



PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR GENERATIONS

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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

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

As we step into the blessed month of Ramadan, we embrace a time of reflection, fasting, and drawing closer to God in every way. It is a period that reminds us of the true essence of life: compassion, gratitude, and the importance of human connection.

At UDST, we believe that innovation and technology are not just tools for advancement but powerful means to serve others and help them overcome challenges. This is the perfect moment to reaffirm the value of humanity beyond material pursuits and recognize that the greatest impact of our work and research is in serving people and making a difference in their lives.

In this issue, you will witness UDST's impactful presence at major events, such as the Web Summit 2025, one of the world's leading technology conferences, and the AgriteQ Exhibition, a premier platform for showcasing agricultural innovations and promoting collaboration in sustainability and food security. This year's AgriteQ was

further elevated by the esteemed visit of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, highlighting Qatar's commitment to a sustainable future.

Additionally, our students and faculty continue to make us proud, achieving outstanding results in competitions and earning well-deserved recognitions. Their dedication reflects the true spirit of excellence that defines UDST.

As we embrace this month of giving and reflection, let's make it count; count our blessings, count the help we extend to others, and count the knowledge we share to uplift our communities. Remember, education is one of the greatest blessings, and it carries the responsibility to serve humanity wherever we are.

Wishing you all a Ramadan filled with peace, purpose, and generosity.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi
President,
University of Doha for Science and Technology



Showcasing Cultural Heritage at Festival of Cultures 2025

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) was thrilled to host its much-anticipated Festival of Cultures, a celebration of the university's rich diversity. The event, held in the heart of the UDST campus, brought together students, faculty, and guests from the wider community to experience a dynamic showcase of cultural heritage, traditions, and artistic expressions from across the globe. The festival was attended by Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST and distinguished guests, including ambassadors and members of official delegations.

Organized by Student Engagement, a division of Student Affairs, the festival highlighted UDST's dedication to inclusivity and cultural exchange. The festival featured over 1300 student participants representing 24 countries, including Qatar, Palestine, Jordan, the Philippines, Sudan, Indonesia, Pakistan, Morocco, Nigeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, Bangladesh, Syria, and India, among others.

The festival program included a flag walk and a vibrant lineup of cultural performances from participating countries, each showcasing their nation's unique artistic and musical traditions. A key highlight of the festival was the interactive country booths, where students proudly displayed their heritage through traditional attire, culinary delights, and immersive cultural exhibits.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, said: "We instill in our students the values of belonging, respect, openness to diverse cultures, and embracing differences. This annual festival is a true reflection of these principles, nurturing cultural exchange, strengthening peer collaboration, engaging with the local community, and celebrating diversity as an invaluable asset. University of Doha for Science and Technology is honored to be a national

educational institution that unites the world within its campus, with more than 85 nationalities represented. It is a small-scale representation of Qatar itself, a nation that has warmly welcomed people from all backgrounds, embracing unity, solidarity, and a shared sense of belonging."

In addition to the cultural showcases, the event included a special awards presentation recognizing the efforts of participating students.

Awards included Best Booth, with India winning in the Asia category, Mozambique in Africa, and Qatar in the Middle East. The Best Performance award went to the Philippines for Asia, Nigeria for Africa, and Jordan for the Middle East. Additional categories also recognized the exceptional talent and creativity within the University community.

As UDST continues to champion multiculturalism and global awareness, the Festival of Cultures remains a flagship event, leveraging meaningful interactions and a sense of belonging among students from different backgrounds. The University looks forward to continuing this cherished tradition in the years to come.





Celebrating National Sport Day 2025 with an Inclusive Program of Activities for All

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) proudly celebrated National Sport Day 2025, presenting a dynamic lineup of activities and competitions in collaboration with esteemed partners such as Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), BeBasketball, and TnT Athletics. The event saw the participation of H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al-Naimi, President of QCSF, and the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, along with Dr. Mohammed Yousef Al-Mulla Vice-Chair of UDST Board of Trustees and Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, students, staff, their families, and members of the broader community.

