



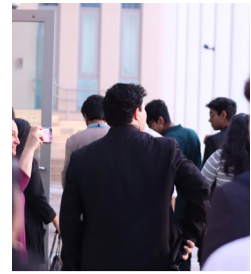
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Priscilla Agbozo Marks the Beginning of QLC

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The opening ceremony of the Qatar Leadership Conference was an eagerly anticipated event that ignited the spark of inspiration and camaraderie among participants. As the curtain rose on this international gathering, it set the stage for a transformative experience that was filled with learning, networking, and personal growth.

The QLC's opening ceremony commences with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Organizers, dignitaries, and distinguished guests take the stage to offer their opening remarks. These speeches resonate with the overarching theme of unity, purpose, and the tremendous potential that the conference holds for all in attendance. Qatar, with its rich cultural heritage and

a commitment to inclusivity, often takes the opportunity to showcase its traditions during the opening ceremony. Attendees are treated to a mesmerizing display of traditional music, dance, and art. This cultural showcase fosters an appreciation for diversity and reinforces the idea that this conference transcends borders.

A pivotal moment in the opening ceremony was the keynote address delivered by a prominent speaker. These keynotes had been carefully selected to provide profound insights into leadership, education, and personal development. The speeches challenged the status quo and offered fresh perspectives on the path to personal and collective growth. The QLC's international character was symbolically represented through a flag ceremony. Participants from different

countries proudly carried their national flags, highlighting the global nature of the conference. This visual spectacle underscored the shared goal of learning, networking, and evolving together.

Amidst the jubilant atmosphere of the opening ceremony, participants were encouraged to start networking. As attendees gathered for the event, they had the opportunity to meet fellow participants, initiate conversations, and lay the foundation for lasting connections that enriched their conference experience. The opening ceremony wove in inspirational moments to motivate attendees. Through compelling videos, stories, and testimonials from past QLC participants, the audience gained an understanding of the life-changing potential of the conference. These real-life examples served as a testament to the positive impact of QLC.



To keep the audience engaged, the opening ceremony often incorporated interactive elements, such as audience participation in activities, quizzes, or games. These interactive components infused a sense of fun and involvement, setting the tone for an interactive and engaging conference experience. Symbolism took center stage in the opening ceremony, with acts like lighting a candle or

planting a tree representing growth and progress. These symbolic gestures served as powerful reminders of the conference's central themes and inspired attendees to commit to personal development.

The Birth of QLC

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In the heart of Qatar, there's an annual event called the Qatar Leadership Conference (QLC). It's become known for its transformative impact on leadership education and personal growth. The main goal of QLC is to empower young people and inspire the leaders of tomorrow. It's a testament to the visionary goals of its founders and the power of dedicated individuals working together to make a positive change. QLC's core mission is crystal clear: it aims to provide a platform where young lead-



ers can develop their leadership skills, foster personal growth, and promote positive change. The conference happens every year and plays a crucial role in helping students gain the tools they need to become effective leaders, not only in their local com-

munities but also on a global scale. QLC didn't just pop up overnight; it's the result of a shared vision and the hard work of passionate people. The conference's founders realized there was a need for a platform that would give students a unique chance

to develop leadership skills, learn from experienced professionals, and gain valuable insights into personal growth and development.

The birth of QLC is the result of educators, leaders, and individuals coming together who all deeply believed in nurturing the next generation of leaders. Their shared faith in the potential of young minds and their commitment to creating a better future brought QLC to life.

Since its beginnings, QLC has grown and evolved, becoming a significant and eagerly awaited event in the region. The conference brings together students from diverse backgrounds and offers them a supportive and inclusive environment to learn, connect, and thrive.

What's particularly great about

QLC is that its impact doesn't end when the conference is over. The knowledge, skills, and experiences gained by participants have a ripple effect that reaches their schools, communities, and even the world. QLC alumni often become change-makers, leading initiatives and making a positive impact in their local communities and beyond. QLC's purpose is not just about personal growth; it's also about creating a more compassionate, responsible, and empathetic world. It's about nurturing leaders who are ready to tackle the challenges of our time, whether they're related to social issues, the environment, or global challenges.

