

## **Qatar Foundation offers ‘once in a lifetime’ opportunity to fans in celebration of partnership with FC Barcelona**

**Doha, 24 March 2013** – Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development and FC Barcelona (FCB)’s ongoing partnership aims to unlock human potential among young people through various projects and programmes. The two organisations, which share similar values, are working together to encourage the pursuit of excellence in education, research, science and sport. And, to celebrate this partnership, Qatar Foundation is unveiling a series of events featuring fantastic prize competitions and fan zone screenings, beginning today and continuing over the weeks ahead.

Next week, FCB will battle Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) for a place in the UEFA Champions League semi-final. The clash pits two of European football’s giants against each other, and has a strong local connection, due to PSG’s Qatari ownership and Qatar Foundation’s partnership with FCB.

Starting at 5pm today, Qatar Foundation will be launching a ‘48 hours only’ competition, offering a lucky winner and a friend the once-in-a-lifetime chance to fly to Barcelona, then travel with the FCB team to Paris before watching the first leg of the contest at PSG’s iconic Parc des Princes stadium. Entrants must design a photomontage that illustrates the partnership between Qatar Foundation and FC Barcelona, with an emphasis on human development. The competition will be open for just 48 hours and will be hosted through Qatar Foundation’s FCB Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/QFFCB](http://www.facebook.com/QFFCB)

The first leg of the tie will take place on 2 April. That evening, Qatar Foundation will host a ‘fans zone’ event, where a variety of fun-filled sporting competitions will be held, followed by a screening of the big match. The event is open to the public, and attendees will be invited to guess the correct time of the first goal scored in the live game. The contestant whose guess is closest to the right answer will win two tickets to travel to Camp Nou to watch the second leg of the FCB vs PSG tie on 10 April.

On the evening of the second leg, Qatar Foundation will again set up a fans zone, running a similar programme of competitions before a live screening of the game. This time, attendees will be offered the chance to win two tickets to a Primera Liga match at Camp Nou.

Rashed Al-Quresh, Qatar Foundation’s Deputy Director of Communication, said, “We are delighted to welcome the wider community to watch one of the most keenly anticipated football matches of the season. We recognise that passion drives us all and, as partners of FC Barcelona, we share similar goals, which we are keen to promote throughout Qatar and beyond. We are looking forward to rewarding one of our guests with a dream ticket to travel with the FCB team to Paris. I am sure that the recipient will

enjoy an unforgettable experience. And, for the wider community, the opportunity to witness so many fantastic athletes at the top of their game will undoubtedly prove inspirational.”

Earlier this year, Qatar Foundation hosted a similar ‘travel with the team’ contest, and winners were afforded the opportunity to fly with their heroes to watch the ‘El Clasico’ game against Real Madrid at the Bernabeu stadium. One of the travelers, Abdulaziz Aljaseem, said of his trip, “It is a dream come true. They always say that Qatar Foundation is like a dream factory, and it truly is a dream factory.”

To enter the ‘travel with the team’ competition, and to learn more about the fan zone events, visit [www.facebook.com/QFFCB](http://www.facebook.com/QFFCB)

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QF carries out its mission through three strategic pillars: education, science and research, and community development. QF’s education pillar brings world-class universities to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. Meanwhile, its science and research pillar builds Qatar’s innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. Finally, its community development pillar helps foster a progressive society while also enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar’s heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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