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UNVEILING THE UDST SUCCESS STORY

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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,
Welcome to the thirty-seventh issue of our **UDST POST**.

As we welcome a new academic term and the winter season, we hope you have returned refreshed from the break, re-energized, and ready to explore new opportunities to embrace new challenges.

In this edition of UDST Post, we take you through a comprehensive recap of the key moments and milestones from December, ensuring that both new joiners and returning members of our community are fully connected to what took place on campus before and during the break.

While our campus was filled with the spirit and pride of Qatar National Day, UDST also welcomed high-level delegations, including Ministers of Education from abroad, who visited to learn more about our applied education model and our approach to workforce-ready learning.

December also marked a significant achievement for the University, as UDST was awarded two internationally recognized certifications: ISO 27001:2022 for Information Security Management and ISO 38500 for Corporate IT Governance. These milestones reflect our continued commitment to excellence in cybersecurity, responsible IT governance, and the delivery of high-quality digital services.

In parallel, the University hosted a series of sustainability-focused initiatives and events, reaffirming once again that sustainability remains a core pillar of our institutional values and long-term vision.

As we begin this new term, let us carry this momentum forward, continuing to achieve more, innovate further, and set the bar even higher together.

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

Marking Qatar National Day by Unveiling our Official "Success Story" Book and Honouring National Heritage

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) celebrated Qatar National Day with a vibrant on-campus event that brought together students, faculty members and staff to honour the Nation's rich heritage and values. Held as part of the official Qatar National Day celebrations at the University, the event took place in the presence of H.E. Dr. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Naimi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Dr.Mohammed Yousef Al-Mulla, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Managing Director and CEO of Qatar Petrochemical Company (QAPCO) Q.P.J.S.C. and Dr. Abdullatif Al Khal, Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Director of Medical Education at Hamad Medical Corporation and Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST.

As part of the celebration, UDST "Success Story" Book was officially launched. This commemorative publication traces the history of UDST, from the leadership's visionary decision to establish Qatar's first applied university to the remarkable achievements the institution celebrates today. The book also highlights inspirational stories and university milestones from students, alumni and faculty members, showcasing academic excellence, innovation projects, community engagement initiatives and professional achievements, and reflecting the University's role in shaping highly skilled graduates who support Qatar's development. Complementing the book, a curated exhibition brought the

"Success Story" theme to life, offering visitors an immersive journey through UDST's institutional milestones and achievements.

Reflecting on the importance of the occasion, Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, said: "Qatar National Day is a moment to celebrate how far our country has come and to renew our commitment to the values of unity, resilience and progress. In it, we reaffirm our promise to the values of unity, resilience, and progress under the wise leadership of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of the State of Qatar may God protect and bless him."

He added: "We are proud to launch UDST Success Story and to feature an opening word from Her Excellency

Lolwah bint Rashid AlKhater, Minister of Education and Higher Education in this book, and we are equally honored by the way she describes UDST. We wish to extend our appreciation to the Ministry led by Her Excellency for their continued support. Through the launch of this publication, we aim to document a story that will endure for generations to come. At UDST, we see this day as an opportunity not only to honour our national heritage, but also to recognise the achievements of our students, alumni and partners who contribute to Qatar's ongoing success."

The event also featured a special segment dedicated to UDST's champions who excelled at the 10th World InterUniversities Championships in Barcelona. The University's Wolves teams, who earned multiple medals in swimming and badminton, were recognised on stage for their outstanding performance and their contribution to raising Qatar's profile in international university sports.

The celebration further featured a variety of cultural and educational segments, including student performances, screenings of Qatari-made films, and booths dedicated to showcasing Qatar's heritage and identity, in addition to a traditional Qatari food corner.

On this occasion, the University highlights its role as a leading national institution in promoting innovation, excellence, and progress, and in preparing a generation of professionals capable of leading the development journey of the State of Qatar.

Hosting the Ninth International Symposium on Bioinformatics

Welcoming Ministers of Education from Pakistan and Nigeria

UDST successfully hosted the 9th International Symposium on Bioinformatics (InSyB 2025), a flagship event of the Asia-Pacific Bioinformatics Network (APBioNET), in partnership with Hamad Medical Corporation. The symposium aimed to advance bioinformatics capacity and foster collaboration in Qatar and the region through thematic sessions, workshops, and expert panels.

InSyB 2025 brought together leading scientists, researchers, and educators from Qatar, the GCC, and beyond to exchange knowledge on computational biology, genomics, health informatics, and artificial intelligence. The event also highlighted Qatar's growing bioinformatics ecosystem and the pivotal role of UDST's Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics in supporting national research and innovation goals.

Aligned with the Qatar National Vision 2030 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the symposium promoted capacity-building, interdisciplinary collaboration, and engagement of students and early-career researchers with global experts.

Organized in collaboration with the Centre for Clinical Precision Medicine and Genomics at Hamad Medical Corporation and APBioNET, InSyB 2025 highlighted UDST's position as a leading institution for applied education and research, connecting international expertise with local ambition to drive scientific and technological advancement.

