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Qatar Foundation's Pre-University Education Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with AUB

A strategic partnership to develop teachers and enhance education and leadership across the region

Qatar Foundation's Pre-University Education (PUE) and the American University of Beirut (AUB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to work together on developing teachers, strengthening school leadership, and promoting innovation in K–12 education.

The agreement establishes a framework for cooperation in professional development, diploma and certification programs, joint research, and other educational initiatives for educators, in line with international standards and national education priorities.

Under this Memorandum, the partners will collaborate on diploma and certification programs, organize conferences and workshops, conduct joint research, and develop training and practical learning opportunities within the Qatar Foundation's (QF) Pre-University Education ecosystem.

During the signing ceremony, Abeer Al Khalifa, president of QF's PUE, said, "The signing of this cooperation agreement between AUB and PUE represents an important step that reflects our shared vision that the development of education begins with building strong institutional partnerships across the Arab world. These partnerships strengthen the capacities of both our students and teachers, keep pace with global transformations, and enhance the quality of educational outcomes."

She added, "The collaboration between QF and AUB has been a well-established tradition over the years, and this agreement provides a practical framework to deepen and expand this historic relationship. We are confident that this cooperation will have a tangible impact on both sides, opening promising horizons for knowledge exchange and community support through distinguished educational initiatives grounded in best practices and standards."

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Dr. Fadlo Khuri, AUB president, said, "Our partnership with the State of Qatar stems from a shared belief that every child in the Arab world deserves a high-quality education, and that collaboration between our institutions is the path to a true Arab renaissance."

Dr. Zaher Dawy, AUB provost, said, "Qatar Foundation and AUB share a common mission to build a brighter future for the Arab world through education and the empowerment of skilled, creative, and locally rooted human capital."

Dr. Imad Baalbaki, senior vice president for advancement and business development at AUB, said, "We are proud of our relationship with Qatar Foundation, which spans decades, and with the State of Qatar, which dates back to 1977 with the establishment of the State of Qatar Chair for Energy Studies. We look forward to further strengthening this relationship."

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Note to Editors

About AUB

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 790 full-time faculty members and a student body of over 9000 students. AUB currently offers more than 140 programs leading to bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 365-bed hospital.

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Qatar Foundation's Pre-University Education

Qatar Foundation's Pre-University Education (PUE) is a unique education ecosystem providing personalized educational opportunities that support and embrace diversity and meet the needs of Qatar's multicultural community. PUE has created schools and curricula that meet the highest global standards while remaining rooted in Qatari culture and values, and that equip young people with the knowledge, confidence, and skills to excel both academically and personally.

PUE's schools offer a range of programs that cater to the specific needs and interests of students, including STEM, music, heritage, different learning needs, and leadership education.

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All QF schools share a commitment to leading learning, which involves developing and applying innovative learning practices, engaging parents as partners in their child's education, and measuring and monitoring student outcomes to ensure continuous improvement. Students are encouraged to explore their curiosity, creativity, and individuality, and to develop a sense of responsibility to their community and humanity. Arabic language and culture are also a fundamental part of the curriculum, helping students to understand and appreciate their heritage and identity.

PUE has a diverse student body spanning 55 nationalities, with 8,000 enrolled students, of which 6,900 are Qatari. The program has graduated 6,730 students from its schools and the Academic Bridge Program (ABP), a pre-university program, for high school students. Additionally, PUE's Education Development Institute (EDI) is a center of excellence in professional learning, supporting the growth and development of the K-12 education community in Qatar and globally.

The goal of PUE is to provide an exceptional education that prepares students to thrive in a rapidly changing world, while also contributing to Qatar's development and prosperity.

PUE's schools are Qatar Academy Doha (QAD), Qatar Academy Al Khor (QAK), Qatar Academy Al Wakra (QAW), Qatar Academy Sidra (QAS), Qatar Academy Msheireb (QAM), Tariq Bin Ziad School (TBZ), Qatar Academy for Science and Technology (QAST), Qatar Leadership Academy (QLA), Awsaj Academy, Renad Academy, Academyati, Qatar Music Academy, and The Learning Center (TLC), together with ABP.

Qatar Foundation – 30 Years of Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation (QF) is a non-profit organization which, for 30 years, has supported the sustainable human, social, and economic development of Qatar through entities, programs, and initiatives focused on education, science and research, and community development.

QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir of Qatar, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, who shared the vision of providing quality education for everyone in Qatar. In the three decades since, this vision has evolved into a globally unique, multidisciplinary ecosystem of knowledge – offering opportunities for lifelong learning, fostering innovation, and empowering people to be socially engaged citizens and drivers of positive change.

This diverse but interconnected ecosystem comprises a world-class education landscape spanning the full spectrum of learning from pre-school to post-doctoral level; research, innovation, and policy centers addressing some of the world's greatest challenges facing the world; alongside community facilities for people of all ages to seek knowledge, embrace active lifestyles, and expand their horizons within QF's Education City, spanning 12 square kilometers in Doha, Qatar.

With its efforts concentrated on generating impact in five key areas – progressive education, sustainability, Artificial Intelligence, precision health, and social progress – QF remains committed, as it has been for the past 30 years, to investing in Qatar and its people, and contributing to shaping a better world for all.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, please visit: www.qf.org.qa

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