

SPORT IS IN OUR DNA

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Message from the President

Dear Wolves,

Welcome to the eighteenth issue of our **UDST POST**.

As we navigate through an eventful semester, I am really proud of the vibrant spirit and relentless pursuit of excellence that defines our University. Recently, we celebrated National Sport Day, a much-anticipated event that reflects the importance we place on sports and physical well-being in our community. This day not only highlighted the role of sports in fostering teamwork and resilience among our students, faculty, and staff but also underscored our dedication to holistic education.

Our University's mission extends beyond academic achievements; it encompasses the formation of strategic partnerships that enrich the educational experience and open new horizons for our community. We have engaged in numerous collaborations that promise to bring substantial benefits to our students, faculty, and the broader community.

A landmark achievement in our journey this year has been the inauguration of the state-of-the-art AI ICT Academy Lab, in collaboration with Huawei. This facility represents a leap forward in our quest to position UDST at the forefront of technological education and innovation in Qatar.

Moreover, we hosted the inaugural edition of Nafath Majlis, in partnership with MADA, emphasizing our dedication to accessibility and inclusivity. This initiative reflects our belief that education should be accessible to all, ensuring that every member of our community has the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to society.

As we approach the Holy Month of Ramadan, I invite everyone to embrace this moment as an opportunity for reflection. This time is a unique opportunity to come together in spirit, support one another, and reaffirm our commitment to the values that define us as a Wolves community.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi

President,

University of Doha for Science and Technology



Celebrating National Sport Day by championing a diverse program with activities for all

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) celebrated Qatar's National Sport Day with a full schedule of physical activities, competitions and fun in collaboration with Paris St Germain (PSG), BeBasketball, and TnT Athletics. H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al-Naimi, President of QCSF, and the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Qatar and Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, students, staff and their families along with University partner organizations and the external community attended the day in full force to take part in a diverse range of sport and wellness events.

In a bid to maximize participation and encourage attendees of all ages and interests to participate, the UDST campus was transformed into a mix of dedicated sport zones and sections for Health and Nutrition.

Highlights of the day included the PSG Kids' football activities on the grass pitch at the Events Park, BeBasketball Zone with ball drills and fun games, and some exciting sprint challenges with TnT Athletics. Attendees were able to watch the knockout stages of UDST's Football 7 vs 7 male intramurals, as well as the nerve-wracking intramural finals of the UDST FIFA E-Gaming Competition. A Family Fun Walk and Run allowed groups to explore the campus together on foot, and a diverse Nutrition Zone was set up at the Events Park picnic areas for guests to take advantage of healthy food options. The day ended on a high with the famous Bus Pull, where UDST's strongest students tested their willpower and might.

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, said: "Sport and wellness is so much a part of our University culture, and one way through which we develop well-rounded individuals with drive, resilience, and a healthy outlook on life. Sport and physical fitness also play important roles in the Qatar National Vision 2030, and the popularity of National Sport Day is a fine example of the country's commitment to health and wellbeing. It is a celebration fully embraced by UDST because it embodies not just sport and exercise, but an enduring spirit of teamwork and community, which we believe are vital elements of student wellbeing."



