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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

Welcome to the thirty-fourth issue of our **UDST POST**.

What began as a platform to tell our story has since become a living archive of our collective achievements, capturing the pulse of our university through hundreds of events, major announcements, and milestone launches. Looking back today, we see not just the progression of time, but the remarkable transformation of a community that has grown more united, stronger, and resilient. Together, we have accomplished in a short span what others may take decades to achieve, and in doing so, we have redefined what it means to be a leading applied university.

This month, we proudly unveil UDST's Wellness Strategy, a comprehensive framework built on eight dimensions of well-being. This strategy is our pledge to place people at the center of everything we do, ensuring that our students, faculty, and staff thrive academically, professionally, and personally.

At the same time, we are expanding our reach into critical areas of national importance. With the generous sponsorship of the National Cyber Security Agency for a Professorship Chair in Cybersecurity, UDST is set to lead the way in cybersecurity education in Qatar. This strategic investment highlights our role as a trusted partner in shaping the nation's security landscape and preparing the next generation of experts who will safeguard Qatar's digital future.

Our journey has never been one of comfort, it has been one of courage. We move forward at a pace that is bold yet deliberate, taking calculated risks that push us into uncharted territories of achievement. Each milestone we reach becomes a stepping stone for others, a marker on the road of progress. Together, let us hold on and rise higher, knowing that our shared vision and unity will continue to carry UDST to new horizons.

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



UDST Launches Wellness Strategy During International University Sport Week

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) has launched its comprehensive new Wellness Strategy 2025 – 2027 during a special press conference attended by senior officials, including H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Bin Saleh Al-Nuaimi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and President of the Qatar Collegiate Sports Federation; H.E. Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, along with representatives from government, academia, and the wider community.

While UDST already offers significant wellness resources on campus, the new strategy will further enhance awareness and expand opportunities for collaboration both internally and with external partners. As part of its rollout, UDST also introduced a monthly wellness calendar, dedicating each month to one of the eight wellness dimensions: physical, mental, social, occupational, environmental, financial, spiritual, and cultural. The strategy is designed to guide UDST's community through each dimension with targeted events, dedicated resources, and diverse opportunities to get involved.

The Strategy is built around seven core goals that include strengthening services for students and staff, supporting applied research in wellness, promoting awareness through targeted campaigns, ensuring sustainability of initiatives, and broadening inclusivity. It also positions wellness as a



defining feature of the UDST student experience, aligning with Qatar National Vision 2030 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, while reinforcing the University's role as a regional reference in this field.

Commenting on the launch, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, said: "The Wellness Strategy marks an important milestone in our journey. It is not about stand-alone initiatives, but a comprehensive culture that empowers our students, staff, and community to lead healthier, more productive, and more engaged lives. We invite everyone to participate, learn, and engage actively in this wellness journey." He added: "As MENA's only Platinum-level FISU Healthy Campus, and the first university in Qatar to be recognized as a Great Place to Work® for the third





consecutive year, we take pride in creating an environment where academic excellence and applied research are nurtured alongside holistic wellbeing. This strategy strengthens UDST's role as a leader in higher education and community health."

The announcement was made as part of UDST's celebration of the International University Sport Week, which brought together hundreds of students, faculty, and staff in a lively program of competitions and recreational activities. Coinciding with the International Day of University Sport recognized by UNESCO and the International University Sports Federation, the program showcased the University's dynamic campus spirit and commitment to health and teamwork.

Highlights of the week included Mindfulness fitness session, a Varsity Football Match under the Qatar Community Football League, the "Game of the Month" Female Volleyball match, spirited men's and women's futsal mini-tournaments, competitive 3x3 basketball contests, and the much-anticipated Fun Olympics Grand Finale, which energized the campus with many challenges.

By linking the launch of its Wellness Strategy to this global celebration of university sport, UDST reaffirmed its position as a leading institution in Qatar that combines academic excellence with a holistic commitment to the wellbeing of its entire community.





