



First Cohort of UDST Graduates

IN THIS ISSUE

03 Message from the President

04 The Highlight: Graduation Ceremony 2022

06 The Round-Up: Healthy Campus Platinum Label

08 The Round-Up: Festival of Cultures

13 The Social: FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™

14 The Spot: UDST Multipurpose Hall





Message from the President

Dear students, faculty, and staff,
Welcome to the fourth issue of our UDST POST.

We start this new academic year appreciative of the opportunity to serve over 6,000 special, dynamic and dedicated students. UDST's core values of performance, excellence, and achievement are the foundation of our commitment towards our community and we strive to help each member self-develop and seek innovation that serves society and achieves sustainability under the Qatar National Vision 2030.

This month's Post sums up many activities and events that took place on campus and highlights the first UDST graduation ceremony. We are also on the verge of witnessing a one-of-a-kind event and that is the much-awaited FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™. To celebrate this special occasion, UDST Post has dedicated a section to give you information and insights about the most prestigious tournament in the world. We are all looking forward

to this world event that will bring together people from across the globe to celebrate not only football but also the state of Qatar.

I am also extremely proud to share with you the news that University of Doha for Science and Technology has been granted the FISU Healthy Campus Platinum Label, which is a first in the MENA Region. We have also developed and actioned many strategies in collaboration with our partners which will result in the reveal of multiple unique projects that will benefit our society and position UDST as a leading institution in applied education.

I wish you an enriching and successful Fall semester and I encourage you all to give your best and make the best out of this fresh start!

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



Under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Interior

UDST Holds a Graduation Ceremony for Class of 2022

Under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, UDST held a one-of-a-kind graduation ceremony for 477 students. The ceremony took place in the presence of His Excellency the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior; with the attendance of Excellencies Ministers of State and H.E. the Minister of State for Energy Affairs Saad bin Sherida al-Kaabi as a guest speaker; UDST Board of Trustees' Chairman H.E. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada and the board members; Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, UDST's President, the University's faculty and graduates' families.

UDST's first graduation ceremony and the 18th graduation batch for this Academic Institution witnessed the first cohort of Applied Master's Degree holders in Diabetes Care and Patient Education. Students graduated from over 62 programs, which are each tailored to the needs of Qatar's economy. The number of graduates in each discipline is: 115 from Business Management, 39 from Computing and Information Technology, 245 from Engineering Technology, 78 from Health Sciences.

During the ceremony, the audience was astonished by a documentary retracing a 20-year legacy of this Academic Institution and the transformation that led to the establishment of the First Applied University in Qatar.

The ceremony started with a congratulatory message from Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, UDST's President. He said: "We take pride in this special day, where we witness a moment long-awaited by our students. We had the honor of being part of the official establishment of UDST by an Emiri Decision No13 of 2022 issued by His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, may God protect him. This decision brought with it a new journey full of excitement, dedication and commitment to offer the best and strengthen the position that has been set for us as a First Applied University in our beloved country Qatar. UDST is a student-oriented university, we believe in the ability of our students and we put 20 years of technical and vocational education and training experience in Qatar at their service. We work on developing their skills and knowledge, and we encourage them to achieve and perform at their best. Our aim is to help them self-develop and seek innovation that serves society and achieves sustainability under the Qatar National Vision 2030. The University has developed and actioned strategies in partnership with leading private and public entities which resulted in the reveal of multiple unique projects and the launch of new programs that respond to the requirements of the labor market. UDST offers 62 programs, 8 of which are unique and no other university in Qatar offers such programs. The latter are Business Administration in Banking and Financial



Technology, Data and Cyber Security, Respiratory Therapy, Medical Radiography, Digital Communication and Media Production, Engineering - Applied Electrical Power and Renewable Energy, Construction Engineering, Engineering - Applied Automation and System Control Engineering.”

In his speech to the graduates, His Excellency Mr. Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi, the Minister of State for Energy Affairs, pointed out the distinction of University of Doha for Science and Technology, which he said “was not a coincidence, but the result of continued cooperation with various sectors in the country to build programs that are capable of preparing national talents and capabilities to meet the requirements of the job market, including that of the energy sector.”