As a FISU Platinum Certified Healthy Campus, UDST's participation in National Sport Day reflects its strategic commitment to wellness, active living, and community engagement. The event reinforces UDST's leadership in integrating sports and wellness into education, aligning with Qatar National Vision 2030 to promote a healthier society.

The campus was transformed into vibrant sports and wellness zones, offering a diverse array of events catering to attendees of all ages and interests. This year's program emphasized inclusivity and fun, while promoting the values of teamwork, health, and fitness.

Highlights of the day included a Family Walk/Run, which was a group activity to explore the campus and promote family bonding. The PSG Kids Football Tournament brought youthful energy to the grass pitch with engaging matches. Basketball and Volleyball challenges allowed enthusiastic players to showcase their skills in friendly yet competitive games. Fitness Obstacle Courses and SpinFit Classes tested attendees' strength, stamina, and coordination. Fun Zones

and Kids Activities delighted the youngest participants. Interactive Tennis, Padel, Cricket, and Badminton Try-It Sessions provided guests with a chance to explore new sports.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, expressed his enthusiasm, stating: "At UDST, sport and wellness are key to developing well-rounded individuals, prepared to excel both academically and in life. Qatar National Sport Day goes beyond just physical activity, it nurtures unity and community, bringing people together to enjoy healthy, meaningful experiences. This celebration reflects our shared commitment to health and well-being, which are essential elements of the Qatar National Vision 2030. Through events like these, we aim to inspire a culture of wellness that empowers our community to live healthier, more balanced lives."

Anthony Martin, Director of UDST's Sport and Wellness Directorate, added, "Our program this year was curated with diversity in mind. From team competitions to individual challenges, we ensured there was something for everyone. It's always rewarding to see our community come together to celebrate fitness and companionship."

Beyond National Sport Day, UDST continues to drive year-round wellness initiatives, leveraging its state-of-the-art facilities, including swimming pools, football fields, tennis and padel courts, cricket grounds, an E-Sport Arena, and a Spin Studio. The university's expanding varsity program and sports scholarship opportunities also reinforce its dedication to athletic excellence alongside academic success.



Participating in Qatar's 12th International Agricultural Exhibition: The Role of AI in Boosting Agricultural Efficiency

UDST proudly participated in the 12th Qatar International Agricultural Exhibition, a key event dedicated to advancing sustainability, innovation, and economic growth in the agricultural sector. The exhibition served as a platform for industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers to explore cutting-edge solutions that enhance productivity and environmental stewardship.

As part of its involvement, UDST supported Mohamad Salah Amine's participation, where he delivered a lecture titled "The Importance of AI in Enhancing Economic Efficiency in Farms." Presented in Arabic, the session examined how artificial intelligence, including machine learning, data analytics, and automation, is transforming modern farming practices.

Beyond the lecture, UDST's presence at the exhibition promoted discussions on the role of technology in agriculture, highlighting its commitment to research-driven solutions that promote sustainability and economic efficiency. Through active engagement with industry professionals and visitors, the university reaffirmed its role in driving innovation and supporting the future of agricultural development.

UHUB Business Incubator Participated in Web Summit 2025



UDST made a significant impact at Web Summit 2025, one of the world's leading technology conferences, by showcasing its commitment to innovation, entrepreneurship, and university-based startup success.

Through its UHUB business incubator, UDST hosted workshops, discussions, and networking events, connecting entrepreneurs, investors, and industry leaders. Sessions focused on commercializing academic research, securing funding, and scaling university projects into viable businesses. The "Meet the Startups Showcase" provided UHUB entrepreneurs with a platform to pitch ideas, while "Speed Networking with Mentors and Investors" facilitated strategic connections.

By engaging with global innovators and thought leaders, UDST reinforced its position as a hub for entrepreneurial excellence. The university's presence at the summit not only elevated its profile on the international stage but also opened new avenues for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and future growth in the tech and startup ecosystem.