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Behind the Making of A Successful QLC

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The Press Team at the Qatar Leadership Conference was expertly led by Maryam Al Mana and deputy head Arman Azad, who brought a wealth of experience in public relations, media relations, and event promotion to the table. Their visionary leadership and strategic thinking had been instrumental in establishing QLC as a prominent event on the global stage. Under their guidance, the Press Team worked diligently to secure media partnerships, create engaging content, and manage media coverage to ensure that QLC received the recognition it deserved.

On the other hand, the Admin Team was capably overseen by Maryam Al Hajri, who excelled in the intricate world of event logistics and operations. Her meticulous

attention to detail, organizational skills, and ability to keep things running smoothly had been key factors in the conference's seamless execution. Maryam Al Hajri and her team managed everything from registration to venue coordination, logistics, delegate services, and schedule management, ensuring that attendees had a smooth and memorable experience at QLC.

With Maryam Al Mana at the helm of the Press Team and Maryam Al Hajri leading the Admin Team, the success of QLC was further solidified by their respective leadership, making the conference a standout and influential event in the business world. Their collaborative efforts and expertise had been pivotal in shaping the reputation and impact of QLC.

The Admin Team, under

the capable leadership of Maryam Al Hajri, had been the backbone of the Quality Leadership Conference. Her extensive experience in event management and impeccable organizational skills made her the ideal person to oversee the logistical and operational aspects of the event.

Maryam Al Hajri's leadership had been characterized by efficiency and attention to detail. She ensured that the conference ran seamlessly by meticulously coordinating with the venue staff, managing logistics, and overseeing delegate services. Her role involved everything from registration and check-in to venue coordination and schedule management. Her ability to handle complex logistical challenges with ease had been a testament to her expertise.

After the event, the Admin Team, under Maryam Al Hajri's guidance, conducted

a comprehensive post-conference evaluation to identify areas for improvement and streamline processes for future editions of QLC. Her leadership and the hard work of the Admin Team had contributed significantly to the overall success of the conference.

In conclusion, the Quality Leadership Conference owed much of its success to the dedicated leadership of Maryam, Mana, and Maryam Al Hajri. Their combined expertise and tireless efforts ensured that the conference shone in the public eye and operated seamlessly behind the scenes. The dynamic leadership of these individuals played a crucial role in making QLC a must-attend event in the business world, showcasing the importance of cohesive teamwork and well-organized leadership in achieving a grand vision.

The Highlight of the Year

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The Qatar Leadership Conference, an annual event that has gained global recognition, is nothing short of a whirlwind of excitement and intellectual stimulation. With each iteration, it brings together leaders, innovators, and visionaries from diverse fields, creating a dynamic platform for the exchange of ideas and the forging of meaningful connections.

One cannot help but be captivated by the conference's bustling atmosphere. As participants from across the globe descend upon the stunning city of Doha, there is an undeniable sense of anticipation in the air. The impressive Qatar Academy Doha serves as the backdrop for this grand event, its modern architecture and state-of-the-art facilities setting the stage for an unforgettable experience. Bustling would be an understatement to describe the atmosphere on the first day,

as the delegates over 350 of them, presenters admins, and coordinators flooded in it was as if carved in stone that this conference would go down as one of the best Qatar leadership conferences to ever be organized. Immersion is an injustice to what the participants here feel. Truly all participants here today have been endowed with an incredible opportunity. With inspiring words bestowed to us by the keynote speaker Mr Shabari Nair, A Geneva/Harvard educated negotiator, a so-called THIMUN legend as described by most who have ever worked with him, with quotes such as "humility: ingrain that, as it is the only way to achieve success". However, the start was slow due to the heavy rain that drenched the people as they walked in; yet their excitement remained unfettered. Undeterred. More and more leading up to the workshops people took this as a chance to interact and