His Excellency Minister Al-Kaabi addressed the graduates, saying: “Today we celebrate your arrival at the first stage of success on a long road - a pivotal station that will change your path into the working life. Each of you sets out with a certificate, a qualification and practical experience that meets an immediate need for the country’s economy. Next, you will join one of our Qatari institutions, and you will work with experts and specialists in all fields, So, learn from them and build successful and solid relationships based on mutual trust and respect. Be proud of the qualitative additions you will bring and keep looking ahead to the next step, for the future is ahead of you and tomorrow is yours.”

Drawing from his own educational and professional experience, His Excellency Minister Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi concluded his speech with some advice to the graduates, saying: “Let knowledge lead you, and constantly search for it, as it will drive your success, wisdom and innovation. Learn from your mistakes as well as from your successes. Be humble and appreciate the achievements of others around you. Take care of your colleagues, support each other and cooperate with each other, and be the positive energy and role models for future generations. I congratulate you and your families on your graduation, and I congratulate the Qatar’s institutions for your joining them, so that we can contribute together to the further economic prosperity of our beloved Qatar under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.”

The University has graduated more than 7000 students dedicated to serve Qatar locally and internationally. UDST hosts more than 5000 students across its 4 Colleges. They represent more than 70 nationalities reflecting a diversified community that shares the love of learning and works together for a better future. The audience witnessed the parchments presentation and applauded the class of 2022 dressed in their graduation regalia designed and crafted by a Qatari Fashion House.



A First in the MENA Region

University of Doha for Science and Technology is granted the FISU Healthy Campus Platinum Label

University of Doha for Science and Technology was granted the Healthy Campus Platinum Label by the International University Sports Federation, an International Olympic Committee recognized organization, founded in 1949 as the world governing body of national university sports organizations and currently has 174 member associations from five continents.

The ceremony took place at the “Université Libre de Bruxelles” in the Belgian Capital and was attended by Dr. Ibrahim Al-Naemi, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and President of the Qatar Collegiate Sports Federation; Dr. Salem Al-Naemi, UDST’s President and Anthony Martin, Manager of Sport and Wellness Division at the University.

The “Platinum” label granted to UDST is considered the highest level of certification in the FISU Healthy Campus program. FISU has determined 100 criteria with a group of international experts to contribute to most of the sustainable development goals defined by the United Nations. A platinum-labeled campus represents an entity that has met at least 91 out of the 100 criteria list.

The program focuses on 6 main domains that are Physical Activity and Sport, Nutrition, Disease Prevention, Mental and Social Health, Risk Behavior, Environment Sustainability and Social Responsibility. Under these domains fall many criteria such as sustainable community development, responsible consumption and production, climate action, partnerships and synergies between internal and external partners on campus, clean and affordable energy, reducing inequalities, increasing inclusion....

On this occasion, Dr. Ibrahim Bin Saleh Al-Naimi said: “The Qatar Collegiate Sports Federation supports national universities and encourages them to further strengthen the global positioning of Qatar, not only as a destination for quality education but also as a country that embodies advanced educational facilities and services that take into consideration the physical and mental well-being of the students. Today we witnessed an important accomplishment by UDST, who was able to



raise Qatar’s name even further, by becoming the first university in the MENA region to earn this label. We have high hopes on UDST who will be soon playing a role that goes beyond the national level.”

Dr. Salem Al-Naemi said: “We take pride in the Healthy Campus platinum label we have been granted. This achievement is the result of dedication and efforts made by UDST’s Campus Wellness Strategy Task Force, under the leadership of the Sport and Wellness team in addition to a clear strategic vision that aims to position UDST as a regional leader in this field. We have a firm belief that Wellness is a comprehensive concept that includes not only physical aspects but also mental health, welcoming educational facilities and many other elements that when combined can create a healthy educational environment. UDST has joined world-leading universities on the FISU Healthy Campus Program which has 94 registered universities in the world. We do look forward to more collaborations and future projects with the FISU. We aim to serve our students and the community at large within the framework of Qatar National Vision 2030.

Following the ceremony, officials have met to further enhance collaboration between the Qatar Collegiate Sports Federation, UDST and FISU, as well as the Asian University Sports Federation. A long-term plan is being set in place to raise awareness about the importance of securing Healthy Campuses for students and employees alike. Furthermore, UDST is finalizing a strategy that aims to empower national and regional educational institutions to engage in a Healthy Campus process.



UDST's Top Graduands Receive President's Award for Academic Excellence

University of Doha for Science and Technology's highest achieving graduands of the Class of 2022 were in the spotlight during a gala celebration where they received the President's Award for Academic Excellence.

