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## ROOTED IN TRADITION... RISING WITH INNOVATION

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## Message from the President

### **Dear Wolves,**

Welcome to the twenty-sixth issue of our **UDST POST**.

As the calendar turns to a new year, we find ourselves filled with hope and ambition. It's a time to set plans in motion, make resolutions, and envision the goals we aim to achieve. At University of Doha for Science and Technology, we welcome this year with a renewed commitment to innovation, discovery, and progress.

This year promises to be a transformative one, as we set our sights on pushing the boundaries of research in alignment with Qatar's Third National Development Strategy. Our ambitions are high, but our determination is even higher. The foundation for success has already been laid in the first term, with remarkable achievements from our students, faculty, and staff. From winning prestigious competitions to representing UDST on global stages such as the World Food Forum, we've demonstrated excellence at every turn.

Our dedication goes beyond academia. We take pride in giving back to the community through a series of open-access webinars hosted by our Continuing and

Professional Education Directorate. These webinars cover a wide range of topics, reflecting our mission to share knowledge and contribute meaningfully to society.

In this issue, you'll witness how UDST celebrates Qatar National Day, an occasion that symbolizes our deep respect for traditions and our profound commitment to a brighter future. Our celebration is a reflection of who we are as a university: rooted in heritage yet constantly striving for progress.

As we look ahead, our plans are only growing bigger and bolder. With the energy and motivation rekindled from the recent break, we are ready to move forward together. Let's embrace this new chapter with optimism, innovation, and a shared vision for success.

**Dr. Salem Al-Naemi**  
**President,**  
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## University of Doha for Science and Technology Commemorates Qatar National Day with Cultural and Educational Festivities

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) recently celebrated Qatar National Day with a vibrant event that brought together students, faculty members, staff and their families to honor the Nation's rich heritage and values. The celebration featured a series of cultural and educational activities aimed at fostering national pride and unity.

Reflecting on the importance of the occasion, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST said: "Qatar National Day is a time to celebrate our nation's achievements and reflect on the values of unity, resilience, and progress. It reminds us of the vision that drives Qatar forward and the collective efforts that have brought us to where we are today. At UDST, we take pride in our role in preparing the next generation of leaders across various industries, equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to achieving the Nation's vision and continue its success."

The event featured a vibrant display of cultural booths, celebrating Qatar's rich heritage and showcasing its remarkable achievements. Also, a photo gallery highlighted key milestones, offering a deeper insight into the Nation's journey of progress and innovation.

The celebration featured a variety of engaging activities, including a student poem recitation by Abdallah Ahmed from the College of Health Sciences that paid tribute to the country's history, and a traditional Qatari attire fashion show that highlighted its cultural heritage. Furthermore, an interactive contest added an element of fun and excitement to the day, while a screening of





the film "Ode to Our Land" provided a cinematic tribute to Qatar's journey and its people. Attendees also had time to connect and try traditional Qatari cuisine, which created a sense of community and togetherness.

This celebration was not only a tribute to the nation but also a reflection of UDST's dedication to shaping a future inspired by Qatar National Vision 2030. By instilling a sense of unity and responsibility among its community, UDST reaffirmed its role as a national institution devoted to innovation, excellence, and progress.



## Expanding Global Collaboration

As part of the historic visit by His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of the State of Qatar to the United Kingdom, University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) proudly announced the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with two prestigious UK institutions: the University of Oxford and Cranfield University.

These agreements hold great significance for Qatar at the educational level, supporting international collaboration to advance academic cooperation and technological excellence.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, expressed his enthusiasm: “These agreements open new horizons for innovation and applied research that will greatly benefit our students, faculty, and the broader Qatari community. Such partnerships embody UDST’s commitment to fostering international collaboration and preparing the next generation of leaders who will drive progress in Qatar and beyond. We are honored to cement these ties in the presence of His Highness the Amir of Qatar, further strengthening Qatar’s global presence in education and research.”