Dr. Salem Al-Naemi Contributes to Seatrade Maritime Conference on Building a Futureproof Local Talent Pool



Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, actively participated in the recent Seatrade Maritime conference, contributing to both a panel discussion and a roundtable on the future of Qatar's maritime talent pool.

In the panel discussion, Dr. Al-Naemi addressed the rapid technological advancements transforming the maritime industry, such as automation and digitalization. He emphasized the importance of remaining ahead of these trends by continuously updating curricula and skill development programs. He highlighted the need for significant investment in infrastructure and educational tools like smart ports and virtual training to drive growth in the sector.

Dr. Al-Naemi discussed the role of local institutions, industry stakeholders, and government bodies in building a competitive workforce. He stressed Qatar's Vision 2030 as a guiding force for developing homegrown talent and encouraged greater participation of Qatari youth in the maritime sector, ensuring they are prepared to lead in adopting innovative technologies.



Students Showcase Innovation at Shell Eco-marathon

For the first time, the Shell Eco-marathon for the Asia-Pacific and Middle East region was held in Qatar, with students from UDST making a strong debut. Demonstrating their engineering expertise and commitment to sustainability, students from the College of Engineering and Technology built two eco-friendly vehicles in under four months, one powered by electricity and the other by ethanol.

The UDST team, which included 30 engineering students, among them several Qatari participants, worked alongside faculty members to develop energy-efficient solutions. Their participation highlighted the university's dedication to innovation and sustainability, aligning with global efforts to address future energy consumption challenges.

By competing in this prestigious event, UDST students demonstrated their technical capabilities on an international stage, reinforcing the university's role as a hub for research, innovation, and sustainable engineering advancements.





Pinning Ceremony to Honor Future Healthcare Professionals

UDST celebrated its latest cohort of healthcare graduates with a prestigious Pinning Ceremony, marking their transition from students to professional healthcare practitioners. The event honored their dedication, academic achievements, and hands-on clinical training, symbolized by the ceremonial pin, a testament to their commitment to excellence in patient care.

The ceremony highlighted the growing impact of UDST's College of Health Sciences, which has seen a 35% increase in enrollment over the past three years. Graduates are now prepared to enter Qatar's dynamic healthcare sector, supported by strategic partnerships with Hamad Medical Corporation, Sidra Medicine, and Primary Health Care Corporation.

As they embark on their professional journeys, these graduates carry forward UDST's mission of shaping a future driven by innovation, compassionate care, and medical excellence.



Our Students Shine at GCC Cybersecurity Conference Capture the Flag Competition



UDST is proud to announce that two of its students, Abdulla Al Dossari and Mohammed Al-Naama, played pivotal roles in their teams' success at the recent GCC Cybersecurity Conference's Capture the Flag (CTF) competition. This event challenged participants with real-world cybersecurity scenarios, testing their problem-solving abilities, teamwork, and technical expertise.

The competition brought together top students from across the GCC, with each country selecting six students to form diverse teams, each comprising one student from each GCC nation. Representing Qatar, Abdulla and Mohammed were instrumental in their teams securing first and second places, respectively. Their outstanding contributions not only highlight their individual talents but also the quality of education and training provided by UDST in the field of cybersecurity.



Recognized as CYSEC Cybersecurity Educator of the Year 2025



UDST proudly announces its recognition at the 2025 CYSEC Qatar event, where the university was honored with the “Cybersecurity Educator of the Year” award. The latter highlights UDST’s significant contributions to advancing cybersecurity education and its role in shaping the next generation of cybersecurity professionals.

UDST also had the opportunity to chair a panel discussion and engage with Google, Cisco, Kaspersky, and F5, exploring innovations and trends in the cybersecurity field.

CYSEC Qatar is an annual event that brings together more than 200 delegates from both the public and private sectors to collaborate on safeguarding Qatar’s digital infrastructure. The CYSEC Awards, among 13 categories, recognizes exceptional contributions to cybersecurity, with UDST being the sole academic institution honored this year for its outstanding educational programs in the field.



