

MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE TAKE PART IN WISH'S DOHA HEALTHCARE WEEK

Multi-faceted program designed to promote healthy lifestyles in Qatar

More than 10,000 people participated in the inaugural Doha Healthcare Week - created by the World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH), an initiative of Qatar Foundation (QF), in partnership with the Ministry of Public Health - which took place earlier this month.

The week of events shone a spotlight on health in Qatar through capacity-building workshops, lectures, and seminars for healthcare professionals, as well as through a wide variety of fun and informative activities targeting Qatar's wider population.

Held from November 6-12 and involving 18 local and international partners, Doha Healthcare Week saw 54 special health-focused events and activities take place across Doha in the week leading up to the WISH 2018 summit, WISH's biennial gathering of global healthcare leaders.

Local partners in Doha Healthcare Week included Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC), Primary Health Care Corporation (PHCC), Al-Ahli Hospital, Doha Film Institute, the St Regis Hotel Doha, and Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar, a QF partner university. International partners included Orbis International, Nursing Now, Alzheimer's Diseases International, and the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving.

Workshops included specialized training for ophthalmologists on board the Orbis Flying Eye Hospital, nursing leadership training, and specialized instruction for caregivers of people with dementia. The week was launched with the publication of new guides to making the most of healthcare services across Qatar by the Ministry of Public Health, HMC, and PHCC.

Sultana Afdhal, CEO, WISH, said: "Supporting Qatar's capacity-building efforts in the healthcare sector is important to us, so we were particularly encouraged to have received a high level of engagement and support from Qatar's healthcare providers and their workforce. The success of Doha Healthcare Week really shows an appetite from people across Qatar towards adopting healthier lifestyles."

Nick Bradshaw, Partnerships Manager, WISH, added: "Beyond the involvement of healthcare professionals and institutions, Doha Healthcare Week attracted a large number of participants across the various activities on offer – whether through sporting activities, health checks, cooking classes, film screenings, or our photography exhibition that focused on exploring the impact of health on people living in parts of the world affected by war.

"We are extremely grateful for the support of partners from across Qatar and beyond, who played a pivotal role in making the week of events a success."

The latest edition of the WISH summit was held at Qatar National Convention Centre from November 13-14, with the participation of over 2,000 local and international healthcare experts, innovators, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and ministers.

For further information about WISH, please visit www.wish.org.qa and @WISHQatar on social media.

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About the World Innovation Summit for Health

The World Innovation Summit for Health (WISH) is a global healthcare community dedicated to capturing and disseminating the best evidence-based ideas and practices. WISH is an initiative of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and is under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, its Chairperson.

The inaugural WISH Summit took place in Doha in 2013 and convened more than 1,000 global healthcare leaders. Through international summits and a range of ongoing initiatives, WISH is creating a global community of leading innovators in healthcare policy, research and industry.

Together, they are harnessing the power of innovation to overcome the world's most urgent healthcare challenges and inspire other stakeholders to action.

Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is a non-profit organization that supports Qatar on its journey to becoming a diversified and sustainable economy. QF strives to serve the people of Qatar and beyond by providing specialized programs across its innovation-focused ecosystem of education, science and research, and community development.

QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with quality education. Today, QF's world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level, enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation's development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

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