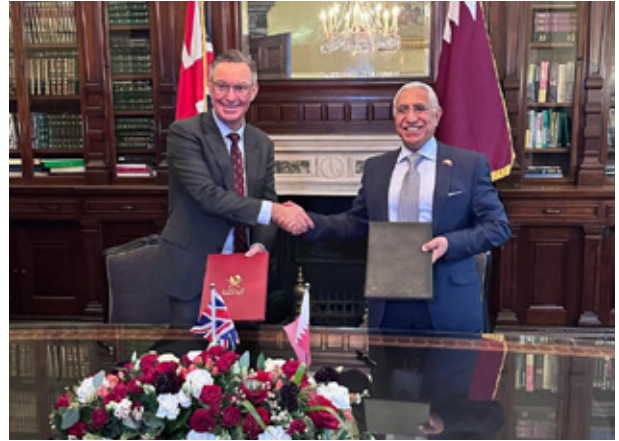
University of Oxford

UDST has partnered with the Chancellor Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford to establish a locally-led regional coordination center for The Global Health Network (TGHN). This initiative will bolster research capacity in Qatar, promote knowledge exchange, and facilitate regional training programs such as workshops and research clubs. The agreement emphasizes sharing resources, conducting research needs assessments, and fostering collaborations that strengthen the healthcare research landscape.



Professor Trudie Lang, Head of The Global Health Network said: “The Global Health Network is proud to collaborate with the University of Doha Science and Technology (UDST). It is an honour to welcome UDST to The Global Health Network Middle East and North Africa programme to build research and data science capacity within health systems in the region. The focus will be to integrate research within healthcare practice by facilitating workplace-based learning, local research support activities and professional development for research teams. This will then translate to equity in where research happens, who leads it and who benefits from it.”





### Strengthening Academic Excellence with Cranfield University

The MoU with Cranfield University lays the groundwork for robust academic cooperation. It spans research and education links and builds aerospace capabilities at UDST, as well as facilitates academic staff and student collaborations. Professor Dame Helen Atkinson, DBE FREng, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Sciences, commented: "We're delighted to begin working more closely with UDST. Strengthening our global academic and research links is crucial in addressing some of the pressing challenges we all face, such as skills requirements and innovation to deliver sustainability initiatives. I look forward to developing our relationship further."



### Driving Digital Innovation with Cisco

In a strategic move to integrate cutting-edge technology into its educational offerings, UDST has strengthened its agreement with Cisco. The collaboration focuses on expanding the program in Qatar, providing students and educators with up-to-date training in computer networking and related fields. This partnership reinforces UDST's commitment to equipping students with industry-relevant skills for the digital age.

The collaborations align seamlessly with Qatar National Vision 2030, focusing on enhancing research, innovation, and capacity-building initiatives that contribute to the nation's sustainable development and advance a knowledge-based economy.





## Participating in the World Food Forum to Address Global Food Security

UDST took part in the World Food Forum (WFF), organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Municipality and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The event brought together global stakeholders to discuss innovative solutions for advancing sustainable agrifood systems and tackling food security challenges.

UDST's participation included active involvement in discussions on critical topics such as food investment, science and innovation, youth engagement, family farming, indigenous food systems, and water management. These conversations emphasized the importance of collaboration in promoting sustainable practices and strengthening local and international capacity as well as contributing towards Qatar's National Vision 2030.







## Successfully Hosting iCOBLET 2024

CCIT hosted iCOBLET2024, a hybrid event focused on bridging the gap between bioinformatics Learning, Education, Training (LET), and research. Hosted in collaboration with the Global Organisation for Bioinformatics Learning, Education, and Training (GOBLET), the colloquium embraced the “Harnessing Bioinformatics Education for Sustainable Innovation” theme.

The event brought together experts, educators, and researchers to explore the latest advancements shaping life and health sciences. Highlights included keynote talks, flash presentations, expert panels, and the highly anticipated EduThon providing a platform for participants to propose innovative solutions to address the grand challenges in bioinformatics education and training.

