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Message from the President

Dear UDST Community,
During times of uncertainty and challenge, we are reminded of the words of **His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of the State of Qatar,** who said:

"If we are talking about the challenges emanating from sustainable development, peace or the rule of law, we would find that education is at the forefront of the tried-and-trusted solutions to these challenges."

These words resonate deeply today. Because in moments like this, we are reminded that education is not only about classrooms or laboratories, it is about people. It is about a country and a community that chooses learning over division, dialogue over conflict, and knowledge over fear.

Every lecture delivered, every lesson learned, and every act of collaboration is more than an academic pursuit; it is a contribution to a more peaceful and understanding world.

And this is exactly the contribution and the strong will I see in each of you today. Despite fear, instability, and the weight of the moment, you continue to stand strong. You continue to teach, to learn, to serve, and to support one another. In doing so, you demonstrate the true strength of a community that believes in its mission and for that, I sincerely thank you.

The University has you in mind every single day. Your safety and well-being remain our highest priority, and we continue to work tirelessly to ensure that every member of our community receives the support they need during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us through the official channels shared with you.

What binds us at UDST goes far beyond a professional relationship. It is the shared spirit of this institution that has always kept us united. We stand together, we support one another, and together we overcome challenges.

As we enter the last ten nights of Ramadan, we are reminded of the immense mercy and forgiveness these blessed nights carry. They invite us to turn our hearts to Allah, seek His mercy, and trust that He can transform hardship into ease. May these blessed nights bring you and your loved ones peace, protection, and hope.

Let us hold on to the belief that knowledge builds bridges even in the most difficult times, and hold firmly to education, compassion, and faith in a better tomorrow.

God Bless You. God Bless Qatar.

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

Taking Care of Yourself During Difficult Times

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Understand & Accept Your Reactions

Everyone experiences difficult moments differently, and feeling like worry or tension are normal during stressful time.

Balance Information

Staying informed is helpful, but too much news can increase stress.

Focus on What You Can Control

Focusing on what you can control helps maintain calm.

Practice Calming Strategies

Try soothing sounds or maintain a simple daily routine.

Seek Support When Needed

Talking to friends or professionals can help you cope.

Your Safety and Wellbeing Matter

Take care of yourselves and those around you.

UDST Counselling and Student Support Services are here if you need support.

Think Before You Share

In critical times, misinformation spreads faster than facts.

Before sharing any content:

- Verify the source
- Check the publication date
- Follow official accounts only
- Avoid circulating rumors
- Do not engage with unverified links or channels

Rely on official sources and protect yourself and your community.

Student Support

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- **Counselling Services:** counselling@udst.edu.qa
- **Accessibility Services:** accessibility@udst.edu.qa
- **Registration Support:** registrationhelp@udst.edu.qa
- **Student Services:** ard.studentservices@udst.edu.qa
- **Academic Learning Support:** learningservices@udst.edu.qa
- **Career Services/Work Placement:** careerservices@udst.edu.qa
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For urgent student matters
angela.flowerday@udst.edu.qa

Students experiencing difficulty accessing course materials should check **D2L Brightspace** first or contact IT Support: IThelpdesk@udst.edu.qa

Faculty & Staff Support

Employees can access confidential emotional and psychological support through the **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** provided by **Allianz**, available **24/7**:

- **Qatar:** 8000 155 (toll-free within Qatar)
- **International:** +974 4031 8444

For **leave requests, payroll questions, or any HR-related concerns,** please contact **Human Capital Support**:

- **Hotline:** 4495 2075
- **Email:** officeofthehcd@udst.edu.qa

UDST will continue to monitor the situation and share updates as needed. We encourage everyone to stay safe and look out for one another.

University of Doha for Science and Technology Celebrates Qatar National Sport Day 2026 with Engaging Experiences

The University achieved second place in the first edition of the National Sport Day Award.

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) marked Qatar National Sport Day 2026 with a community-oriented celebration that placed sport, wellness, and family participation at the heart of campus life. The event brought together 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, for a shared experience promoting healthy and active lifestyles.

Hosted at the UDST Events Park, the event attracted more than 700 participants of all ages. The campus was transformed into an interactive sports and recreation hub, making full use of UDST's state-of-the-art facilities.

