DIFI HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PARENTING, CHILD WELL-BEING AND DEVELOPMENT

QF Member Provides Platform to Discuss Challenges Facing Qatari Families

Doha, Qatar, May 14, 2018: Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation (QF), is to hold its international conference titled 'Parenting, Child Wellbeing, and Development' in collaboration with UNICEF-MENARO at the Qatar National Convention Centre on October 23-24.

The conference will highlight the importance of investing in parents and parenting strategies, programs, laws, and policies at all levels. It will identify the different approaches adopted by governments around the world to support parents and promote positive parenting practices. The conference will also present and discuss evidence on the main challenges facing parents and possible responses to them. It will promote parenting-specific policies and programs to support parents and caregivers. In addition, it will identify and showcase examples of evidence-based and innovative parenting programs from around the world.

The DIFI International Conference will propose section themes on parenting matters, including supporting working parents, parenting in humanitarian settings, and parental conflict and absence. In addition to the opportunities and challenges of parenting in the digital era, investing in parenting education programs, parenting children living with disabilities and behavioural problems, and parenting across the Arab region.

The event will provide a platform for policy-makers, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of civil society organizations from around the world to discuss and debate parenting issues and propose interventions to support parenting.

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Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

The Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), was established in 2006. The Institute works to strengthen the family through the development and dissemination of high quality research on Arab families, encouraging knowledge exchange on issues relevant to the family and making the family a priority to policy makers through advocacy and outreach at the national, regional and international levels. Among the Institute's most important initiatives are the Annual Conference on the Family; and the OSRA Research Grant in collaboration with the Qatar National Research Fund, an annual research grant which encourages

research related to the Arab family and family policy. The Institute has special consultative status with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, 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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