Additionally, attendees participated in 8 hands-on workshops, fostering skill development in bioinformatics techniques like RNA-seq analysis, computer-aided drug design, and the integration of generative AI into bioinformatics pedagogy, among others. The colloquium also served as a networking platform, culminating in the 13<sup>th</sup> GOBLET Annual General Meeting, which, over the past decade, has shaped the future of global bioinformatics LET.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, highlighted the importance of bioinformatics, recognizing its critical roles in advancing medical discoveries.



## Hosting and Organizing an IEEE Conference on Smart Communities Advancing Innovation in AI, Robotics, and IoT

UDST hosted IEEE 2024 Conference on Smart Communities (HONET), a premier global forum dedicated to advancing research and innovation in optical networking, communication technologies, and their applications across diverse industries. The event brought together global experts to discuss the latest advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotics, Internet of Things (IoT), and smart solutions for enhancing quality of life.

This year's conference provided a platform for knowledge exchange and innovation, featuring keynote presentations, technical sessions, and groundbreaking symposia on urban mobility, e-healthcare, and secure AI applications.

The three-day conference brought together researchers, academics, and industry leaders from across the globe, serving as a testament to UDST's growing reputation as a leading hub for applied technical and vocational excellence.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, expressed that this event aligns with the Economic Development and Human Development pillars of Qatar National Vision 2030, which emphasizes the importance of technological advancements. We are proud to have witnessed meaningful discussions and research exploring various technological methodologies that could benefit the society and support the economy.



## Joining ASME Student Section Community

UDST is excited to announce the launch of its new Student Section, officially joining the global ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) Student Section community. This move connects UDST to over 600 student sections worldwide, marking a significant step in the university's commitment to enhancing the educational experience for its mechanical engineering and engineering technology students.

UDST's Student Section will support students by organizing technical workshops, developing communication skills, and offering networking opportunities with alumni and industry leaders. Students will also engage in volunteer work and collaborate with other engineering disciplines. Through these initiatives, UDST aims to prepare students for successful careers in engineering and emphasizes its dedication to student growth and global engagement.



## Complimentary First Aid Training for Local NGOs



UDST through its CPE, proudly conducted a complimentary first aid training course for employees and representatives of local non-governmental organizations (NGOs). This initiative is part of UDST's ongoing commitment to community engagement, aimed at equipping individuals and organizations with essential life-saving skills.

The training brought together participants from 4 organizations—Qatar News Agency (QNA), Ehsan, Qatar Cancer Society (QCS), and Al Noor—reflecting UDST's dedication to building partnerships and initiatives that promote community well-being and safety. The course covered fundamental first aid techniques, empowering NGO employees to respond effectively to emergencies and support their missions to serve society.

This initiative highlights CPE Directorate's role in empowering local organizations through practical, skill-based training and highlights UDST's commitment to strengthening community engagement. By offering these trainings, UDST reaffirms its dedication to lifelong learning and its mission to support the broader community in achieving growth and development.





## Engineering Students Secure Top Honors in QChem's 2024 Cryogenic Ethylene Storage Challenge

UDST Engineering students achieved outstanding success at Qatar Chemical Company's (QChem) 2024 Engineering Students Competition, earning both first and second places. This prestigious event focused on designing a safe and efficient cryogenic ethylene storage system, challenging participants to address the technical complexities of accommodating a 50% increase in ethylene feed at a major chemical plant.

UDST teams, comprising senior students from mechanical, electrical, and chemical engineering disciplines, collaborated to develop innovative solutions. They submitted comprehensive design proposals, conducted thorough risk assessments, and presented their ideas to a panel of industry experts, impressing judges with their technical knowledge and creativity.

This remarkable achievement underscores UDST's commitment to providing students with real-world experience and fostering innovation in engineering, safety, and sustainability within the chemical industry. It also highlights the university's role in preparing future engineers to excel in addressing industry challenges and driving progress in Qatar's industrial sector.