In recognition of its outstanding efforts and impact, UDST was awarded Second Place at the National Sport Day Award, achieving a significant milestone among many government and private entities across the State of Qatar. This award recognizes national institutions that advance community sports and sustainable initiatives to improve public health and encourage active lifestyles. As part of the National Sport Day Award initiative, UDST organized more than 37 sports and wellness events, engaging approximately 5,300 participants, demonstrating strong alignment with national objectives.

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's vision to foster a healthier society.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of the University of Doha for Science and Technology, said: "Qatar National Sport Day is a powerful reminder of the role that physical activity plays in strengthening individuals and communities. At UDST, we are committed to nurturing a culture of wellness that values health, balance, and active living. By bringing our community together through sport, we support national efforts to promote well-being and contribute to the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030."

He commented on the award, noting that it reflects the direction the University has pursued since its inception to position itself as a hub for sport, health, and excellence. He also expressed his appreciation to the Ministry of Sports and Youth, and extended his appreciation to His Excellency Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Thani, Minister of Sports and Youth. Dr. Salem Al-Naemi reaffirmed that the University remains committed to its promise to serve as a leading model for knowledge, health, and sport, from Qatar to the world.

Anthony Martin, Director of UDST's Sport and Wellness Directorate, said: "This year's program reflects our continued commitment to promoting an active and inclusive campus culture. Through a dynamic mix of competitive and recreational activities, we aimed to engage our community, encourage participation at all levels, and reinforce the importance of wellness, teamwork, and connection."

The day opened with a Family Walk and Run, encouraging participants to begin the celebrations with a shared physical activity. Throughout the event, attendees took part in a broad selection of sports and fitness activities, including football, basketball, volleyball, padel, pickleball, badminton, table tennis, cricket, spinning sessions, athletics challenges, and beach volleyball. Specially designed activity zones for children and families featured interactive games such as football, darts, human foosball, speed kick challenges, target shooting, under-soccer games, and inflatable play areas.

The program was delivered in collaboration with leading sports partners, including Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), Be Basketball, and TNT Athletics, who hosted activities across designated zones. Each zone offered exciting and engaging competitions and demonstrations that attracted strong participation throughout the day.

University of Doha for Science and Technology Showcases Cultural Diversity at Festival of Cultures 2026

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) proudly hosted its annual Festival of Cultures, a vibrant celebration of the university's rich diversity and commitment to global engagement. This year's event welcomed students, faculty, staff, and members of the wider community to experience an immersive showcase of cultural heritage, traditions, and artistic expressions from around the world. The festival was attended by Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST and distinguished guests, including ambassadors and members of official delegations.

Organized by UDST's Student Engagement and Alumni Affairs Directorate, the festival featured over 785 student participants representing more than 25 countries, including Qatar, Jordan, Palestine, Egypt, Morocco, Indonesia, Nigeria, Syria, Bangladesh, India, the Philippines, Tunisia, Yemen, Pakistan, Sudan, and others. The program included a flag walk and a dynamic lineup of 15 cultural performances, showcasing each country's unique traditions. Interactive booths offered students the opportunity to share traditional attire, culinary specialties, and immersive cultural exhibits, creating an engaging space for learning and exchange.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, said: "At UDST, we are committed to nurturing a campus culture built on respect, openness, and collaboration. The Festival of Cultures exemplifies these values in action, encouraging meaningful interaction among students, community engagement, and the celebration of diversity as a source of strength and creativity. With over 85 nationalities represented on our campus, UDST reflects the rich multicultural fabric of Qatar, a nation that thrives on unity, inclusivity, and the shared pursuit of progress and innovation. Events like this not only brings our community together but also prepares our students to embrace diversity as a catalyst for learning, leadership, and global citizenship."

Themed "Famous Landmarks of Your Country", emphasized sustainability, with all materials used in booths being recycled, the festival also recognized outstanding contributions through a special awards ceremony. The Best Booth award in Africa went to Nigeria, in Asia to the Philipines, and in the Middle East to Jordan.

The Best Performance award in Africa was presented to Tunisia, in Asia to Sri Lanka and in the Middle East to Qatar, alongside other categories celebrating creativity, talent, and cultural dedication.

UDST continues to champion multiculturalism and global awareness, with the Festival of Cultures serving as a flagship event that strengthens connections among students from diverse backgrounds. The University looks forward to building this tradition and further enriching its inclusive campus environment in the years ahead.