NCSA Professorship Chair at UDST

The University signed an agreement with the National Cyber Security Agency to establish the NCSA Professorship Chair in Cybersecurity at UDST's College of Computing and Information Technology. The strategic initiative reflected both institutions' commitment to advancing cybersecurity education, research, and innovation in Qatar.

Through the Professorship Chair, UDST will host an internationally recognized scholar in cybersecurity who contributed to teaching, applied research, and community outreach. The Chair will also support joint projects, training, consultation, and the development of national cybersecurity standards and guidelines in collaboration with NCSA.

The selection process is overseen by a joint committee comprising representatives from UDST, NCSA, and a rotating member from Qatar's key industries such as oil and gas, healthcare, finance, or aviation. This ensures that the Chair's work remains closely aligned with Qatar's national priorities and the objectives of Qatar National Vision 2030.



Signing Academic Collaboration Contract with UK Immersive Technology Leaders

UDST signed an Academic Collaboration Contract with three leading UK-based immersive technology companies: Metaverse Learning Limited, MX Reality Limited, and vGather Limited (Metaverse Hub). The agreement reflected UDST's commitment to driving innovation, applied research, and advanced learning experiences in Qatar.

As part of the collaboration, UDST will work closely with its partners on applied research projects and the integration of Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), and Mixed Reality (MR) into teaching and learning. The partnership will also provide training opportunities for faculty, internships for students, and contributions to industry-focused research proposals. In addition, the collaboration will support the organization of conferences, workshops, and seminars to strengthen knowledge exchange and applied learning outcomes.

The MoU signing and accompanying visit emphasized UDST's role as a regional leader in applied education and a hub for innovation.





Welcoming Faculty & Staff at First Coffee with the President of Academic Year 2025 - 2026

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, hosted the first Coffee with the President session of the 2025-2026 Academic Year, welcoming faculty and staff to a new year of learning, growth, and collaboration. This informal gathering offered participants the chance to connect directly with the President, exchange ideas, and share their experiences within the UDST community.

During his remarks, Dr. Al-Naemi expressed his appreciation to the University community for their continued commitment and highlighted the importance of nurturing open dialogue across all levels of the institution. He warmly welcomed new employees, reinforcing UDST's inclusive and diverse academic environment.

The President also reflected on the University's progress and outlined the priorities for the year ahead, emphasizing UDST's mission to deliver world-class applied education while strengthening its role as a national and regional leader in higher education and innovation. He underlined the need for collective effort in advancing academic excellence, research, and community engagement, and invited faculty and staff to actively participate in upcoming initiatives and activities throughout the academic year.



Hosting Shell Delegation to Engage with Sponsored Students

UDST welcomed a delegation from Shell, led by Mr. Rob Maxwell, Executive Vice President (EVP) and Country Chair of Shell in Qatar. During the visit, the delegation met with UDST students sponsored by Shell and heard about their academic journeys and professional experiences.

They also learned about the achievements of UDST's Shell Eco-Marathon team, exploring the skills and practical knowledge students gained through the competition.

The visit showcased UDST's strong ties with industry partners and its commitment to giving students real-world opportunities that prepare them for future careers. It further strengthened the collaboration between UDST and Shell in advancing applied education and meaningful student experiences.





Hosting Annual Student Meeting “Multaq” with the President

UDST held its annual student meeting, Multaq, providing a vital platform for open dialogue between students and the President, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi. The event cultivated transparency, mutual understanding, and direct communication, allowing students to share their perspectives, ideas, and concerns.

Multaq serves as an opportunity for the university leadership to engage with the student body, address key issues, and discuss initiatives aimed at enhancing the academic and campus experience. By promoting candid conversations and active participation, the meeting reinforced UDST’s commitment to student engagement, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

The annual gathering continues to strengthen the relationship between students and leadership, ensuring a supportive and inclusive learning environment at UDST.