meet each other. These are not simply your average students but students wishing to better themselves and showcase their leadership qualities, additionally many have come internationally from around the world to take part in this incredible conference. As I write this surrounded by the leaders of tomorrow I can not help but have hope for a brighter future led by the amazing young people taking place. This is a chance for people who range from all corners of the world: from the USA to Peru to Bangladesh, each individual offering their unique opinions and skills. Truly a spectacle off to an impeccable start The heart of the conference lies in its captivating lineup of speakers. Distinguished leaders, scholars, and change-makers take the stage, sharing their insights and experiences with a rapt audience. Their words have the power to inspire, challenge, and spark new ideas. It's not uncommon to witness spon-

taneous applause, shared moments of realization, and lively debates that spill over into the corridors during coffee breaks. The Qatar Leadership Conference thrives on diversity and inclusivity, making space for voices from various backgrounds, age groups, and industries. The collaborative spirit and openness to new perspectives infuse an electrifying energy into every session. As the conference unfolds, attendees find themselves not only enriched by the knowledge shared but also invigorated by the connections made. From CEOs to students, policymakers to artists, the Qatar Leadership Conference is a testament to the power of shared leadership, fostering innovation, and shaping a brighter future. It's an exhilarating whirlwind of ideas and inspiration that leaves a lasting impact on all those fortunate enough to be part of this global gathering.

The foundation of QLC

Maryam Al Sulaiti
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As a testament to the profound impact of QLC, all the admin team members rated their experience a perfect 10 out of 10. Their unanimous verdict underlines the exceptional value that QLC holds. It is a testament to the fact that the conference provides a remarkable opportunity for growth, learning, and connection. Beyond the numbers, the admin team also shed light on their favourite aspects of QLC. For them, it's not just about executing a successful event; it's about forging new friendships and creating enduring memories with their fellow team members. They specifically said their favourite part of QLC is "to make new friends and new memories with their team members. This sentiment reinforces the idea that QLC is not just a conference; it's a vibrant community where bonds are formed and cherished moments are.

The admin team members had the privilege of working closely with Maryam Al Hajri, their head, and Miss Amina Head of THIMUN. From these accomplished leaders, they gleaned crucial lessons in leadership and communication. Miss Amina specifically stated, "The admin team is the life force of QLC, they are the team that keeps everything flowing, whether it is assessing the presenters."

Maryam Al Hajri played a pivotal role in imparting important leadership skills and providing the admin team with the knowledge and tools to excel in their roles. One of the key takeaways from the admin team's experience at QLC is the significance of effective communication. They emphasised that communication is the linchpin for overcoming any challenges or obstacles that may arise during the planning and execution of a complex event like QLC. Their shared belief

underscores the idea that clear and open communication is essential for success, not just in the context of QLC but in life in general. The admin team's insights shed light on what makes QLC special. It's not just a conference; it's a dynamic and welcoming community. It's not just about learning; it's about forming connections and memories. It's not just about executing a successful event; it's about imbibing leadership and communication skills that can be applied in various facets of life.

In conclusion, the QLC admin team's perspective adds depth and richness to the QLC experience. Their unwavering enthusiasm, their commitment to fostering friendship and community, and their belief in the power of effective communication are all integral to the success of the conference. QLC is more than just an event; it's a holistic experience that transforms not only the participants but also those who work tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring that every QLC is a resounding success.



Rain could not stop QLC

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Rain could not stop QLC Yesterday, Qatar experienced a rare and welcome event: rainy weather. While rain was a precious occurrence in this arid region, it was not without its challenges, especially for infrastructure that was not designed to handle such weather. At a local school, they found themselves particularly fortunate, narrowly escaping any significant flooding during the day. A few drops managed to sneak in, but overall, they were grateful for the minimal impact. This experience reminded them of the importance of resilience and preparedness, values that resonated well with the themes of the recent QLC event.