Showcasing Applied Research and Innovation at AgriteQ 2026 to Support Sustainable Agriculture in Qatar

UDST participated in AgriteQ 2026, a leading agriculture exhibition, showcasing a variety of applied research projects and functional prototypes that support sustainable agriculture, food security, and smart farming practices in Qatar.

This engagement reflects the work of UDST's Center of Excellence for Sustainability and Food Security, a research platform that translates technological innovation into practical solutions enhancing productivity, environmental sustainability, and efficient resource management.

At the exhibition, UDST presented advanced agricultural prototypes developed by faculty, researchers, and students, addressing challenges in water efficiency, climate resilience, soil health, and overall agricultural productivity. Exhibits included smart irrigation and monitoring systems, AI and IoT-enabled technologies, sustainable soil and biomass solutions, and data-driven tools to optimize resource utilization.

In addition, UDST used the platform to announce new Bachelor's and Diploma programs in Animal Health and Veterinary Sciences, designed to meet the growing need for skilled professionals in animal health and sustainable livestock production, thereby supporting food security initiatives.

Highlighting Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and AI at Web Summit

UDST participated in Web Summit with a strong showcase of student-founded startups, faculty-led sessions, and strategic ecosystem engagement, highlighting its role as a national driver of applied entrepreneurship and technology commercialization.

Through UHUB, the University's business incubator, UDST presented a diverse portfolio of startups developed by students and alumni across sectors including artificial intelligence, fintech, health, education, agri-tech, transportation, and accessibility solutions. These ventures demonstrated UDST's applied learning approach, where academic knowledge was transformed into scalable, market-ready solutions addressing real-world challenges.

During the summit, visitors engaged directly with student founders through talks covering the journey from idea validation to product development and market entry. Faculty-led sessions focused on applied expertise in AI, automation, and data-driven innovation, showing how academic research meet industry needs.

UDST also hosted on-stage discussions and collaboration sessions connecting government, investors, ecosystem partners, and founders to explore innovation pipelines, founder support, and university-driven entrepreneurship.

Athletes Excel at Gulf University Championships

UDST celebrated remarkable achievements by its student-athletes at the recent Gulf University Championships. UDST teams competed in the second GCC Universities Championship in Kuwait and the second Gulf Sports Tournament for female students in Qatar, showcasing talent across futsal, basketball, athletics, and padel.

The men's futsal team, including Abdulrahman Emad Eldessouki Ashour, Elnour Adil Elnour Ab-delrahman, Abdulaziz Galal Abdullah Al-Bari, Toufik Hendawi, Khaled Abdelnasser Abdelkhalek Aboukhelewa, Omar Abdelfattah Abdelaal Soliman Ali, Ahmad Abdulhafeez Osman Hassan, Omar Ahmed Attia Ali Esmael, and Tamem Samy Sayed Mohamed, earned silver medals. In padel, Hassan Ali Abdullah and Jarrah Abdullah Al Shahi secured third place and bronze.

At the female competition, UDST's 3x3 basketball team, Alaa Abdelmonem Soliman, Mona Abdel-monem Soliman, Razan Moufid Hussein, and Margaret Mugi, won gold, with Alaa Soliman named Most Valuable Player. In athletics, Samar Mansouri, Dalia Dahman, Saja Issa Saadoun, and Lersia Mo-sani won silver in the 4×100-meter relay; Samar Mansouri also won silver in long jump and Saja Issa Hassan in the 200-meter race. In padel, Al Ghalia Ali Saeed Al Qahtani and Dana Abdullah Lari finished fourth.

Marking the International Day of Education with "Empowering Teachers. Inspiring Futures"

UDST marked the International Day of Education by hosting "Empowering Teachers. Inspiring Futures," an event bringing together educators, academic leaders, and education professionals to celebrate the pivotal role of teachers in shaping future generations.

Organized by the Department of Applied Education, the event highlighted innovative teaching practices and the importance of empowering educators as drivers of sustainable development and lifelong learning.

The program featured a series of Ignite Talks by teachers enrolled in UDST's Master of Science in STEM and TVET Education program, showcasing applied teaching approaches aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and emerging trends in STEM and technical education.