UDST welcomed two ministerial delegations from Pakistan and Nigeria during official visits that highlighted the University's applied learning model and advanced academic facilities.

UDST hosted H.E. Ms. Wajiha Qamar, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for a visit focused on showcasing hands-on education and workforce-aligned programs. The visit began with a formal welcome at the VIP Majlis, followed by an overview of UDST's educational approach. Her tour included the College of Engineering Technology, where she visited the Machines Workshop and the Operations and Maintenance Training Pilot Plant, as well as the College of Health Sciences, featuring the Nursing Lab and Medical Radiography CT Lab. The visit also covered the College of Business and the College of Computing and Information Technology.

In a separate visit, UDST welcomed H.E. Mr. Tunji Olausa, Minister of Education of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, for discussions on applied learning and institutional collaboration. His visit followed a similar program, featuring an overview of UDST's applied education model and tours of facilities across engineering, health sciences, business, and computing disciplines, including laboratories supporting technical, digital, and financial education.

Both visits highlighted shared priorities in advancing applied education, strengthening international collaboration, and preparing graduates for evolving workforce needs.

Achieving Prestigious ISO Certifications for IT Security and Governance

Honoring Staff and Faculty Contributions at Annual Gala Dinner 2025

UDST has achieved two internationally recognized certifications: ISO 27001:2022 for Information Security Management and ISO 38500 for Corporate IT Governance. These milestones highlight UDST's commitment to excellence in cybersecurity, responsible IT management, and high-quality digital services.

ISO 27001 is a leading global standard for information security, awarded to organizations that implement robust systems to protect sensitive data, manage cybersecurity risks, and ensure resilience against evolving digital threats. This certification demonstrates UDST's dedication to safeguarding the information of students, faculty, and the institution across all digital platforms.

ISO 38500, the international standard for IT governance, recognizes organizations that manage technology resources with transparency, accountability, and alignment with strategic goals. UDST's achievement confirms the university's commitment to operational efficiency, reliable service delivery, and the adoption of best practices in IT management.

These certifications coincide with UDST's ongoing digital transformation, including advanced systems, enhanced cybersecurity programs, and expanded secure online services, reaffirming the university's leadership in digital excellence within Qatar's higher education sector.

UDST hosted its Annual Gala Dinner 2025, bringing together staff and faculty members to celebrate the University's achievements and recognize outstanding contributions made throughout the year. The event served as a platform to reflect on key milestones, institutional progress, and collective efforts that have supported the University's continued growth and development.

The Gala Dinner highlighted the dedication and professionalism of UDST's administrative and academic teams, whose commitment has played a vital role in advancing educational quality, innovation, and applied learning. Awards and acknowledgements were presented to individuals and teams who demonstrated excellence, leadership, and a strong sense of collaboration in their respective roles.

The evening also provided an opportunity to strengthen connections across the University community, fostering a shared sense of pride and belonging. By honoring excellence and teamwork, the event reinforced UDST's values and its ongoing commitment to nurturing a supportive, high-performing environment that empowers its people and drives continuous improvement in education and practice.

Hosting Sustainable Transport Learning Event to Mark World Sustainable Transport Day

Planting the Seeds of Sustainability with "Plant It Forward" Initiative

The Foundation Program Unit at UDST hosted its annual educational learning event, Sustainable Transport: Moving Towards a Greener Future, in celebration of World Sustainable Transport Day. Held on campus, the multidisciplinary initiative brought together members of the UDST community and visiting high school students with an interest in construction engineering to explore the evolving landscape of sustainable mobility in Qatar.

The event agenda balanced informative sessions with interactive elements, creating an engaging platform for participants to deepen their understanding of environmentally responsible transport systems. A thought-provoking panel discussion featuring experts from academia and industry examined topics such as intelligent traffic systems, AI-enabled smart roads, sustainable aviation fuels, innovative construction materials, and the role of cultural adaptation in advancing greener mobility solutions.

As part of the program, high school students were guided through UDST's Construction Engineering laboratories, where they gained hands-on exposure to soil testing, concrete analysis, pavement materials, and surveying tools used in real-world infrastructure projects. These activities demonstrated how engineering principles are applied to develop resilient and sustainable transport networks.

UDST launched its Sustainability Week with Plant It Forward, a hands-on environmental initiative that brought together students, faculty, and sustainability advocates in support of a greener campus. The initiative engaged members of the Environmental Health program and the Environment Club, alongside invited guests, united by a shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

Through this activity, participants planted approximately 30 trees and plants across the UDST campus, enhancing green spaces while contributing to improved air quality and a healthier learning environment. The initiative reflects UDST's ongoing commitment to sustainability and responsible environmental practices, reinforcing awareness through action-based learning and community participation.

Plant It Forward aligns with Qatar National Vision 2030 and supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 13, Climate Action, and SDG 15, Life on Land. By encouraging collaboration and environmental responsibility, UDST continues to nurture a culture of sustainability which empowers its community to create lasting, positive impact for future generations.