Highlighting Applied Learning in Visit from Austrian Ambassador and IMC Kreams

UDST was honored to host Her Excellency Erika Bernhard, the Austrian Ambassador to Qatar, along with a distinguished delegation from IMC Kreams. The visit highlighted the strong and growing ties between Qatar and Austria in education and knowledge exchange.

The delegation toured UDST’s state-of-the-art facilities, including the Mobility Lab, Operations and Maintenance Training Pilot Plant, Nursing and Radiography Labs, and the AI and Cybersecurity Labs. Each stop showcased UDST’s applied learning model, which equips students with practical skills and industry-ready experience.

Discussions centered on nurturing academic collaboration, student mobility, and joint initiatives in research and innovation. The engagement reaffirmed UDST’s commitment to building international partnerships that enrich education and prepare graduates to support Qatar’s sustainable future. The visit also further strengthened UDST’s role as a hub for global collaboration in applied sciences and technology.



Dr. Rosie Bateson Represents UDSST at Doha Women Forum on Women in Education

The University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) was proudly represented at the 8th edition of the Doha Women Forum. Dr. Rosie Bateson, Dean of the College of General Education, joined a distinguished panel titled “Equal Access, Unequal Experience: The Reality for Women in Education”.

The session explored the challenges and disparities women face in accessing quality education, addressing both global issues and local contexts. Dr. Bateson contributed insights from UDST’s academic environment, emphasizing the university’s role in developing inclusive and equitable learning opportunities.

The forum brought together high-profile speakers, including diplomats, education specialists, and advocates, to discuss pathways to empower women through education. Dr. Bateson’s participation reinforced UDST’s commitment to advancing gender equality and equipping students with the tools to thrive in an evolving global landscape.



Hosting Clubs Fair 2025 To Showcase Student Creativity & Engagement



UDST transformed its campus courtyard into a hub of innovation and culture during the 2025 Clubs Fair. Organized by the Student Engagement and Alumni Affairs Directorate, the annual event highlighted the growing impact of student-led initiatives on campus life.

Held under the theme “The Time of the Century”, the fair invited students to explore different eras through immersive club presentations. From futuristic digital gaming experiences to the vibrant atmosphere of the 1980s, each club designed unique setups that reflected creativity and passion.

With participation from more than 32 clubs, including new additions such as the Podcast Club, Fan Club, Healthcare Management Club, and International Students Association, the fair offered diverse opportunities for students to connect, showcase talent, and pursue interests. Awards for booth design and engagement recognized outstanding contributions, reinforcing UDST’s commitment to cultivating leadership, collaboration, and community spirit.





Researchers Present Innovative Project on Predatory Publishing at Global Congress

A team of undergraduate researchers from UDST showcased their work at the 89th World Library and Information Congress in Astana, Kazakhstan. The project, led by students Muzan Abbas from College of Computing and Information Technology, Esther Makumbe and Mohamed Owais Elahi from the College of Engineering Technology, and Antonio Miguel from the College of Business, focused on gamifying education around predatory publishing.

Supported by their mentors, Kevin McCormick and Khadija Mahsud from the Library Services Directorate, the team is developing a digital escape room game designed to train graduate students and early career researchers in identifying predatory journals and conferences.

The initiative is part of UDST's Undergraduate Research Experience Program (UREP), funded by the Qatar Research Development and Innovation Council (QRDI).

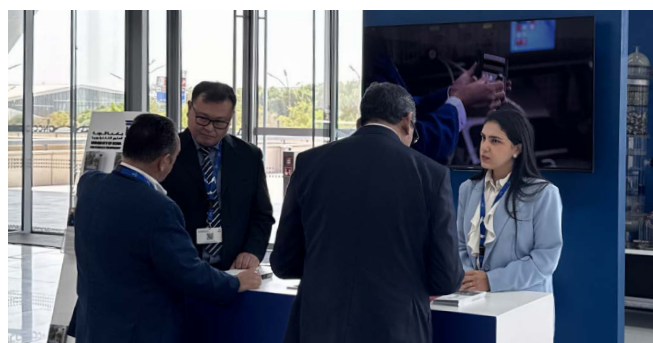


Showcasing Commitment to Innovation at 19th Engineering Conference with Qatar Energy

UDST proudly participated in the 19th Qatar Energy LNG Engineering Conference. As Qatar's national applied university, UDST emphasizes the importance of such platforms in advancing innovation, sustainability, and knowledge-sharing across the energy sector.