Attendees also participated in a poster presentation and networking session, where teachers shared classroom-based projects and applied research, leveraging collaboration and knowledge exchange. Through the event, UDST reaffirmed its commitment to applied education and professional development, recognizing teachers as catalysts for educational transformation and societal progress.

Master's Student Wins Second Place in QFBA Finance Research Award 2026

UDST is proud to announce that our MSc in Accounting and Finance graduate student Mohamad Ktit, has won second place in the prestigious Finance Research Award 2026 hosted by the Qatar Finance and Business Academy (QFBA).

Mr. Ktit's thesis, titled "Does Digital Transformation Reflect the Adjustment of Capital Structure?", was recognized for its academic excellence, methodological rigor, and relevance to contemporary financial research. This remarkable achievement highlights both the student's hard work and the strength of UDST's postgraduate research supervision and finance curriculum.

This recognition marks the second consecutive year that UDST has been acknowledged among the winners of the QFBA Finance Research Award, reflecting the university's ongoing commitment to fostering high-quality research, rigorous academic training, and the development of finance professionals ready to contribute to Qatar's knowledge-based economy.

Electrical Engineering Department Hosts Industry Leaders on Sustainable Rail Energy and 5G Innovation

The Electrical Engineering Department at the College of Engineering and Technology hosted two distinguished industry experts as part of its Industry Seminar Series, giving students hands-on insight into cutting-edge engineering systems shaping sustainable transportation and global communications networks.

The first seminar featured Engineer Matthew Nicholson, Technical Leader in Railway Energy Systems, who presented "Regenerative Propulsion in the Metro – Kinetic Energy to Electrical Energy." He explained how metro systems convert braking train kinetic energy into reusable electrical power, reducing overall energy consumption. Students explored traction power fundamentals, inverter-based regenerative systems, and medium-voltage integration, gaining a practical understanding of how power electronics, electrical machines, and control systems converge in large-scale infrastructure.

The second seminar, hosted Dr. Salman Khan, Principal Engineer at EchoStar Corporation, who delivered a presentation titled "5G Cellular Communications – Beamforming Technologies and Open Radio Access Networks (RAN)." He introduced sub-6 GHz and millimeter-wave deployments, Massive MIMO systems, and cloud-native baseband processing, demonstrating how beamforming and Open RAN architectures enhance network capacity, signal quality, and data-driven optimization.

Celebrating Annual Pinning Ceremony at College of Health Sciences

UDST held its College of Health Sciences Pinning Ceremony, celebrating 217 graduating students as they transition from academic study to professional practice. The event recognized the dedication, perseverance, and commitment of students across programs including Nursing, Pharmacy Technology, Paramedicine, Medical Radiography, Environmental Health, Dental Hygiene, and Diabetes Care and Patient Education.

The ceremony featured inspiring messages from Dr. Rachid Benlamri, Vice President of Academics, and Dr. Shahrokh Esfandiari, Dean of the College of Health Sciences. Alumni speaker Ms. Alyaa Al Qahtani shared reflections on professional growth, while student representative Kryzchan Dale Zapanta captured the spirit and achievements of the graduating class.

The highlight of the evening was the Presentation of Pins by faculty and department heads, symbolizing professional responsibility, ethical practice, and a commitment to compassionate care. The ceremony concluded with recognition of faculty, staff, and families for their unwavering support throughout the students' educational journey.

CCIT Hosts 5th Scientific Breakfast Series on UDST–Industry Partnership

College of Computing and Information Technology (CCIT) hosted its 5th Scientific Breakfast Series under the theme "UDST–Industry Partnership," bringing together key industry stakeholders to strengthen collaboration and knowledge exchange. Representatives from NetWitness, Qatar Airways, MBK Global, DHL, and Red Hat attended the session, highlighting the value of academia–industry engagement in driving innovation and workforce readiness.

The event provided a platform to explore emerging trends, identify collaborative opportunities, and discuss the alignment of academic programs with evolving market demands. The discussions reinforced UDST's commitment to preparing industry-ready graduates and leveraging impactful partnerships that support Qatar's digital transformation and the growth of a knowledge-based economy.

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College of Computing & Information Technology

Banking & Financial Technology Team Earns Second Place at Chartered Financial Analyst Research Challenge 2026

UDST proudly celebrates the success of its Banking & FinTech student team, Sidra Amina, Marcia Johnson, Maryam Khan, and Beegum Thayyib, which secured second place at the CFA Research Challenge 2026, organized by the Chartered Financial Analyst Society Doha. The annual competition brings together top university teams to demonstrate excellence in financial analysis, equity valuation, and professional presentation.

