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Continue the activities of the Arab Academy QatarDebate

Participants praise the role of QatarDebate in disseminating the culture of debate in the Arab world

Dr. Salami:

A large response from the participants with the academy activities and they are eager to communicate more with Arab countries.

Dr. Othman Bin Salem:

The academy is preparing a generation that believes in debate, wearing a dress of respect.

Yahya Osman:

the debates are our goods which returned to us and it is important in light of the Arab Awakening.

Soleiman Mossa:

The academy opens new horizons for educational cooperation between the Arab.

Abdul Ghani Arif:

The Debates increase the student learning and elevate the educational institutions.

Mohammad Al-Amin:

The academy is a bold step in the right direction because it inculcates the respect of opinions.

Ashraf Shaaban:

I am eager to transfer the academy materials to Egyptian students.

Ahmed Abdou:

The art of Debate implementation will reflect well on the Arab societies.

Sanaa El Khoury:

The debates should get the concern of the Ministry of Education in our country.

Sabr Al-Anzi:

The debates have a great importance in prepare the current generation to face the future.

Salah Bouzian:

QatarDebate rediscovered the art of debate.

Hassan Ismail:

Comoros is participating for the first time and keen to have qualified students for the coming tournaments.

Doha - Qatar Debate Centre

The academy events continue today the fourth QatarDebate 2012, organized by QatarDebate center- Member of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development - at the students' center in the education city for disseminating the culture of debate in the Arab States, which is scheduled to conclude its work on Saturday.

The first day workshops of the academy provided by Mr. Nizar Mukhtar- Arabic debate coach and Mr. Mohammed Salman- Arabic debate coach, about introduction to the art of debate, and how to debate, as well the corresponding laws according to "QatarDebate Laws" and the roles of

speakers and the analysis of speeches, and on the second day workshops grabbed the intervention argument and refutation, and building the case.

As scheduled for the third day of workshops will cover the modality of arbitration, the managing of the debates, timing, the powers of the arbitrator and how to determine the result of the debate and the distribution of grades, and trainees will be judged a recorded debate under the supervision of coaches to discuss and analyzing how to arbitrate it.

In turn, Dr. Abdullatif sellami-Educational programs Manager said that the Academy convergence a good impression from the participants, pointing to the workshops are very intensive and addressed the definition of debates through a series of workshops that explain all the information on the art of symmetry.

and he expressed his wishes for the Academy to be the first stone to establish more cooperation and communication with the Arab countries, noting that there is an overwhelming response from the participants in the Academy, pointing out that he was surprised by all of this response, particularly, it is the first participation for the trainees with the art of debate.

And also said that the workshops provide adequate information about the debates and the coaches are keen to bring more excitement and thriller on the atmosphere of the exercises in order to attract more of the participants' attention.

Meanwhile, Dr. Abed Al Sameai, head of the Arabic program said that the objectives of the Academy is to promote cooperation in scientific, educational and cultural relations with the Arab countries, and transfer the unique experience that characterized "QatarDebate" in the promotion and

dissemination of the culture of Arabic debate, and try to deploy and use this experience as a education tool in schools by participating teachers.

And he explained that the participating teachers in the Academy will become a focal point in their countries to spread the culture of symmetry and the establishment of training workshops in their schools, noting that the workshops will be attended by "16" trainees from "16" Arab countries, including our state of Qatar.

He pointed out that the training which lasts for a period of "5 days" will feature two parts of theoretical and practical, which will include a period of 3-5 January for the theoretical side, and the period of 6-7 January for the practice.

From their side, the participants praised in the academic role of QatarDebate and the importance of training workshops offered through the Academy, where Mr. Yahia Mohamed Othman Hashim – the representative of the Ministry of Education, Sudan – says that it is the first time which he will be trained by QatarDebate coaches, pointing out that he participated in the tournament organized by the "QatarDebate" for Arab Universities, and the Sudanese team achieved second place and he won the title of the sixth best debaters.

Yahia stressed that the debates serve the Arab community in the Arab Awakening, because it help young Arabs to accept the opinion and the others opinion, dialogue, debate and the logic; away from using of methods of violence that always described us by the western media side. And adding that: "the debates are our goods which returned to us".

The representative of the Sudanese Ministry of Education estimates the value of QatarDebate role and which he described it by vanguard, noting that there is a big responsibility located on the center shoulder which is

disseminating the culture of debate in the Arab world. He pointed out that the center Motto “Debaters Today. Leaders tomorrow “demonstrate the leading role of the center in the future.