Qatar is known for its hot and arid climate, and rainfall is a rare commodity in this part of the world. However, on that day, the skies graced them with a gentle downpour, providing a refreshing break from the usual sweltering heat. The streets, often dry and dusty, briefly glistened with the much-needed rain, creating a serene ambiance. This natural event reminded them of the

importance of adaptation and preparedness in the face of change.

At their school, the rain brought a mix of excitement and concern. While they welcomed the change in weather, there was an understandable worry about potential flooding. Many structures in Qatar are not built to withstand heavy rainfall, and their school was no exception. Thankfully, their concerns remained minimal, and they had many reasons to be grateful. It underscored the importance of quick and coordinated response, qualities that were highlighted at the QLC.

As the rain intensified, a few drops managed to find their way into their school building. However, the quick response of their dedicated staff and the small leaks were promptly addressed, ensuring that they did not escalate into a major issue. The teamwork and preparedness of their school community were crucial in averting any serious damage, showcasing the importance of adaptability and problem-solving, skills that were undoubtedly discussed at the QLC.

This rare rainy day in Qatar offered an important lesson for all. While they enjoyed the rain and the break from the scorching sun, it also highlighted the need for better infrastructure and preparedness for such weather events in the region. It was a reminder of the importance of adapting to changing climatic conditions and ensuring that buildings are resilient to unexpected weather occurrences, a topic that resonated with the broader theme of resilience and adaptability explored at the QLC.



QLC is a Pathway to Colleges and New Connections

Omar Hamdan
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QLC is an incredible opportunity to interact with fellow peers who are interested in leadership, politics, and general welfare and hobbies. With its diverse nature as it has participants that come from around the world and across continents to interact in these workshops and possibly present one themselves. Any and most connections made allow people to build strong foundations and friendships that are tethered to their hearts. The presenters who bring themselves to stand before their audience consistently deliver incredible work. In a rapidly evolving world, effective leadership is an absolute necessity. The Qatar Leadership Conference, an annual event held in the heart of Doha, stands as a beacon of hope, innovation, and collaboration in the realm of leadership development. Its importance and effectiveness cannot be overstated, as it plays a crucial role in shaping the leaders of today and tomorrow. Workshops that interest and hook all the participants. QLC remains an opportunity to meet other participants and veterans of these conferences both young and old. On the first day, we were granted the chance to see and listen to the living legend Shabari Nair who delivered a riveting speech that resonated within the hearts of all the attendees and coordinators. And as the gavel struck announcing the beginning of the 12th annual

Qatar leadership conference it also announced the beginning of a new chapter for many people's lives. An event that will burn itself into their memories-



due to its fun yet professional atmosphere, leaving us with a great balance of enjoyment and learning. We can improve ourselves while remaining entertained by the incredible activities shown to us as we sit and enjoy these workshops.

In a rapidly evolving world, effective leadership is an absolute necessity. First and foremost, the Qatar Leadership Conference serves as a hub for thought leaders, visionaries, and experts to converge and share their insights. This convergence of minds is invaluable in an age where complex global challenges demand creative solutions. By bringing together leaders from various industries, sectors, and backgrounds, the conference fosters an environment where diverse perspectives merge, stimulating fresh ideas and approaches to addressing the world's most pressing issues. One of the remarkable features of the Qatar Leadership Conference is its emphasis on inclusivity. It provides a platform where leaders of all ages and backgrounds can come together, learn from each other, and be inspired-

to make a positive impact. Young professionals, seasoned executives, policymakers, and students can all find their place at this conference, creating a dynamic ecosystem of mentorship and knowledge exchange.