The students delivered an impressive performance, showcasing strong analytical skills, teamwork, and a comprehensive understanding of financial markets. Their achievement reflects the quality of UDST's academic programs and the University's commitment to experiential learning that prepares students for real-world challenges.

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Hosting Sustainable Mobility Symposium to Advance Low-Carbon Transport

UDST convened a Sustainable Mobility Symposium, bringing together researchers, industry leaders, and policymakers to examine pathways for decarbonizing transportation and advancing sustainable mobility across Qatar and the region. Organized by the College of Engineering and Technology, the event highlighted applied research initiatives led by the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mobility (CeSMO).

The program explored emerging trends in land, maritime, and micro-mobility, emphasizing scalable solutions aligned with national sustainability priorities. A keynote on the evolving energy landscape addressed the implications for future mobility systems, while a panel discussion examined electrification, renewable energy integration, logistics resilience, and cross-sector collaboration.

Technical sessions showcased faculty research on hybrid vehicle battery thermal management, electrification of traditional vessels, renewable marine charging infrastructure, lightweight automotive materials, and waste-to-mobility innovations. Poster presentations further highlighted advancements in autonomous systems, sustainable aviation fuels, and freight resilience.

The symposium concluded with networking sessions and laboratory tours, underscoring the University's role in advancing applied research, innovation, and workforce readiness for a low-carbon transportation future.

UDST and TAAMEER Sign MoU to Advance Academic–Industry Collaboration

UDST has signed a strategic MoU with TAAMEER to strengthen academic cooperation and enhance student development through industry engagement. The partnership will deliver specialized training, internships, and field visits that enrich practical learning and prepare students for workforce demands.

TAAMEER will contribute to the Construction Engineering Program Advisory Committee, aligning curriculum outcomes with real estate and construction sector needs. The agreement also supports applied research, capstone projects, and joint events, including conferences and seminars.

By leveraging collaboration between academia and industry, the initiative aims to develop workforce-ready graduates, promote innovation, and support Qatar's sustainable urban development.

Key Highlights of UDST/UHUB Participation at Web Summit Qatar 2026

Web Summit Qatar marked a pivotal milestone for UDST/UHUB, reinforcing its role as a trusted pipe-line for startup development and a key contributor to Qatar's entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem. Through its institutional presence and the participation of 24 startups, UDST attracted over 3,368 visitors and signed two MoUs. A total of 23 speakers participated and delivered 11 sessions and panel discussions across the UDST booth, official Web Summit stages, and MCIT and QRDI platforms, en-gaging 650+ attendees. This engagement gave students, founders, and faculty valuable exposure, professional connections, and opportunities to accelerate their ventures locally and internationally.

From Campus to the Global Stage: 24 UHUB Startups Showcased at Web Summit Qatar 2026

Twenty-four startups from UDST, founded by students, alumni, and faculty, were selected to exhibit as Alpha startups at Web Summit Qatar 2026. Representing diverse sectors including sustainabil-ity, healthcare, AI-driven technologies, and fintech, the startups showcased the real-world solu-tions and market-ready innovation being built at UDST.

Student-Led Talks at Web Summit Qatar

The UDST booth at Web Summit Qatar hosted six student-led talks delivered by 12 student found-ers, attracting strong engagement and positioning UDST among the first universities locally to provide its students with a dedicated platform to present their ventures on a global stage. The sessions highlighted student entrepreneurship journeys, innovation practices on campus, idea validation, and AI- and fintech-driven solutions addressing real-world challenges. These talks empowered students to share their experiences, lessons learned, and practical insights while positioning them as emerging innovators within the global ecosystem.

UHUB Entrepreneurs Shine with 1st and 2nd Place at CMU-Q LifeLines Hackathon

UHUB is proud of its entrepreneurs and founders of Evi and AmanWater, who made an outstanding impact at the CMU-Q LifeLines Hackathon, securing 1st and 2nd place among universities across Qatar. Waqas Behzad, Asiyil Alaswad, and Ahmed Hanif secured 1st place for Evi, an offline-first solution addressing maternal healthcare breakdowns in conflict zones through mesh net-working and resilient data access. Ayesha Erum, Anisa Salsabila, Arlene Riona, and Saima Nasrin achieved 2nd place for AmanWater, a solution improving water accessibility by converting NGO records into structured data and enabling SMS-based access in low-connectivity environments. These achievements reflect the innovation and social impact leadership of UDST students on a regional stage.