"Fields of Hope"

Celebrating Creativity and Open Access with Photography Contest

UDST celebrated International Open Access Week with its second annual Photography Contest, hosted by the Scholarly Communications and Research team alongside the Library's UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Sub committee. Open to students, faculty, and staff, the competition invited participants to capture images inspired by the UN SDGs, merging creativity with global challenges.

All entries were judged anonymously, balancing creativity and technical skill, while emphasizing the principle of Open Access photography. Participants were encouraged to release their work under Creative Commons licenses, promoting free, responsible sharing and collaboration worldwide.

The contest highlighted UDST's commitment to inclusivity, knowledge-sharing, and community engagement, demonstrating how art and science can transcend traditional barriers.

Winners included:

- Nafisa Mohammed Ayub's "Fields of Hope" (First, UNSDG 2: Zero Poverty)

- Lance Gerald T. Barclay's "A Touch of Tranquility" (Second, UNSDG 15: Life on Land)

- Farhaan Mohammed Hafees' "Enjoying a Snack" (Third, UNSDG 15: Life on Land)

"A Touch of Tranquility"

"Enjoying a Snack"

CIPD Accredits UDST's Master of Science in Human Resource Management

UDST has achieved official accreditation for its Master of Science in Human Resource Management from the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD), the world's leading professional body for HR and people development. This milestone reflects the program's academic rigor, applied focus, and alignment with internationally recognized standards in human resource management.

The accreditation reinforces UDST's commitment to delivering high-quality applied education that supports national workforce development and responds to the evolving needs of the global labor market. It further strengthens the University's position as Qatar's national leader in applied learning and professional advancement, while enhancing the regional standing of the program.

As part of the accreditation, graduates of the Master of Science in Human Resource Management will automatically receive Associate CIPD membership, providing a direct pathway to professional recognition and global career opportunities. The achievement reflects the collective efforts of UDST faculty, academic leadership, administrative teams, and strategic partners who contributed to the program's development and alignment with international benchmarks.

The accreditation also creates opportunities for continued program enhancement, research collaboration, and engagement with the professional HR community, benefiting students, alumni, and employers across both public and private sectors.

UDST Students Shine on Global & Regional Stages

Students at the University of Doha for Science and Technology have continued to demonstrate excellence, achieving recognition at both international and regional levels. Through outstanding academic performance, innovative projects, and professional aptitude, UDST students are showcasing the university's commitment to experiential learning, leadership development, and preparing graduates to thrive in competitive, global environments. This year, two students have brought significant accolades to the university, reinforcing UDST's reputation as a hub for talent and innovation.

Maryam Khan Wins at LSEG Workspace Portfolio Competition

Maryam Khan has been named one of the winners of the prestigious LSEG Workspace Portfolio Competition, an international challenge bringing together top student talent from 52 universities across 16 countries. The competition assessed analytical ability, financial knowledge, and presentation skills, with finalists delivering detailed portfolio analyses to a panel of industry experts.

Following a highly competitive final round, Maryam emerged among a distinguished group of global winners representing universities in Austria, Kazakhstan, Morocco, the UAE, and Qatar. The results were described as exceptionally close, reflecting the high caliber of participants and the professionalism displayed throughout the competition.

The LSEG Workspace Portfolio Competition offers students hands-on experience with real-world financial data, market analysis, and investment decision-making using professional-grade tools. Maryam's performance highlighted her ability to translate theoretical knowledge into practical insights, communicate effectively, and maintain confidence under rigorous evaluation.

Her achievement not only represents a significant academic milestone but also underscores the growing presence of regional talent on the international stage. Maryam's success reflects the impact of experiential learning and prepares students for careers in finance, analytics, and related fields.

Hasna Ashraf Recognized as Outstanding CIPD Student of the Year

UDST is proud to announce that Hasna Ashraf, a second-year M.Sc. Human Resource Management student, has received the outstanding CIPD Student of the Year Award at the CIPD Middle East People Awards 2025, held in Dubai. Selected from over 3,000 entries, this prestigious honor recognizes her exceptional academic performance, professional contribution, and dedication to the people profession.

Hasna distinguished herself with innovative, evidence-based work that bridges theory and practice. Her standout project, the Feedback Concierge Portal, developed as part of her Design Thinking and Creativity course, introduced a human-centered performance appraisal solution currently under consideration for implementation at Hamad Bin Khalifa University. In addition, her research achievements include multiple papers and posters accepted at international conferences and publications in collaboration with UDST faculty.

Beyond academics, Hasna demonstrates leadership through peer mentoring, active participation in the Student Council, and contributions to international academic events. Her recognition not only reflects her personal dedication but also showcases the quality of UDST's academic programs and the university's commitment to fostering professional impact among students.

These achievements by Maryam Khan and Hasna Ashraf exemplify UDST's focus on nurturing talent capable of excelling in global and regional arenas. By combining rigorous academic programs, hands-on learning experiences, and opportunities for leadership and research, UDST continues to empower its students to achieve distinction and make meaningful contributions across diverse professional fields.

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