He pointed out that there are serious attempts are being made in the Sudan to promote a culture of debate within the Sudanese students’ community by the cooperation between QatarDebate Center and Abdullah Al-Tayib Center for Arabic language in Sudan.

He pointed out that currently being prepared Sudanese team to participate in the next QatarDebate tournaments, pointing out that when he returns to Sudan will participate in the preparation of the team and disseminating the culture of debate in the Sudanese students’ community.

From his side, Mr. Suleiman Hussein Mossa - representative of the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training in Djibouti - said: it is the first post for him to learn the art of symmetry, stressing to the importance of the academy in disseminating the culture of debate, pointing out that it opens new horizons for cooperation of education among the Arab countries for the advancement of the educational process and cultures exchange.

He stressed that the Academy will have a real payoff, pointing out that he will train the Djiboutian students on the art of debate, and will also prepare the students to participate in the tournaments organized by the Center.

The representative of Djibouti described the role of QatarDebate by unique and distinct, noting that the center is an unprecedented example for the dissemination of the culture of debate in the Arab world.

As Mr. Abdul Ghani Arif- the inspector and coordinator of the central Ministry of National Education in Rabat- he emphasized that there is major

importance of the Academy, firstly, in terms of education as it enables trainers to identify the techniques, skills, terms and conditions of debate, which will enable them in the future to transfer this experience to the students at the level of educational institutions and make them have corresponding skills of dialogue and persuade and make the arguments and the defense of opinion.

The representative of Morocco said that after my return to Morocco, I will create a team of trainers to supervise the students training and this is for the selection of the finest elements that are supposed to participate in future tournaments organized by QatarDebate.

Abdul Ghani Arif praised, the leading role of the center, noting that "QatarDebate" working on an issue have an future objective to allow creating future composition of young leaders capable of dialogue and persuasion and discussion of contemporary issues and the nation with an open mind to defend its mind and believes in the right of others to defend their views.

He stressed that there is a great importance of the debates in the educational process as it prepares students to acquire skills and make them more capable of learning and acquisition of skills and new attitudes to make them students belong to their real time, which develops the performance of the whole schools and the educational institutions in general and the rise of its roles to be the locomotive of progress and development in the society.

From his side, Mr. Mohamed Al-Amin- head of student activities at the Ministry of State in charge of Discipline National and Higher Education and Scientific Research of Mauritania- said: that the academy is a bold step in the right direction because it inculcates the respect of opinions without

the willies or tension which will establish a culture to benefit all Arab nation generally.

He pointed out that after his return to Mauritania will be part of a team of trainers who will train the Mauritanian students on the art of debates and prepare them to participate in tournaments organized by QatarDebate.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ashraf Shaaban - the representative of Egypt at the Academy - said: that the academy is a good idea because it is developing the cultural aspect to the trainers, who in turn will pass on the terms and conditions of debate to their students.

He stressed that the debates teach the students to respect the views and interact with different points of view the form in which they have developed important skills to help them develop their skills and abilities in key areas.

He pointed out that he is keen to move all the information received by the Academy to the students in Egypt to promote a culture of debate, pointing out that the team will be formed from Egypt to participate in tournaments QatarDebate.

As As Mr. Ahmed Abdu- head of the Arabic language department at Azzan bin Qais global school, state of the Sultanate of Oman- said: it is the first participate for him with that elegant art which is defined by the Arabs since ancient times, but ceased till QatarDebate developed appropriate plans for the involvement of teachers in such important programs which transcend that art and the Arab students to express their ideas by sophisticated manner and enabling them to lead future generations to improve their countries.

Ahmed Abdu said: that it is my duty to convey these experiences to all

students in the State of the Sultanate of Oman in order to get the stage to accommodate this elegant art and its application, which will impact on their community well and intellectual development.

He pointed out that will contribute to a team in the preparation of Oman team to participate in QatarDebate tournaments, noting that he would work to develop programs to prepare a special rehabilitation plan for the students to provide an honored levels in the tournaments.

From her side, Mrs. Sana El Khoury- head of secondary schools at the Ministry of Education, Lebanon- said: that the debates are too sophisticated style because it strengthens the capacity of teachers and students to be able to express their views, ideas, abilities and develop their agility and endow them with the skills of intellectual distinct to help in developing the educational process and progress its outcome for the better.

She noted that she is keen to transfer what she learned at the Academy to the Debating Team in Lebanon and the rest of the students in the schools of Lebanon for increasing their analog ability and the development of creative and intellectual skills.

As Mr. Sabr Al-Anzi - the first art directed Department of Education in Kuwait- said: that the debates have a great importance in creating the current generation to face the future and lead the country in a spirit of conscious understanding.