## 3<sup>rd</sup> CCIT Scientific Breakfast Highlights Synergy with Media Stakeholders

The 3<sup>rd</sup> CCIT Scientific Breakfast focused on exploring the synergy between the CCIT's DCMP program and media stakeholders in Qatar. The event brought together key figures from the media industry, including representatives from Qatar News Agency, Qatar Media Corporation, Al Jazeera Media Institute, Al Jazeera Media Network, and the Doha Film Institute, alongside CCIT leadership and a UHUB representative.

Discussions centered on enhancing collaboration between CCIT and media entities to strengthen innovation and drive growth within Qatar's media sector. Notably, CCIT already holds MoUs with Qatar Media Corporation, Al Jazeera Media Institute, and Doha Film Institute, strengthening their partnerships.



## Securing First Place in Qatar for the Second Consecutive Year in Charity Week 2024



UDST proudly secured the leading position in fundraising during Charity Week 2024, raising an exceptional QAR 114,753.25. This marks the second consecutive year that UDST has achieved the highest total among participating universities and schools in Qatar. Charity Week is a global initiative that unites communities worldwide to support orphans and underserved children, guided by shared Islamic and humanitarian values. In Qatar, the event is conducted in collaboration with Education Above All, involving over 23 educational institutions.

The week-long fundraising efforts at UDST were led by students, in collaboration with the Student Engagement Department, a part of Student Affairs. The team organized a variety of creative activities and initiatives that engaged the entire UDST community.

This achievement highlights the University's commitment to social responsibility and its ability to unite students, faculty, and staff in making a meaningful impact. UDST's success during Charity Week continues to inspire collaboration and generosity, setting a standard for future fundraising initiatives.

This year, the Qatar Charity Week Team, which involved many prominent schools, colleges, and universities in Qatar, collectively raised an impressive total of QAR 349,864.81.



## MoU with Constructor Institute of Technology, Switzerland



UDST signed an MoU with Constructor Institute of Technology based in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, to strengthen academic collaboration and drive innovative research opportunities. The online signing ceremony took place in Doha, with the participation of Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, and Prof. Dr. Manuel Oriol, President of Constructor Institute of Technology.

This MoU formalizes collaboration between the two institutions across multiple areas, including academic staff and student exchanges, joint research programs, and project-based collaborative activities. Furthermore, the MoU aims to promote the organization of joint events, such as conferences, seminars, and workshops, and includes special admission privileges for UDST-recommended students into Constructor Institute of Technology's academic programs, featuring tailored support and reduced tuition fees.

The MoU reflects UDST's commitment to building global partnerships and advancing Qatar's National Vision 2030 through strategic collaborations in education, research, and innovation.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, mentioned that collaborations like this with Constructor Institute reinforce UDST's position as a leader in applied education and innovation in Qatar.





## Hosting Collaborative Event on Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Engineering

UDST, in collaboration with the University of Chemnitz (Germany) and Jordan University, hosted an inspiring event focused on innovation and sustainability. The week featured engaging entrepreneurship workshops on the Business Model Canvas (BMC), aimed at equipping students and faculty with essential business skills.

Participants also attended cutting-edge tech training sessions on drones and AI applications in disaster management and agriculture. The event culminated in student showcases, where students presented groundbreaking ideas in AI, IoT, and sustainable engineering. This collaboration reinforced UDST's commitment to shaping the next generation of innovators, working together for a sustainable future.



## Awarding Scholarships to Outstanding Student-Athletes



UDST proudly recognized the outstanding achievements of its student-athletes in a special ceremony. The event honored exceptional individuals who excelled in both academics and athletics, reflecting the University's dedication to excellence across all areas of student life.

The ceremony, organized by UDST's Sport and Wellness Directorate, was attended by Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, along with faculty, staff, varsity athletes, and coaches. Male and female athletes representing basketball, volleyball, football, cricket, and swimming were celebrated for their discipline, perseverance, and accomplishments.