Healthcare Management Students Gain Hands-On Experience at Itqan and HMC

Healthcare Management Department at the College of Business at UDST, organized immersive field trips to the Itqan Clinical Simulation and Innovation Center, providing students with firsthand exposure to advanced healthcare technologies and simulation-based learning.

As part of the Healthcare Informatics course, students engaged with cutting-edge medical equipment and innovative healthcare practices. Itqan, recently accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, offered a world-class environment where participants developed critical skills in a high-tech, simulated setting.

By integrating hands-on training with theoretical learning, the initiative deepened students’ understanding of healthcare innovation and its applications. These field trips not only broadened their technical knowledge but also encouraged them to pursue careers in healthcare technology and management.





Celebrating International Day of Education with Engaging Activities

In celebration of the International Day of Education, UDST's Foundation Program hosted two engaging events that highlighted the institution's dedication to academic excellence and intellectual growth. Over 80 students participated in the activities, which included Quiz Quest and the Global Math Expedition.

Quiz Quest was a thrilling quiz night that encouraged teamwork and tested students' general knowledge and quick thinking. Meanwhile, the Global Math Expedition featured a round-robin format, challenging teams to solve mathematical problems, promoting critical thinking, collaboration, and strategic problem-solving skills.

These activities provided a fun and intellectually stimulating platform for students to engage with one another and apply their learning in dynamic ways. The celebration successfully combined entertainment with education, leaving participants with lasting memories and new insights.



Exploring the Evolution of Medical Imaging



The Medical Radiography Department at UDST recently hosted an engaging World Radiography Day event, bringing together students and faculty to explore the advancements in medical imaging. The day was filled with interactive challenges, hands-on simulations, and immersive experiences that connected historic breakthroughs with modern innovations.

Students participated in fun yet educational games that tested their clinical imaging knowledge, encouraging critical thinking. Simulation sessions allowed participants to engage with medical imaging technology, gaining practical experience.

The event featured various booths showcasing cutting-edge technologies. The MRI station offered a chance to hear the distinctive sounds of the powerful magnet, providing a unique patient perspective. At the ultrasound booth, students used simulators to explore anatomical structures in real-time. The interventional imaging station allowed participants to practice ultrasound-guided biopsies, demonstrating the precision of modern procedures.

The event highlighted the transformative role of medical imaging in healthcare and inspired future healthcare professionals to contribute to this evolving field.





Students Collaborate on Mobile App Projects for Ministry of Education and Higher Education Competition

UDST students recently partnered with Khadejah Bint Khuwailid and Al-Qadisiyah schools to develop three innovative mobile app projects for a competition organized by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The collaboration provided students with the opportunity to apply their technical expertise to real-world challenges. The projects included:

- An app designed to prevent teenagers and unauthorized individuals from driving.
- A machine learning-powered app aimed at helping elementary school students improve their pronunciation and overcome stuttering in Arabic.
- A QR code-based app for tracking students who have safely evacuated during emergencies or after leaving school.



Through this collaboration, UDST students gained hands-on experience in app development, while also addressing critical issues in education, safety, and technology. This initiative reflects UDST's commitment to providing students with practical learning experiences that prepare them to tackle the challenges of tomorrow.





UHUB's Entrepreneurial and Innovation Highlights

Empowering Innovation: Nayef Al-Ibrahim's Residency at UHUB

As UHUB's Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Nayef Al-Ibrahim, a Qatari entrepreneur and CEO of Ibtechar, led a series of insightful sessions on educational technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship. With over a decade of experience in tech-driven solutions, he provided hands-on workshops and one-on-one mentorship, equipping students with practical skills to navigate the evolving business landscape. Beyond his own expertise, Nayef invited industry professionals to share specialized knowledge, offering students a well-rounded perspective on building and sustaining successful ventures. His residency inspired aspiring entrepreneurs to think critically, innovate boldly, and take actionable steps toward transforming their ideas into impactful businesses.