And he estimates the value of QatarDebate role and noting that Qatar is always proactive in many aspects, pointing out its intention to participate in the preparation of the Kuwait team to participate in tournaments QatarDebate.

Meanwhile, Mr. Salahuddin Bouziane- the management director of

teaching preparatory and secondary schools education at the Ministry of Education, Tunisia- said: that QatarDebate rediscovered the art of debate, stressing the importance of debates in building the student's personality and increase its ability to engage in dialogue and modern persuasion language, far from violence and extremism.

As Mr. Hassan Ismail- representative of the Ministry of National Education, Research and Culture, Comoros- confirmed that the Academy is considered an important way to promote the art of sophisticated ancient used by Arabs, but disappeared these days.

He noted that it is the first time participating for the Comoros in the academies for training in the art of debate, pointing out that he will work to transfer what he learned in the academy to the Comoros to spread the art of debate among students in the Comoros.

From his side, Dr. Osman bin Salim bin Ahmed- representative of the Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia- thanked QatarDebate for organizing such Academy and provide a wonderful opportunity for the Arab States to learn the art of debate through a series of workshops, wonderful, praising the Arab gathering and what include of interventions and the exchange of views and ideas between siblings Arabs for a generation that believes the issue of debate, free literature, wearing a dress of respect for the other party.

As Mrs. Arwa Mahmoud Ahmed- Directed of Arabic Language, Ministry of Education, United Arab Emirates- said: that the academy is a great idea of teaching that helps teachers on transfer the right image about the debates to their students for the publication of this sublime art, and praised the role played by the Centre for this purpose .

She added that the Academy helped the participants to recognize the art of debate as helping them transfer what they have learned to their students. She said she will participate in the preparation of the UAE team to participate in tournaments QatarDebate.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Samar Hosni - head of student activities at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the State of Palestine- praised QatarDebate role in spreading the culture of debate, and described the academy by awesome, noting that the workshops are very useful, saying that learning the art of symmetry is very important for the teacher and student.

From her side, Mrs. Siham Nasser Hassan - representative of the Ministry of Education, Kingdom of Bahrain- was very happy to participate in the Academy workshops for its great importance to the echo of the debates of a good impact on the educational process.

She thanked the State of Qatar to host teachers from Arab countries to participate in training workshops for the art of debate, octagonal the remarkable role played by the "QatarDebate" in order to promote a culture of Debate in the Arab world.

As for Ali Ahmed Megag, representative of the Republic of Somalia in the Academy- stressed he is keen to transfer what he learned during the academy to the Somalis students in order to increase their culture on the art of debate, praising the idea of establishing the academy, noting that QatarDebate succeeded in reviving the art of debate again after centuries of neglecting.

It worth mention that "16" milestone participating in the academy representing the "16" Arab State, as follows: "Qatar and Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of

Oman, Palestine, Somalia, Sudan, Mauritania, Djibouti, Morocco, Lebanon and Egypt and Tunisia and the Comoros", where they will join teachers in intensive training workshops provided by Qatar debates Center trainers, in addition to their involvement in programs of theoretical and practical training to enhance their competence in peer reviewed and debating.

Conclusion

The idea of launching QatarDebate have emerged from Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairman of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, which is based on human development as the most precious wealth across the two parallel lines: the planting of science and knowledge and the launch of creative talent to promote skills: the ability to speak and interact with others ' views, and not confrontation with him.

And thousands of students undergone to courses organized by Qatar Debate Center, participated many of them in the local championships, regional and global Center continues to organize, and so many shows over the success of the "QatarDebate" during the last period, and reflects the major effort undertaken by officials of the Centre .Qatar debates Center helped to achieve its objectives the overwhelming support enjoyed by the Qatar Foundation for education, science and community development.

QatarDebate is the National Debating Organization for Qatar and a member of Qatar Foundation. QatarDebate was established in September 2007 with the aim of developing, supporting and raising the standard of open discussion and debate among students in Qatar and across the Middle East, shaping the Global Citizens of today and the intellectual leaders of tomorrow. At an international level, QatarDebate selects and trains the Qatar National Debating team.

Recently, QatarDebate launched and signed "The complete Guide on the Art of Debate", their first (Translated) Arabic Debate Book discussing the culture of debate in the Arab World. The launch is considered as the official launch of Arabic debate program after QatarDebate has come a long way in its English program and its many international successes.

The Center has also recently organized the first international tournament for the debates with the participation of Arab universities in 40 teams representing universities belong to the 12 Arab countries in addition to Malaysia, and the tournament continued from 23 to April 28, 2011 and the International Islamic University Malaysia has culminated.

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