The event featured the presentation of two scholarship tiers: the Credit Award, which recognizes athletes who earned their place on UDST's elite varsity teams through hard work, and the Varsity Scholarship Award, which celebrates the highest level of achievement in both academics and athletics. Over 80 players received the Credit Award, which grants three credits per term in recognition for their dedication to varsity sports. Meanwhile, the Varsity Scholarship Award provides full tuition coverage and a monthly stipend of QAR 1,000, demonstrating the University's appreciation for exceptional academic and athletic performance.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, praised UDST's collective efforts not only in advancing their own personal and academic growth but also in contributing to the development of the community as a whole, reinforcing the University's commitment to creating a positive and impactful environment for all.

## Annual Gala Dinner: A Nostalgic Celebration of Excellence



UDST hosted its Annual Gala Dinner with an exciting 80s theme, bringing the university community together for a night of celebration, appreciation, and retro-inspired fun. Attendees embraced the vibrant spirit of the decade with themed décor, music, and attire, creating an unforgettable atmosphere.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, opened the evening with a speech reflecting on the university's remarkable achievements and expressing heartfelt gratitude to staff for their dedication and contributions.

The event featured a recognition ceremony honoring employees who embodied UDST's values, live performances, an engaging 80s-inspired video quiz and testing attendees' knowledge of the decade with questions about iconic movies, music, and trends. The night concluded with a delightful dinner, celebrating the UDST family in true retro style.



## Mo Eraky Inspires UDST Students



UDST's Foundation Program hosted Keynote Speaker, Mo Eraky, Founder of 'MOve'. Along with helping its students in their academic journey, UDST promotes their physical and emotional wellbeing as well. This event was open to the UDST community and was a terrific way to start off our series of speakers.

Held on campus, this inspirational talk followed Mo's journey from his physical activities as a youth to dragon boating with a local team for the past ten years. He spoke of how Covid, and a cancer diagnosis, changed what he was able to do and his need to find a different physical activity that would allow him to be outside during the pandemic and stay motivated.

From his desire to be active and his need to include a social element to all that he does, Mo started MOve and Baby Steps Marathon, which teach participants to go from walking one kilometer to walking or running in marathons. With his quick wit and ability to engage his audience, Mo encouraged students to join him in his next activity and to live a healthy, active lifestyle stating that one step at a time is the road to success. Students gathered around him at the end of his presentation to find out when the next meet up would be in order to join him. A clear sign that he had reached their hearts and soon, we hope, their feet!

Dragon Boat  
here we go.



## Professional Development Days 2024: A Success in Educational Innovation

The Professional Development Days showcased Disruptive Innovation in Education: Introducing New and Engaging Learning Environments, providing educators with an opportunity to explore cutting-edge strategies for modern teaching. Building on the success of the March 2024 event, sessions focused on micro-credentials, generative AI, hybrid learning, and curriculum innovation.

The program included expert panels, workshops, and engaging discussions. Highlights featured a panel on micro-credentialing with international speakers from UDST, Harvard, and Ottawa University, as well as sessions on AI policy, interactive learning, and student success tools like Navigate360.

Breakout sessions explored topics such as creating educational comics with AI, innovative STEM techniques, and advancing research. The event fostered collaboration and inspired transformative approaches in education.







## “Move Smart” Event for World Sustainable Transport Day

The University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) hosted the inspirational educational learning event “Move Smart” in celebration of World Sustainable Transport Day. The event, held on campus, covered a range of topics including smart mobility, sustainable transportation, and eco-friendly alternatives. It welcomed the entire UDST community as well as representatives from the Eco-school network in Qatar.

### A Focus on Sustainability and Smart Mobility

Sustainability in transportation was the primary theme of the morning, with presentations designed to engage and inform attendees on the latest developments in Qatar’s sustainable transport initiatives. The agenda of “Move Smart” balanced informative sessions with interactive activities, offering a well-rounded experience that encouraged critical thinking about the future of transport.