The Award was presented to 31 graduating students who received the highest marks in their individual programs. Of those honored, 8 achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

This celebration is an important occasion that encourages healthy competition among students and recognizes the efforts put in by top performers to reach the highest ranks. Students were awarded by Dr. Salem AL-Naemi, President of UDST who expressed his pride in the graduands' achievements and said: "Tonight we celebrate Academic Excellence. Our students have proved once again their determination to overcome any challenge and succeed in the classroom and beyond. This Academic Award is not only a recognition of their efforts, it is a motivation for them to keep moving forward and work even harder to fulfill their dreams. We look forward to seeing these future leaders join more than 7000 UDST alumni who are contributing to the development of Qatar's economy and inspiring many more to achieve great heights."

The President's Award for Academic Excellence is a yearly tradition at UDST. The 2022 award winners represent 11 countries – Qatar, Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Sudan and Syria.





UDST Celebrates Festival of Cultures

UDST's Student Engagement department, a division of Student Affairs, recently held its first annual Festival of Cultures, a celebration of the cultural diversity of the UDST community. Nearly 20 different countries were represented with booths and cultural performances created, designed and choreographed by our UDST students, representing the diverse cultures of their homelands. Attendees could view the national dress of our students while sampling the cuisine, music, art and dance spanning various continents.

Prizes were awarded in 3 categories: Best Booth, Most Engaging Booth & Best Cultural Performance. Pakistan secured the title for the best booth with their creatively designed mosque display. Qatar nabbed the title for Most Engaging Booth, demonstrating Qatar during an era gone by and the Philippines wowed the full-house crowd two nights in a row, receiving tremendous applause for their outstanding cultural performance.

Our UDST students learned valuable leadership, communication and negotiation skills by having to work together as a team towards a common goal. We congratulate all our student leaders and participants and look forward to engaging even more countries and students in the years to come. UDST's student body is incredibly diverse, with over 70 different nationalities represented. Stay tuned for Festival of Cultures 2023 happening in March next year.





The First Annual Appreciation Awards Ceremony at UDST

UDST's students, faculty and staff were recently celebrated for their non-academic achievements during an official ceremony at the University. The Student Engagement team hosted this event to recognize individuals who set a high standard of example among their peers, displaying the values of UDST.

Members of the UDST community were recognized across 14 diverse categories, ranging from kindness and respect to engagement and dedication.



The Student Engagement Department also recognized UDST's President Dr. Salem Al-Naemi for being an inspirational leader and for his dedication and outstanding support to the UDST community. Manager, Student Engagement Allison Furlong was also recognized for her work ethic and dedication to her team. The Student Engagement department wishes to expand the award categories in the upcoming years, inspiring more members of the UDST community.



The awardees were:

Above & Beyond Award

Dynic Keen, Student

Always Smiling Award

Bridget Walters, Faculty Member

Kindness Award

Anees Fatima Memon, Student

Respect Award

Jamal Kurdi, Faculty Member

The Most Helpful Instructor Award

Will Skeels, Faculty Member

Most Helpful Staff Award

Khokon Mai, Security Guard

The Club Enthusiast Award

Abdul Azeem, Student

The Most Active Club Mentor

Mr. Stacey Yap-Singh, Music Club

Most Active Volunteer Award

Mah-i-noor Gul, Student

Student Council Member Engagement Award

Nusrat Reda, SC Vice-President

Most Dedicated Student Assistant Award

Khubaub Rashid, Student

The Most Active Club Award

Toastmaster's Club

Largest Club Award

Four Paws Club

Most Active Student Club Leader

Hanan Al Qadhi, Art Club





An awareness event about animal welfare hosted on campus

UDST's newly formed club "Four Paws" displayed their efforts and engagement towards animal rights and welfare by encouraging UDST students to donate cat food for stray cats. The students planned, designed, and decorated the atrium with their fun-filled creativity to welcome QAWS for the first time in UDST.

They encouraged students to embrace the idea of becoming animal-friendly and shared awareness about the importance of animal adoption by showcasing a rescued kitten named Tom that represented all cats in need of help and rescuing.



About the event:

The Four Paws club recently hosted an information session about animal welfare held at UDST in collaboration with Qatar Animal Welfare Society. QAWS, is a non-profit organization that is purely funded by public donations.