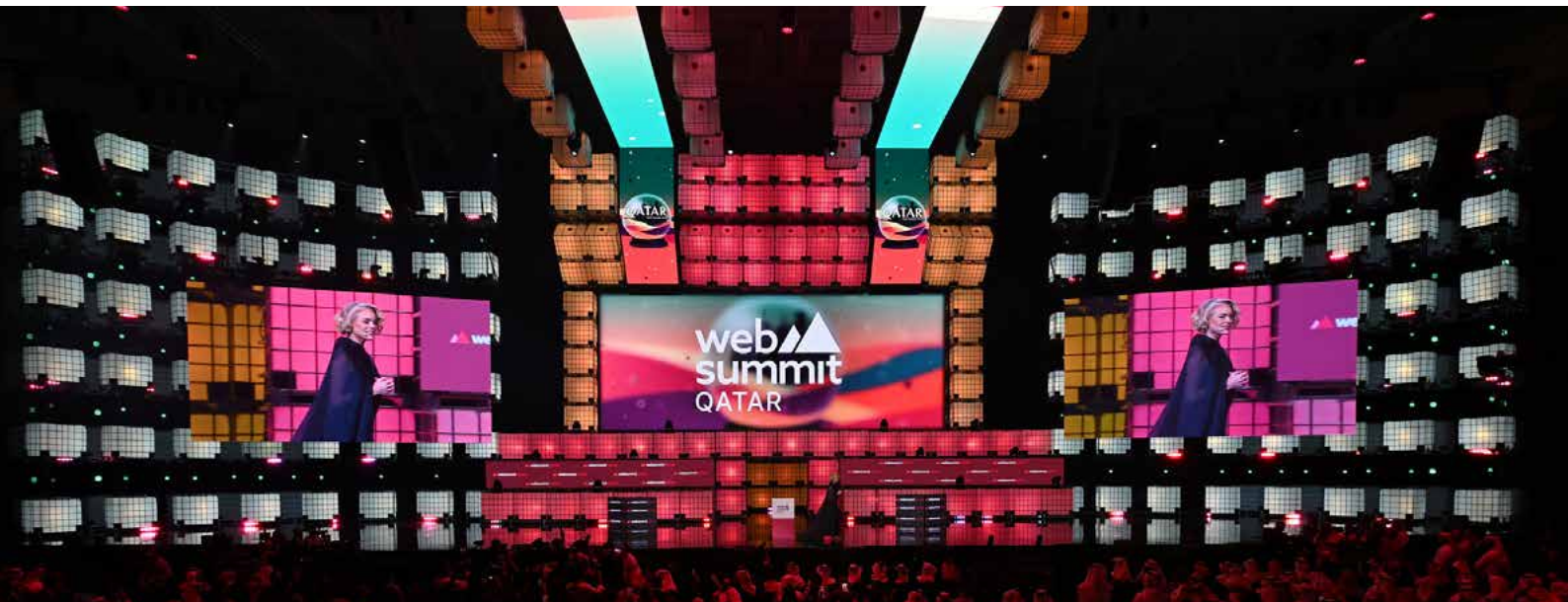


Sport and wellness are significant themes running through life at UDST. Only last month did the University host the first ever GCC Universities Sport and Wellness Symposium. The three-day conference brought together senior university sport and wellness leaders, international sport federation representatives, government officials and students from across the region to promote the growth of regional student sporting and wellness opportunities. A fitting choice of host, given that UDST was also the first University in the MENA region to be awarded the FISU Platinum Level Healthy Campus accolade.

Tony Martin, Manager of UDST's Sport and Wellness department, said: "We love sport at UDST, so Qatar National Sport Day is a highly anticipated holiday every year. It brings us together as a community with a good dose of competitive spirit, and an abundance of positive energy. This year our Sport and Wellness team, plus sport business partners curated a diverse program, ensuring activities for all skill levels and interests. From competitive cricket and football matches, a fun family walk/run event, to nutrition awareness, our goal was to create an environment where everyone, regardless of background or ability, could find an activity that speaks to them."

UDST has a strong culture of sport and wellness. Students and staff can take advantage of state-of-the-art sport and wellness facilities including swimming pools, sports halls, turf and natural grass football pitches, a cricket ground, cricket batting cages, indoor and outdoor padel and tennis courts, and a beach volleyball court. Two additional facilities that will soon be opened to the University and public community include our much-anticipated E-Gaming Room and Spin Studio. All of these facilities are available to the public as the University strives to make opportunities for health and well-being more accessible to the wider community, helping establish daily sports practice as healthy, habitual behavior.





UDST at the Web Summit Qatar

University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) had a successful participation in the recently concluded Web Summit Qatar. This prestigious event welcomed over 15,000 participants, underscoring its significance in the global technology landscape.

UDST, situated at the core of innovation, played a pivotal role at the summit. Our team's efforts culminated in the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding with Cisco and Qatar Financial Center, marking a significant milestone in our journey towards fostering technological advancements and collaborative endeavors.