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The effectiveness of the Qatar Leadership Conference is evident in the tangible outcomes it generates. Attendees often leave with a renewed sense of purpose, armed with actionable strategies and innovative solutions they can apply in their respective fields. The conference's comprehensive sessions cover a wide range of leadership topics, from effective communication and problem-solving to ethical-



decision-making and sustainable practices. Mark Wijayarathne's workshop revolving in and around boxing, titled *The Fight Beyond The Ring: Harnessing Combat Sports To Become The Leaders of Today*. As well as Aryan Shrivastava who performed a workshop on geopolitics teaching his attendees about political struggles and the importance of geolocation in strategy. All this in his workshop named: *Geopolitics in International Relations*. These practical takeaways delivered by our charismatic and educated presenters empower participants to drive change in their organizations and communities.

Moreover, the networking opportunities at the conference are unrivaled. The connections made during coffee breaks and networking sessions can lead to collaborations, partnerships, and projects that transcend geographical boundaries. These relationships built on trust and shared values are instrumental in driving positive change on a global scale.

New Friendships and Creating Endless Memories

Maryam Al Sulaiti
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Seeing new people enter our school has inspired not only me but my peers as well to communicate with me. To be more precise, all international schools join us for QLC 2023, this is a great opportunity to create lasting friendships and new memories. In addition, QLC, a gathering of students from international schools, is an event that not only promotes leadership skills but also provides an ideal setting for forging new friendships and creating cherished memories. It's a chance for students to come together, exchange ideas, and bond with peers from different schools, offering a

unique platform for social interaction and connection.

One of the most compelling aspects of QLC is its ability to inspire communication and camaraderie. As students from various schools join together, the shared experience of attending this conference serves as a common ground for initiating conversations. The excitement and energy in the air are contagious, making it easier to strike up a conversation with someone new. QLC creates an environment that encourages students to interact, collaborate, and learn from one another.

Moreover, the diversity of students at QLC ensures that

you will encounter people from different backgrounds, with unique perspectives and experiences. This diversity enriches the opportunities for making friends and broadening your social circle. It allows you to connect with individuals who may have entirely different life stories, interests, and aspirations, offering a chance to expand your horizons and gain a deeper understanding of the world.

In conclusion, the Qatar Leadership Conference in 2023 is a fantastic opportunity to make friends and meet new people. The event not only fosters leadership skills but also offers a unique platform for



forging connections, expanding your social circle, and creating lasting memories. So, as you prepare to attend QLC, keep in mind that the people you meet may become your lifelong friends and partners in your journey toward personal growth and leadership. Embrace the experience and open yourself to the wonderful friendships that await you at this extraordinary conference.

QLC is where you Lend a Hand

Maryam Al Sulaiti
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The Qatar Leadership Conference (QLC) is not just about developing leaders; it's about fostering sustainable leadership, a concept that goes beyond individual achievements to encompass the broader responsibilities of leaders in addressing environmental and social issues. In this article, we will delve into the significance of sustainability and ethical leadership, exploring the pivotal role of leaders in shaping a more responsible and conscientious future.

Sustainability and ethical leadership are two pillars that uphold responsible and long-lasting leadership. They require a fundamental shift in perspective, emphasizing the preservation of our environment and the well-being of our communities as integral components of leader-

-ship success.

At QLC, students are not merely encouraged to excel as leaders; they are inspired to be leaders who consider the consequences of their actions on the planet and society at large. This mindset is crucial in an era marked by growing environmental challenges and social disparities.

Sustainable leadership in the context of environmental responsibility begins with an awareness of the impact our actions have on the planet. It entails recognizing that every decision we make can contribute to either environmental harm or the preservation of our ecosystems.

Leadership that is truly sustainable is not limited to environmental concerns; it extends to social issues as well. Leaders at QLC are urged to address inequalities, foster inclusivity, and engage in projects that

benefit QLC is not just a conference; it is a platform for nurturing the next generation of leaders who are committed to sustainability and ethical leadership. The leaders who emerge from QLC carry with them the values and practices of responsible leadership, both in terms of the environment and society.