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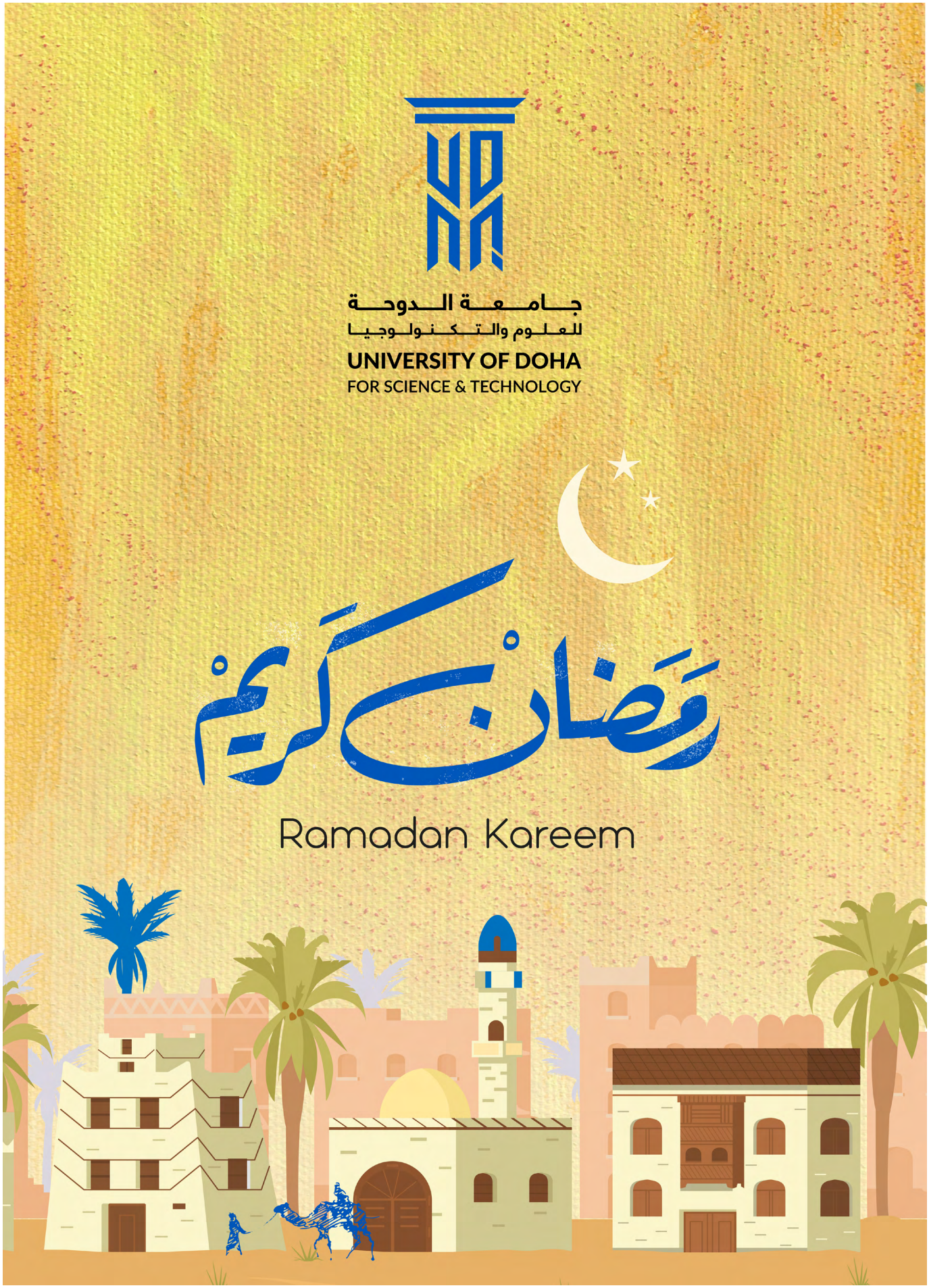
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