Furthermore, our incubation center booth, UHUB became a central attraction for hundreds of visitors keen on exploring the innovative projects and initiatives UDST is spearheading.

We are proud of our contribution to the Web Summit Qatar and the opportunities it has unlocked for future collaborations and technological breakthroughs.

UDST remains committed to being at the forefront of the technology scene, driving change, and inspiring the next generation of innovators.





UDST and Huawei Jointly Launch State-of-the-Art AI ICT Academy Lab

In collaboration with Huawei, we proudly unveiled the cutting-edge AI ICT Academy Lab, marking a significant stride in Qatar's educational landscape. The inauguration, held on February 15, 2024, garnered the presence of esteemed government officials from the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and other Government stakeholders, underscoring the pivotal role public – private partnerships on advancing AI capabilities in Qatar.

As AI is ushering in the fourth industrial revolution, upskilling initiatives to address the AI-powered digital divide will be fundamental to drive innovation and cultivating a skilled workforce to drive Qatar's digital future.

Coupled with Huawei Cloud capabilities, the AI ICT Academy Lab is targeted at unlocking the potential of AI in the education sector, empowering students with advanced AI skills necessary to transform their competence to new levels in-line with Qatar's National AI Strategy focused on six pillars: education, data access, employment, business, research, and ethics, that together will guide Qatar towards the transition to an AI future. Central to the opening ceremony was the presence of an AI Avatar, symbolizing the convergence of technology and education. This dynamic showcase vividly depicted the transformative potential of AI in fostering digital ambassadors and revolutionizing educational paradigms, laying the groundwork for a future where innovation thrives.





A partnership with Al-Ahli Hospital to Enhance Healthcare Learning and Research in Qatar

University of Doha for Science and Technology signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Al-Ahli Hospital in Qatar. The agreement enables both institutions to engage in collaborative work of mutual interest across a range of clinical, educational, community outreach, and research-related areas. The memorandum was signed on the University's campus by Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST, and Dr. Khaled Al-Emadi, Chief Executive Officer of Medicare Group Q.P.S.C. and Al-Ahli Hospital in the presence of other attendees from both organizations.

The overarching aim of the agreement is to serve as a cooperative framework, ultimately helping to advance Qatar's healthcare education, research and services. It will also help to foster a culture of knowledge sharing between the two entities. The MOU encourages the two organizations to work jointly on designing and developing academic pathways and higher degree programs, including professional certificates and post-graduate studies for the healthcare sector. Students from UDST will be able to take advantage of practical opportunities at Al-Ahli Hospital, along with enhanced support for their capstone projects. The agreement promotes the development of joint research and publications between the two institutions on projects that align with Qatar's national priorities, and enables Al-Ahli Hospital practitioners to engage in specific teaching and project supervisory roles at UDST, and vice versa for the University faculty. Additionally, under the agreement, both institutions are committed to community outreach including jointly organizing health-awareness campaigns, seminars and workshops.



UDST Receives "Great Place to Work®" Recognition for the Second Consecutive Year

University of Doha for Science and Technology has been certified as a Great Place to Work for the second consecutive year after a thorough and independent analysis conducted by Great Place to Work® Middle East. The certification recognizes employers who create an outstanding employee experience. It is attained by completing a two-step evaluation process which includes an anonymous employee survey and a thorough questionnaire about the workforce. The University stands as the sole educational institution to be awarded this certificate.

The survey, which was completed by UDST employees, measures the respondent's attitudes towards various aspects of the work culture such as respect, communication and leadership behavior. The organization's score is determined by the employees' feedback and independent analysis; hence the certification helps job seekers identify which institutions genuinely have a great culture. It also gives employers a recruiting advantage by providing a globally recognized and research-backed verification of great employee experience.

UDST was recognized as a choice workplace due to its continuous efforts in offering opportunities for professional and personal development to its staff. The leading institution believes that continuous learning and growth are essential for its employees to excel and reach their full potential. This includes access to valuable resources, training, conferences as well as dedicated Professional Development days organized twice a year by the University. These prospects enable staff and faculty to expand their knowledge, gain exposure to cutting-edge practices, and broaden their horizons, thereby contributing to their career advancement. The University's open-door policies and the active encouragement of cross-functional collaborations are intrinsic to its work environment.