As these leaders go on to make a positive impact on their schools, communities, and the world, the legacy of sustainable leadership at QLC continues to grow. It serves as a reminder that leadership is not just about personal success but about the responsibility we bear towards our planet and the well-being of our fellow human beings.

In conclusion, sustainable leadership is not an abstract concept; it is a practice and a commitment to ethical values that students can experience and embrace at QLC.

As attendees of this conference, we have the unique opportunity to develop the skills and mindset of leaders who understand their role in addressing environmental and social issues. QLC empowers us to be leaders who lead with conscience, shaping a more responsible and conscientious future for all.



The Feast of the Season

Jaidaa El Gharbawy
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The first day of the Qatar Leadership Conference opened with a sense of excitement and anticipation as all attendees and staff gathered in one grand hall to assemble for the first Gala Dinner of the year. This event had become legendary over the years, and its reputation for delicious cuisine and an opportunity to unwind after a long day of workshops and duties had made it a highly anticipated occasion.

As the attendees took their seats, the atmosphere was lively with conversations, laughter, and a sense of unity. The conference brought together people from diverse backgrounds and professions, and this Gala Dinner was the perfect setting for everyone to come together and connect, sharing their unique experiences and insights.

The menu for the evening had been carefully crafted to cater to a wide range of tastes and preferences. The tantalising aroma of Beef Wellington, a classic British dish featuring tender beef wrapped in flaky pastry, wafted through the air. It was a treat for meat lovers, showcasing careful consideration of the chef's menu made specifically for this event.

Complementing the beef, there was a fragrant offering of yellow rice, expertly seasoned and cooked to perfection. The rich, creamy mashed potatoes added a comforting touch, while the lasagna provided a hearty Italian flavour with layers of pasta, cheese, and a savoury tomato sauce. For a more inclusive menu, Vegetarians-

were offered the Mutter Paneer which featured paneer cheese and peas in a delectable tomato-based gravy. The thoughtfulness behind this diverse selection was evident, ensuring that every guest could savour a memorable meal.

This journey of flavour didn't end with the main courses. The dessert menu was equally impressive, leaving a sweet and lasting impression on all in attendance. The Pecan Pie, an American dessert (known as a Thanksgiving dish), showcased a buttery and nutty filling encased in a crispy crust. It was a slice of indulgence that delighted the taste buds of those with a taste for traditional sweet treats.

On the other hand, the Um Ali, a Middle Eastern dessert, brought a unique and exotic flavour to the table. This creamy, bread-based dessert was generously sprinkled with nuts and dried fruits, offering a delightful contrast of textures and tastes. It was a delightful journey into a different culture's culinary traditions, adding depth and variety to the overall dining experience.

As the attendees savoured their meals and shared stories from their day, the room buzzed with energy. Connections were being forged, ideas exchanged, and friendships forming. The Gala Dinner had successfully accomplished its purpose, not only as a culinary delight but also as a hub of interaction and networking, which is often just as important in such conferences.

The evening was punctuated by moments of laughter and insight, with conversations flowing as smoothly as the courses. People from different walks of life, different countries, and different backgrounds found common ground over their shared-



experiences and the culinary masterpieces before them.

The Gala Dinner was a testament to the meticulous planning and dedication of the conference organisers. They had not only provided an exquisite meal but also created an atmosphere that encouraged the free exchange of ideas and the forging of valuable connections. It was a reflection of the spirit of the conference itself, where leadership, collaboration, and shared experiences were celebrated.

As the evening wound down, the attendees left the Gala Dinner with a sense of fulfillment and excitement for-

the days ahead. The culinary journey they had embarked upon had not only satisfied their appetites but had also fueled their enthusiasm for the conference's remaining sessions. The Qatar Leadership Conference had indeed set the stage for a memorable and inspiring event, with the Gala Dinner serving as a delicious prologue to what promised to be a remarkable conference experience.

The Brains Behind QLC..

The Admin Team:



The Press Team:



The Executives:



QLC in Polaroids..

