.

"I would like to remind you that the Career Fair is not limited to job opportunities; rather, the fair has bigger objectives which include promoting the culture of work, develop our youth's skills and abilities and help them explore the job market available for them by guiding them towards the right career paths", he explained.

Al Mansoori said that the fair offers a number of activities and events along with conferences and workshops such as the annual career magazine published by QCF and an awareness campaign encouraging the youth to participate in Qatar's success.

He added that the fair also aims at promoting volunteering culture amongst the youth, and has provided 300 volunteering opportunities for youth at the fair.

"The fair is also organising a number of competitions such as a photography competition, work related story competition and an investment proposal competition", Al Mansoori said.

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The Heir Apparent H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani visiting a stall at the 6th edition of Qatar Career Fair 2013 at Qatar National Convention Center yesterday.

Heir Apparent opens career fair

DOHA: Plenty of career opportunities for Qatari youth were promised by companies as the sixth Qatar Career Fair opened at the Qatar National Convention Centre yesterday.

The six-day recruitment fair, which has the theme, 'Write the Next Chapter in Qatar's Success', was officially inaugurated by Heir Apparent H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

The Heir Apparent went around the stalls put up by more than 140 exhibitors from the private and government sectors, from the fields of energy, communications, tourism, sports, media, health, banking and finances.

A fire alarm went off at QNCC a few minutes after the Heir Apparent and other officials had left the place, causing panic. All visitors and exhibitors

were quickly evacuated from the building.

The situation returned to normal as soon as it was found to be a false alarm and the event was open to the public after 12 noon.

The first day saw many expatriates visit the fair, despite the fact that it is meant to provide job opportunities exclusively to Qataris.

Exhibitors at Qatar Career Fair 2013 have been grouped into 'villages', and these companies will provide job opportunities, training and development programmes for Qatari students and graduates to help to meet the needs of the labour market.

The event is being organised by the Emiri Dwan, Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, Qatar Petroleum, Qatar

University and the Ministry of Labour.

"Qatar Foundation has many job, training and scholarship opportunities for young Qataris. We are looking forward for talented fresh graduates and experienced professionals as well," Ghaniam Al Naimi, Director, Talent Sourcing and Development at Qatar Foundation, said on the sidelines of the career fair.

He said Qatar Foundation had recruited more than 150 Qataris as employees and trainees through last year's fair, and there were 135 opportunities available under the graduate career development programme. The selected candidates are trained for 18 to 24 months.

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HH the Heir Apparent Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani meeting officials during the opening of the career fair at Qatar National Convention Center. The six-day event, entitled "Write the Next Chapter in Qatar's Success", is organised by the Emiri Diwan, Qatar Foundation for Education, Sciences and Community Development, Qatar Petroleum, Qatar University and the Ministry of Labour.

Heir Apparent opens Qatar Career Fair

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HH the Heir Apparent Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani yesterday opened Qatar Career Fair 2013 that aims to connect Qatari job seekers with prospective employers.

A number of ministers and heads of various companies and organisations took part in the opening ceremony.

The fair, being held at Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), runs until April 6 with the participation of around 150 exhibitors from private and public sectors.

After the opening ceremony, HH the Heir Apparent visited a number of booths and interacted with exhibitors. He also toured the photo gallery, organised on the sidelines of the career fair.

The fair, entitled "Write the Next Chapter in Qatar's Success", is organised by the Emiri Diwan, Qatar Foundation, Qatar Petroleum, Qatar University and the Ministry of Labour.

Besides the five main organisers, participants consist of 28 government branches, 30 energy and industry groups, 30 education, health and sports institutes, 32 business and finance firms and 16 awareness centres. They are categorised into "diamond", "pearl", "silver" and "bronze".

QCF executive director Abdullah al-Mansoori expressed confidence that the fair would deliver a better outcome than the previous years.



The RasGas booth at the career fair.

"Qatar Career Fair is a platform that connects Qatari students, job seekers, employers and other constituents in an effort to create a dynamic future workforce of nationals, thereby upholding the human development pillar of Qatar Vision 2030," he said.

He said that it was not a job fair but a platform to a great career. "Though not a job fair, it leads to employment opportunities for nationals who have outstanding academic records as the nation's top employers are present to scout for good candidates each year."

In the run-up to the fair, many activities were organised which included photo, story and investment con-

tests, an open day and volunteer programmes and an awareness campaign.

More than 300 volunteers, both men and women, were given short courses. In the investment contest, 15 business ideas were received and six winners were announced.

In the photo contest, 20 participants submitted career-related pictures. Winners will be announced on the last day of the exhibition. In the story contest, entries related to career will be evaluated by Bloomsbury Qatar.

On all days until Saturday, the fair will be open from 9am to 9pm. A day for women only will be held on April 4 from 9am to 4pm. **Pages 31, 32**



HH the Heir Apparent Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani presided the opening of the 10th edition of Qatar Career Fair 2013 at Qatar National Convention Centre yesterday. The six-day event, entitled "Write the Next Chapter in Qatar's Success", is organised by the Emiri Diwan, Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, Qatar Petroleum, Qatar University and the Ministry of Labour. A number of stakeholders and ministers attended the opening ceremony.

Ministers hail Heir Apparent's visit to career fair

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A number of ministers praised yesterday the visit of HH the Heir Apparent Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani to the opening of the

Qatar Career Fair 2013. The officials said that HH the Heir Apparent's visit provided the fair with a big push and represented an encouragement to employers to attract Qatari youth in accordance with Qatar National Vision 2030. HH Minister of Energy and

Industry Dr. Mohamed Sabih al-Saleh said that the visit of HH the Heir Apparent had a big impact on the visitors of the fair and the companies participating in it. He added that the visit also reflected the seriousness of the state to nationalise job opportunities

as part of the development plan. Al-Saleh said that Qatar Petroleum was offering 1,700 job and training opportunities in this year's fair. For his part, HH the Minister of Energy and Industry Affairs Dr. Chedly bin Mohamed bin biner al-Fozari said that the visit of

HH the Heir Apparent reflected the state's strong backing for nationalisation. He said that the Ministry of Energy was offering 49 jobs in this year's fair, all related to Awqaf and Islamic affairs. HH the Governor of Qatar Central bank (QCB), Sheikh Abdullah

bin Saad al-Thani, said that the central bank was looking to offer more jobs to Qatari nationals. Qualified to the central bank, he added, reached 17%, up 10% from last year. Some 1% of the jobs in the central bank were offered to people with disabilities. The banking sector is

passed the average to 17%, up 9% from last year. HH the Minister of Municipality and Urban Planning, Sheikh Akhbaratman bin Khalifa al-Thani, said that the career fair presented a good opportunity for the ministry to attract suitable jobseekers.

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