Great News!
Our Employees have spoken
and UDST Culture is Amazing!





UDST forms a Strategic Alliance with Idaho State University

UDST has recently signed a five-year strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Idaho State University (ISU), a highly regarded and comprehensive educational institution in the United States. The agreement encourages and enables the two institutions to cooperate across several academic areas, with a particular focus on engineering, energy research and disaster response. The memorandum was signed virtually by Dr. Rachid Benlamri, UDST's Vice President, Academics, and Dr. Martin E. Blair, Vice President for Research and Economic Development at ISU in the presence of Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST and Mr. Brian Sagendorf, Acting President of ISU.

The agreement furthers UDST's ongoing efforts to build meaningful partnerships with premier educational institutions around the world. As part of the collaboration, UDST and ISU are focusing on the fields of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and also exploring opportunities to work together at ISU's Disaster Response Complex (DRC) and Center for Advanced Energy Studies (AES). The two Universities will together facilitate student and faculty exchange, take part in organizing collective research programs, and work towards offering joint programs in these fields.

Idaho State University is one of a handful of educational institutions in the United States to offer a full range of programs from technical certificates through to graduate and professional degrees. As part of the first phase in a long-term sustainable plan under the agreement, UDST students will have the chance to train at the DRC in the form of short summer programs.



UDST hosts the first edition of "Nafath Majlis" organized by MADA



University of Doha for Science and Technology sponsored and hosted the first edition of the event "Nafath Majlis" under the title "Interdisciplinary Synergies: Pioneering Advances in Assistive Technologies and Digital Accessibility," launched by Mada Assistive Technology Center of the Ministry of Social Development and Family.

This event sheds light on topics related to digital accessibility and assistive technology, improving digital inclusivity and enabling people with disabilities to live independently and integrate into all aspects of life. The Nafath Majlis is held quarterly through a series of events, workshops, seminars, and discussions before the release of the quarterly "Nafath" journal, showcasing the latest research and relevant scientific papers.

UDST sponsored this event in line with the terms of the strategic partnership with Mada Center, reaffirming its prominent role in supporting digital inclusivity for people with disabilities. It also demonstrates UDST's commitment to supporting research, innovations, and enhanced programs for digital access and assistive technology.

The University recognizes the importance of technology in education and its significant capability to support students with disabilities and invests in this power for the benefit of the community and particularly its students. The university campus relies on various assistive technologies, alternative formats for course materials, and many other techniques, not only to comply with digital accessibility but also as bridges to knowledge, enabling students to engage in their studies in ways that suit their individual needs.





UDST Holds Graduation Ceremony for Technician Programs' Trainees

The Continuing and Professional Education Directorate (CPE) at University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) held a graduation ceremony for the trainees of its Technician Programs. The event marked their preparedness for successful employment in Qatar General Electricity & Water Corporation (Kahramaa), the Public Works Authority (Ashghal), as well as the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs. Present at the ceremony were H.E. Dr. Ibrahim bin Saleh Al-Naimi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education; H.E. Saad bin Ahmad Al Muhannadi, President of the Public Works Authority; Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of University of Doha for Science and Technology; Dr. Abdullah Mohsin Al-Wahedi, Director of Shared Services at KAHRAMAA.

The ceremony celebrated 30 accomplished graduates/ participants who successfully completed the rigorous Emergency and IT Technician Training programs. Their journey commenced in July 2023 and culminated after an intensive six-month period of training.

The programs provided a range of value-added innovative and professional training tailored to meet the evolving needs of the market for technical and vocational skills. The holistic curricula were meticulously designed in close collaboration with the University's College of Engineering and Technology and the College of Computing and Information Technology, as well as the invaluable input from their partners within the industry. The content was also complemented with communications and professional skills development in addition to practical workshops and on-the-job training, providing a comprehensive educational experience.