The conference brought together global experts and industry leaders to explore critical themes including digitalization, cybersecurity, decarbonization initiatives, life cycle management, and environmental water strategies. With engineering at the heart of Qatar's energy future, UDST recognizes the event's role in bridging academia and industry to foster practical solutions for national and global challenges.

UDST's participation highlights its commitment to preparing graduates with the skills and expertise needed to address evolving energy demands while supporting Qatar's strategic vision for sustainability and technological leadership.





Connecting with Students: Foundation Program's English Success Zone Hosts Meet and Mingle

The English Success Zone recently held its annual Meet and Greet, giving Foundation students the opportunity to connect with Salima Muzammil and Joanne Givogue, the ESZ team. Attendees learned about the range of services designed to support their academic journey and enhance their learning experience. The event included a lively quiz and a prize draw, where five students won food vouchers for Eat, a popular campus café. Students also enjoyed traditional tea, coffee, and dates while networking with staff and peers. This engaging and welcoming gathering allowed participants to familiarize themselves with available resources, build relationships, and feel more connected to the university community.



Foundation Program Organizes Orientation to Welcome New Students

Starting a new academic journey can feel overwhelming, so having guidance and support is essential. The Foundation Program Unit, together with Student Central Services, organized an interactive Orientation Session for new students to help them settle in and navigate university life. The session covered first-term essentials, including using Navigate 360, registration procedures, attendance policies, academic honesty, and mobile phone guidelines. Students were also encouraged to join social activities and clubs to make the most of their UDST experience. After the session, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions about their courses, explore club options, and learn how to access the English Success Zone, ensuring they felt supported and prepared for success.



UHUB Launches Faculty in Residence Program with Dr. Amani Al Abed as the First Faculty Mentor

UHUB is proud to announce the launch of its Faculty in Residence (FIR) Program in collaboration with colleges, a first of its kind initiative at UDST that integrates faculty expertise directly into the startup ecosystem.

This structured program enables faculty members to deliver workshops that build the capacity of startup founders in tech areas such as AI, support startups in developing prototypes and products, and provide dedicated mentorship hours throughout the academic year.

UHUB is delighted to share that Dr. Amani Al Abed, Assistant Professor of Digital Marketing at the College of Business, is the first faculty member to join the program. Dr. Amani's research explores how AI can empower people in diverse fields, including business, startup formation, and growth. Her expertise has guided organizations across Lebanon, the UK, and Qatar in designing technology that resonates with users.

Through the FIR program, Dr. Amani delivered her first session on the advantages of AI for startups, helping founders understand how to expand their teams using AI and achieve key milestones required for growth.

With this program, UHUB reaffirms its mission to embed innovation across the UDST community and accelerate student and faculty entrepreneurial success.

The Entrepreneurship Club is Now Active!

The Entrepreneurship Club has officially launched — a casual, student-driven space where ideas come to life. From peer-to-peer learning and casual meetups to competitions and exciting events, this club is designed to help students connect, support one another, and grow together on their entrepreneurial journey.

What makes the club even more special is that it is **led by our own student entrepreneurs** who have already made remarkable progress and represented UDST in both local and international programs:

- **Faisal Al Yafei** – Founder of Equiped, an AI startup
- **Wahed Sheikh** – Founder of SharkBand
- **Abdulrahman Al Jandali** – Founder of Juniors

These leaders are passionate about sharing their experience and supporting peers to take their first steps into entrepreneurship.

Don't miss the chance to be part of a community that turns ideas into action. Join the Entrepreneurship Club and start shaping your future today!



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