Sheltering over 200 animals, they aim to dedicate themselves towards animal rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming. Making a difference one paw at a time. The students were able to learn, and interact with the animals present in the event: Dave the cat, Caramel the guinea pig, and Shelly the tortoise.

QAWS highlighted the importance of knowing how to properly care for specific animals, and advocated the importance of animal adoption, neutering, and their need for volunteers. UDST students absorbed new information and enjoyed the rest of the session by petting all the animals.

In the end, Four Paws club was able to receive and donate over 100 bags of cat food to QAWS.



NEBOSH Training at UDST

The Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) Directorate at University of Doha for Science and Technology, has organized a training on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) for senior labor inspectors of the Ministry of Labour (MoL). UDST is a Golden Partner of NEBOSH in Qatar, qualified to train OSH professionals from the public and private sectors in NEBOSH and similar courses. This training course is part of the efforts of MoL and the International Labour Organization (ILO), to strengthen the capacity of the labor inspection in Qatar and equip the labor inspectors with international certifications.



MCE taster session

In partnership with Management Center Europe (MCE), the Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) Directorate organized a face-to-face taster session for CPE clients and UDST students to introduce them to the American Management Association (AMA) Certified Professional in Management (CPM) certification. During the event, participants had the chance to interact with the MCE Senior Associate to learn about the benefits of being certified, the CPM Prep Course and the special conditions that are required for the exam.





FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™

Let's get ready!

With less than four months to go until the big kick-off. UDST Post will be dedicating "The Social" section to share with its readers facts, figures and all the information related to the greatest football show on earth. This month we are shedding light on what the brand has offered so far.



The official emblem

It is designed to resemble the tournament trophy, the infinity symbol, and the number "8", reflecting upon the "interconnected" event and the eight host stadiums. It also evokes imagery of shawls to signify the tournament's winter scheduling and contains waves resembling desert dunes. The typography of the emblem's wordmark incorporates "kashida", the practice of elongating certain parts of characters in Arabic script to provide typographical emphasis.



The Mascot

The tournament's official mascot was unveiled on 1st of April 2022, during the group stage draw. Its name is "La'eeb", which is an Arabic word meaning "super-skilled player". The official website of FIFA says: "La'eeb will be known for his youthful spirit; spreading joy and confidence everywhere he goes", and the official backstory of the character, published there, claims that it comes from a parallel world where tournament mascots live, "a world where ideas and creativity form the basis of characters that live in the minds of everyone".



Match ball

The official match ball, the "Al Rihla", was unveiled on 30 March 2022. It was mainly inspired by the culture, architecture, iconic boats and flag of Qatar. In Arabic, the word Al Rihla means "the journey". The ball was designed with sustainability as a priority, making it the first ever official match ball created with water-based glues and inks. As "the game is getting faster" and "speeds up", Adidas used some new features, allowing to provide speed and improve the accuracy of the ball.



Official song

The official song of the tournament is "Hayya Hayya (Better Together)", performed by Trinidad Cardona, Daviso and AISHA, released on 1 April 2022 along with the music video.

Sources: FIFA.com, Wikipedia, qatar2022.qa

The Multipurpose Hall

UDST is excited to unveil the new Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH). An international standard facility close to 4500 square meters offering students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the greater public a unique and high-quality air-conditioned indoor venue. The Multi-Purpose Hall will house marquis sporting events, student engagement events and academic and wellness-focused events on campus. **The Hall has recently witnessed the graduation of the first UDST cohort, in June 2022.**

Located directly opposite C3 parking, the new Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) will comprise 3 Indoor Padel Courts; 2 Squash Courts; Multi-Sport Court 1: Futsal, Handball, Basketball and Volleyball; Multi-Sport Court 2: Futsal, Handball and Tennis. In addition, a seating capacity of approximately 600 spaces, home and away team rooms, a private female lounge, and spaces for kiosks and reception.

MPH was a fast-track project that saw the light in a very short period of time amid a lot of challenges: the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the manpower shortage, the shipping line crunches, reduced working times, material shortage, adverse weather conditions, and more.

The on-boarding of the new MPH represents a significant enhancement of UDST's commitment to serve as a leading post-secondary institution providing high-quality and diverse sports and wellness facilities and programming to its internal community, partners as well as members of the public.

More information such as the official launch date, hours of operation, and booking capabilities will be communicated soon.



Conceptual Image only





udst.edu.qa

Phone: +974 4495 2222

Email: info@udst.edu.qa

P.O. Box: 24449, Doha - Qatar