A Delegation from MoI Visits UDST

University of Doha for Science and Technology welcomed a delegation from the Ministry of Interior. The visit aimed to enhance the collaboration between the two sides and to explore the University's facilities and its various colleges, which include: the College of Engineering and Technology, the College of Computing and Information Technology, the College of Business, the College of Health Sciences, and the College of General Education.

During the visit, which was coordinated between the Human Resources Management at the Ministry of Interior and the University, the delegation, which included several department managers and officers, was introduced to the engineering laboratories and advanced laboratories in the University, including the cybersecurity laboratory,

the artificial intelligence laboratory, health laboratories, workshops, and pilot plants, in addition to the advanced facilities including sport and wellness spaces.

As the first applied university in Qatar, UDST has proven expertise in enhancing the skills required in various fields in the State of Qatar. In addition to its current specialized training programs, the University also offers bachelor's and postgraduate programs in new specialties that are of interest to state institutions and the public sector, allowing the University to meet research, training, and educational needs in an integrated and comprehensive manner.



QMC and UDST Sign an MoU to Advance Media and Technology Education in Qatar

In a significant development for the fields of digital communication and media production in Qatar, Qatar Media Corporation (QMC) and University of Doha for Science and Technology (UDST) have officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster cooperation in several key areas of mutual interest. The MoU was signed by H.E. Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Thani bin Khaled Al-Thani, CEO of QMC and Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, President of UDST in the presence of officials from both entities. This collaboration marks an important step towards enhancing the educational and professional landscape of media and technology in Qatar.

The MoU outlines a comprehensive scope of work, emphasizing the development of a hybrid track in Arabic and English within the University's Bachelor of Science in Digital Communication and Media Production (DCMP) program, housed at the College of Computing and Information Technology.

This track will be available to students in the Fall semester of this year and is designed to attract more Qatari students and to equip graduates with the necessary skills to deploy the latest digital technologies in media production and to lead A/V technical teams, excel in all media production professions on stage or behind the scenes, and contribute effectively to use of technology and the communication departments of both public and private organizations.

The partnership focuses on several key areas aimed at fostering leadership in media production and communication. Both signatories will initiate an exchange of experiences in education, training, and development to enhance learning outcomes in addition to undertaking joint scientific and informative research initiatives.

UDST at International University Expo in Riyadh



The admissions team from University of Doha for Science and Technology participated in the International University Expo held in Riyadh. This expo served as a dynamic platform that not only bridges the gap between ambitious students and esteemed universities worldwide but also embodies a commitment to fostering international academic opportunities.

Our participation was very unique and students had the opportunity to explore a wide array of higher education options that we offer. Engaging directly with representatives from the University, students gained insights into the innovative programs and cutting-edge facilities that set UDST apart, enabling them to make well-informed decisions about their academic futures.

The Expo, featured world-class universities, insightful seminars, and invaluable networking opportunities, dedicated to shaping the future of eager minds by opening doors to limitless possibilities and guiding students towards a path of academic excellence. UDST's involvement underscored the importance of direct interaction in helping students realize their aspirations through regional and global education opportunities.



UDST Student Honored with Bronze in Global SDGs Innovation Challenge



We are proud to announce that Ralph Benedict Capili, a student at the University's College of Engineering and Technology, has been awarded the Bronze certificate in the Future Designer International Innovation Design Awards (IIDA) & Science for SDGs Innovation Contest. Capili's project, "An Ionizing-Humidifier with an Indoor Air Pollutant Detector" showcases UDST's commitment to fostering a culture of innovation, and the impressive scope of achievement from its individual students.

Ralph Capili's project addresses the significant issue of indoor air pollution. Harmful gases in indoor spaces are cleared through a novel ionizing-humidifier device coupled with an indoor air pollutant detector, vastly improving air quality. Research behind the innovation focused on the development of a low-cost and effective solution which ensures optimal indoor humidity and air purity. The ionizing-humidifier incorporates a pollutant detection system and is designed to operate with reduced energy input, meaning a longer product lifespan, and higher efficiency. The device demonstrated a capability to detect air quality within an average of 0.25 seconds at 96.4% accuracy, not only making it a promising tool for enhancing living conditions amongst vulnerable populations, but propelling Qatar further towards its human and developmental goals.