### Inspiring Leadership and Expert Presentations

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, emphasized the importance of sustainability in transportation. His remarks highlighted the significance of promoting creativity and sustainability in education. Presentations included Mr. Mohamed Amine Benouar’s insights on how AI can shape the future of traffic in Qatar, and Mr. Setrak Khatchikian’s session on sustainable transport solutions. Dr. Raja Mazuir Shah also addressed the challenges and opportunities in electrifying mobility systems.



### Hands-On Learning and Innovation

The event also featured a solar-powered car competition, where students from high schools and UDST’s Technician Certificate Foundation Program assembled solar cars under tight deadlines, testing their critical thinking and teamwork skills. High school students and attendees over the age of 18 were given the opportunity to test drive a TESLA, gaining a firsthand experience of sustainable transport.

### Recognition and Future Opportunities

The event concluded with the announcement of three winning teams, who were celebrated for their outstanding contributions to sustainability. In addition to recognition, the winners were offered internships at UDST, providing a valuable opportunity to further their education and career in sustainable transportation.

The overwhelming support from attendees highlighted the collective aspiration for a greener future, reaffirming UDST’s commitment to fostering environmentally conscious leaders who will drive the future of sustainable transport.



## Our Entrepreneurs Empowered by Strategic Support: Key Highlights from UHUB's Recent Initiatives'

### November Entrepreneur-in-Residence: Wisam Costandi

UHUB was pleased to host Wisam Costandi as November's Entrepreneur-in-Residence. Wisam is a successful technology entrepreneur and investor, known for founding IQ, one of Qatar's largest technology solutions providers, and his latest venture, EMMA Systems, which focuses on innovation in the aviation industry. During his residency at UDST, Wisam shared key entrepreneurial insights with students. He stressed the importance of understanding your customers before creating any product, encouraged students to focus on launching their solution to the market with a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) rather than seeking perfection, and emphasized that failure is a natural part of the entrepreneurial process, offering valuable lessons for growth. Through practicum lectures, workshops, and mentorship office hours, Wisam shared his extensive local and international experience to support UDST students and faculty with valuable tools and insights, empowering them to build, launch, and operate their own business.



### Faisal Al-Yafie's Entrepreneurial Journey Featured on Steve Mackie's Podcast

In a special episode of *The I Wanna GROW Podcast* hosted by Steve Mackie, Faisal Al-Yafie, a promising UHUB entrepreneur, shares his inspiring journey from a curious student to a thriving business founder. With UHUB's mentorship and resources, Faisal successfully launched an AI-driven fashion startup that reimagines how technology can enhance the fashion industry. During the podcast, Faisal reflects on the challenges he faced, the pivotal moments that shaped his entrepreneurial mindset, and the lessons he learned along the way. He highlights how UHUB provided essential support, helping him to navigate the complexities of starting and scaling a business. Faisal also discusses his innovative use of AI in fashion, showcasing how technology can revolutionize wearable solutions. Beyond his success, he passionately shares advice and encouragement for aspiring entrepreneurs, inspiring others to pursue their dreams with confidence.

*The I Wanna GROW Podcast* by Steve Mackie aims to bridge the gap in Qatar's entrepreneurial ecosystem by providing a platform for innovators, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders to share their stories, challenges, and solutions. This episode offers valuable insights and motivation for anyone passionate about entrepreneurship and innovation.





**UDST Students Shine at QSTP AI Week, Securing 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Ride & Pitch Competition**

UHUB participated in the QSTP AI Week 2024, showcasing AI-driven student startups. The booth provided a platform for engaging with visitors, demonstrate AI's transformative potential, and connect with fellow innovators. UDST teams dominated the QSTP Ride & Pitch Competition, securing two of the top three spots. *Trash-E*, a team focused on AI-driven waste management, claimed 1<sup>st</sup> place for their solution that enhances the efficiency and sustainability of waste collection processes, aligning with Qatar's sustainability goals. *Sharkband*, represented by Wahed Sheikh and Faisal Al Yafei, secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place with their AI-powered wearable tech solution that designed to improve user experience and daily activities. These victories highlight the exceptional entrepreneurial talent at UDST and their ability to develop innovative solutions, inspiring others to confidently pursue entrepreneurial ventures.