Digitalization Journey at SMEs

Tasnim Hussain, a Digital Innovation Strategist at Ibtechar, led the Digitalization Journey at SMEs where she focused on the critical role of digital transformation and system-building in creating scalable and resilient businesses. Emphasizing that success lies in building efficient systems rather than personally delivering every service, Tasnim introduced a strategic framework balancing the roles of Entrepreneur, Technician, and Manager. She also explored the impact of digital tools like Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) systems in streamlining workflows and enhancing competitiveness.



Innovation Across Generations by Ibtechar

In a hands-on workshop, Einas, an Innovation Consultant at Ibtechar and a key member of Nayef Al-Ibrahim's team, she demonstrated how creativity and problem-solving can be adapted for diverse audiences, from young learners to professionals. Through interactive exercises, participants explored how mindset and adaptability drive innovation. Einas shared practical strategies for leveraging innovation in education, business, and community engagement.



Building an Investable Startup

In this workshop, Mal Filipowska, a startup growth and investment readiness expert, provided entrepreneurs with essential guidance on turning their ideas into fundable businesses. She emphasized the importance of strategy, scalability, and positioning for investors. Topics included crafting a compelling value proposition, structuring a scalable business model, identifying market opportunities, and understanding investor expectations. Through practical exercises, participants learned how to develop investor-ready business plans, refine pitch decks, and highlight key metrics that attract funding.

Entrepreneurship 101 Session by DMZ

The Entrepreneurship 101 session, designed for new UHUB joiners, was led by DMZ, UHUB's Canadian partner and a globally recognized startup incubator. This workshop offered a foundational roadmap for launching and growing a business. Participants learned key principles such as validating business ideas, building a strong value proposition, understanding market fit, and developing a scalable business model. The session also covered funding options, business growth strategies, and how to navigate challenges in the startup ecosystem.



Mini Pitching Competition: Sharpening Entrepreneurial Skills

This competition provided students with an opportunity to strengthen their pitching and persuasive communication skills, enabling them to present their startup ideas with clarity, confidence, and impact. Working in teams, students developed innovative business solutions to address real-world challenges, demonstrating their ability to identify market opportunities, design effective solutions, and craft compelling pitches. A panel of mentors and industry experts offered valuable feedback, helping participants improve their storytelling, refine their delivery, and communicate complex ideas effectively.



Collaborating to Bring Industry Challenges to Cybersecurity Master's Students

UHUB and CCIT teamed up with industry expert Wisam Contandi to provide master's level cybersecurity students with hands-on exposure to real-world challenges. Through discussions and interactive sessions, Wisam shared insights on the evolving threat landscape, industry best practices, and cybersecurity risk management strategies. Students analyzed case studies and developed problem-solving skills, gaining practical knowledge and strategic thinking.

UHUB & Alumni Affairs Collaboration: ADEER Workshop

In collaboration with Alumni Affairs, the ADEER Workshop introduced students to ADEER, an ERP platform designed for SMEs. Alumna Reema Al Kuwari shared insights from her entrepreneurial journey, explaining how she developed the platform and overcame challenges in bringing it to market. Students explored how ADEER can streamline business operations, enhance efficiency, and support growth, gaining valuable knowledge on leveraging digital tools for their own ventures.

UHUB's Treasure Hunt: Strengthening Entrepreneurial Mindsets Through Challenges

UHUB hosted its second Treasure Hunt Activity, engaging 50 participants across seven teams in a strategy-driven experience to enhance entrepreneurial thinking. The activity focused on business planning, scalability, and market strategy, with teams navigating challenge-based stages and solving clues.



Entrepreneurship 101 Workshop for 200 High School Students

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Maram Al-Rawi, Entrepreneurship Trainer at UHUB, delivered an engaging workshop to 200 students from 40 schools across Qatar. Through interactive challenges, real-world case studies, and team-based activities, students developed problem-solving, innovation, and entrepreneurial skills.





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