UDST is dedicated to enabling its students to become drivers of change, equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to address the world's most pressing challenges. The recognition received for Mr. Capili's project not only highlights the importance of the University's role as a catalyst for innovation and academic excellence, but the increasing focus from within Qatar on creating a healthier and more sustainable environment.

Empowerment Through Experience: UDST's Environmental Health Students Dive into Food Safety

In the bustling heart of Sheehaniya, a group of Environmental Health students from UDST embarked on a unique journey, blending academic learning with real-world application. Under the expert guidance of Sheehaniya Municipality's food safety inspectors, these students took to the field, conducting comprehensive food safety inspections across a variety of establishments, from cozy coffee shops to bustling hotels and even a local farm and slaughterhouse.

This initiative was more than just an educational exercise; it was a mission fueled by a profound commitment to public health. The students, mentored by professionals, delved into the intricacies of foodborne illness prevention, scrutinizing hygiene practices, storage, and food preparation methods with a keen eye. Their journey was not without challenges, yet each obstacle served as a stepping stone, honing their skills and deepening their understanding of the field.

The highlight of their practicum was the "My Food, My Health" campaign, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of food safety. Through this initiative, the students stepped beyond the role of inspectors to become educators, sharing valuable insights with the community and empowering individuals to make informed choices about their food.

Reflecting on the experience, Hind, one of the participating students, shared her personal growth, noting the invaluable lessons learned in professionalism and ethics. The warmth and cooperation encountered in the field transformed initial apprehension into a rich learning experience, offering a glimpse into the community's perspective on food safety and the critical role of effective communication in health promotion.



As the practicum concluded, the students left with more than just academic credits; they carried forward a sense of accomplishment, a deeper appreciation for cultural diversity, and a renewed passion for their field. This partnership between UDST and Sheehaniya Municipality not only equipped the Environmental Health students with practical skills but also fostered a sense of community and a shared dedication to safeguarding public health.

This story is a testament to the power of experiential learning, proving that when education steps outside the classroom, it can transform lives and communities alike.



Celebrating Ramadan at UDST: A Time of Reflection and Unity for our Wolves Community



As the crescent moon heralds the arrival of Ramadan, University of Doha for Science and Technology embraces a period of profound reflection, spiritual growth, and communal harmony. This sacred month, observed by millions around the globe, holds a special place in the hearts of the UDST family, reflecting the rich tapestry of cultural and religious traditions that define this vibrant academic institution.

A Time for Spiritual Renewal

Ramadan is a period dedicated to deep spiritual reflection, prayer, and reading of the Qur'an. For the UDST community, this month offers a unique opportunity to engage in personal and collective introspection. The university encourages its students, faculty, and staff to use this time to cultivate a deeper sense of empathy, patience, and spiritual awareness.

Fostering Community Bonds

One of the most beautiful aspects of Ramadan in Qatar, and by extension at UDST, is the emphasis on community and togetherness. We encourage everyone to gather with colleagues, family or friends for iftars or suhoor. These gatherings are not just about nourishing the body after a day of fasting but also about strengthening the bonds. It is a time when people of diverse backgrounds and cultures come together, sharing stories and experiences, thereby fostering a sense of belonging and mutual respect.



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Emphasizing Charity and Generosity



Charity is a fundamental aspect of Ramadan, and the UDST community actively engages in acts of generosity and kindness during this month. The university coordinates with local charities and organizations to distribute food packages and aid to those in need. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to contribute in whatever way they can, be it through volunteering their time or making donations. These activities underscore the values of compassion and altruism that are central to the mission of UDST.

Looking Forward

As the UDST community observes Ramadan, the principles of reflection, community, charity, and learning become more pronounced. This month serves as a reminder of the values that the university upholds throughout the year. In celebrating Ramadan, UDST not only honors the traditions of its Muslim members but also reinforces its commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and the betterment of society. For the University of Doha for Science and Technology, Ramadan is not just a period of spiritual observance but a reflection of the values that define this academic community: unity, generosity, and the pursuit of knowledge.