**UHUB Co-Facilitates Scaling Blueprints for Green Business Models at Rowad Conference**

UHUB provided a co-facilitator for the Scaling Blueprints for Green Business Models workshop at the Rowad Entrepreneurship Conference and Arab SMEs Summit. The workshop delved into the factors that drove the success of specific green business models. Participants explored how key success factors—such as system capacity, data analytics levels, and collection efficiency—varied across different models. The session involved a hands-on approach, where participants were introduced to high-impact and high-growth business opportunities in green solutions. They worked in groups to review detailed business model descriptions and blueprints, focusing on key success factors and potential impacts. The session concluded with an exchange of insights and results among the groups, providing participants with practical strategies to scale their green businesses effectively and attract the right investment to drive sustainable growth. Connecting Students with Startup Opportunities at UDST Career Fair



UHUB's participation in the UDST Career Fair 2024 was a strategic initiative aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and innovation among students. By encouraging students to explore entrepreneurship as a career path, UHUB is dedicated to cultivating a new generation of innovators. The fair served as an opportunity for UHUB to scout for talented individuals and connect them with existing UHUB startups. Students had the chance to explore internship opportunities, part-time roles, or even the possibility of joining as co-founders, contributing to the growth and success of these startups.

### UHUB Mentors at Qatar University's Entrepreneurial Showcase Event

UHUB mentors recently participated in Qatar University's Entrepreneurial Showcase Event, organized by the Foundation Program and the Centre for Entrepreneurship. The event featured 82 student business ideas, where students presented their concepts and business plans.

UHUB mentors played a key role by offering valuable feedback and guidance, assisting students in refining their ideas and strengthening their business models. Their insights emphasized the importance of mentorship in the entrepreneurial journey and supported students in developing actionable strategies for future growth.

This collaboration highlights UHUB's commitment to nurturing young entrepreneurs and fostering innovation within Qatar's academic ecosystem.



### UDST Entrepreneurs Meet Local and International Mentors from DMZ at UHUB Session

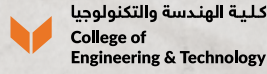
As part of UHUB's commitment to fostering innovation and supporting its startups, a session was held with local mentors and the international partner DMZ, an esteemed incubator renowned for its expertise in nurturing startups. The session introduced students and faculty members to the vast pool of mentors and technical expertise available through the UHUB network.

This strategic initiative aimed to connect UDST entrepreneurs with both local and international mentors, providing essential guidance across various industries, including AI, Agritech, Fashion, App Development, and more.

Following the session, students had the opportunity to learn and practice pitching skills with feedback from participating mentors. This valuable pitching exercise allowed participants to hone their verbal presentation skills. The mentors provided insights into the strengths and areas for improvement in their pitches, emphasizing the importance of clear, compelling communication when presenting innovative ideas.

This collaborative session was a significant step in equipping UDST startups with the tools and knowledge needed to refine their ideas, optimize their strategies, and increase their chances of success in the competitive startup ecosystem.





In collaboration with the British Embassy, Doha and the University of Reading we are delighted to invite you to

## Sustainable Organic Waste Management & **ZERO WASTE** Innovations Symposium

The symposium will bring together researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, and environmental advocates to discuss the latest trends, technologies, and policies aimed at achieving sustainable waste management and zero-waste goals.

In addition to featuring insightful discussions, the symposium will showcase the collaborative initiative between UDST and the University of Reading in the field of organic composting.

Our goal is to inspire and empower participants to contribute to a more sustainable and waste-free future.



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