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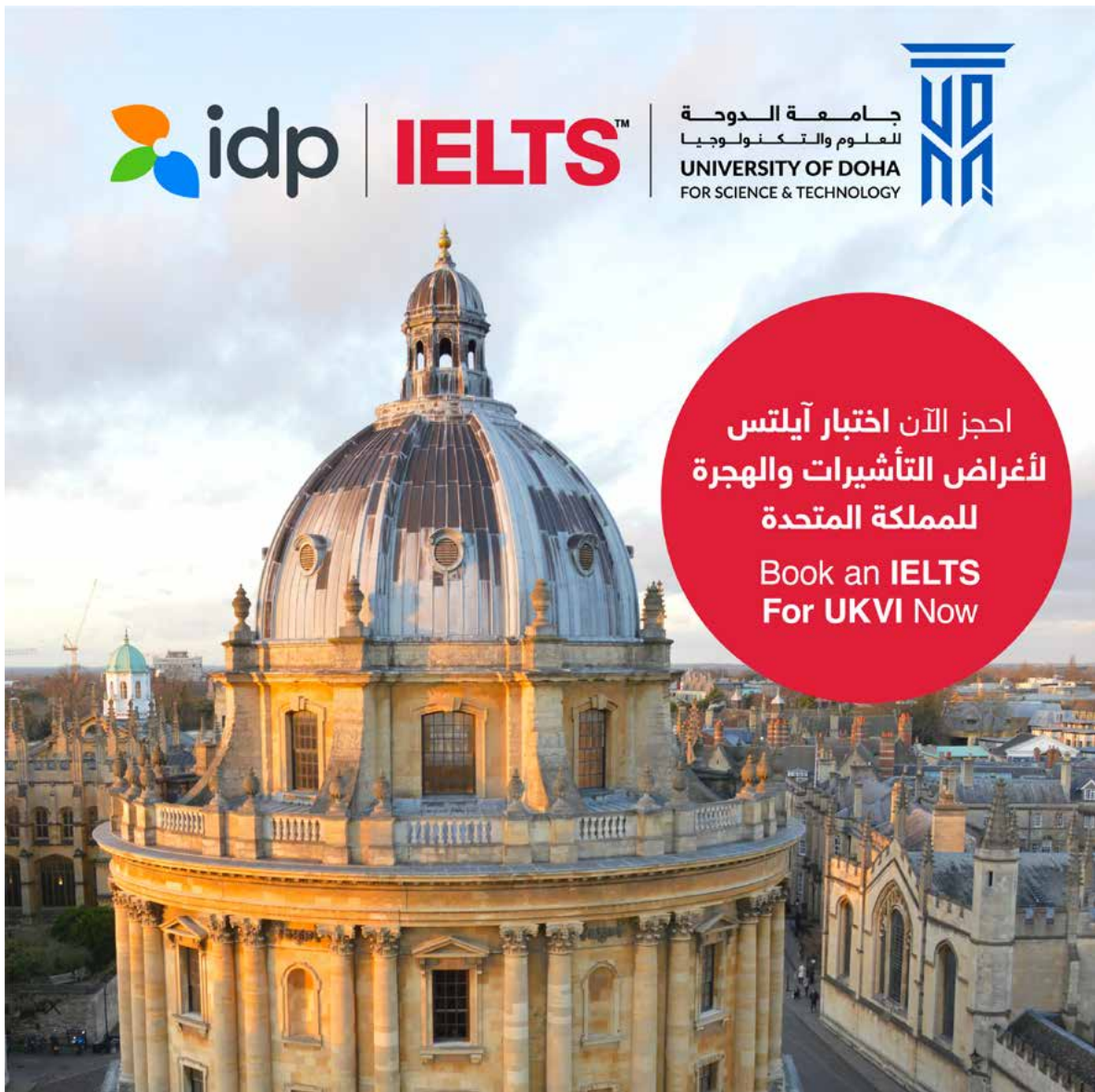
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Best Wishes for the Holy Month of Ramadan.
May our prayers during this time of fasting get accepted
by Allah and bring us His blessings.





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