

## **THE SHEIKH FAISAL CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE MIDDLE EAST HOSTS STUDENTS FROM DE PAUL UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO**

**Doha, Qatar – 13 December, 2015** –The Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship in the Middle East, has once again hosted a group of students from DePaul University in Chicago visiting Qatar for the past week as part of the entrepreneurship and business development program offered by The Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship in the Middle East.

DePaul University is one of the leading educational institutions in the world and is known for its program in entrepreneurship studies, which was ranked No.12 in the United States by the Princeton Review for the year 2016.

As part of this initiative, MBA students working professionally from Chicago visited Qatar to get an idea of the nature of how entrepreneurship functions in the region. It provides students with real international business experience, exposing them to Qatar's diverse economy, and allowing them to get acquainted with different cultures and mentalities.

The students visited many organizations in Doha to learn about the business world in Qatar, including Ooredoo, and Al Jazeera Network, the Supreme Council for Education, the Qatar Stock Exchange, Qatar Science and Technology Park, Qatar Shell, Aspire Zone and Qatar Business Incubation Center among many others.

**Dr. Mandy Terc, Director of The Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship in the Middle East, DePaul University,** said during her visit: "It is great to have such prestigious organizations cooperate with us. The main goal of this initiative is to reinforce Qatar's entrepreneurial aptitude and to build a relationship between entrepreneurs from Chicago with those in Qatar to encourage the exchange of knowledge and expertise. The students noticed that there is emphasis on promoting new and diversified entrepreneurial businesses. They were awestruck by the ambitions the country has and the development it has achieved in such a short period of time. The diversity of the businesses and the opportunities they create, feeds into the unified vision of Qatar."

Furthermore, she explained: "This partnership is allowing American MBA students access to Qatar's exciting business opportunities and opening the possibilities for increased cooperation between Chicago and Doha-based businesses."

The students also visited some of Qatar's cultural sites, including Sheikh Faisal Museum, to experience the culture, history and tradition of Qatar.

The Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship is proud of this partnership with DePaul and looks forward to further strengthening this bond that will greatly benefit students in their learning, helping them to get their feet on the ground in the business world. Through knowledge transfer and cultural exchange, students will become more open minded and prepared for innovation and success. The students of today will become the leaders of tomorrow.

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**About DePaul:**

Founded in 1898, DePaul University is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest private, non-profit university in the nation and the largest private, non-profit university in the Midwest. The university's mission emphasizes academic excellence, community service, access to education and respect for the individual. DePaul has 10 colleges and schools: College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the Driehaus College of Business, College of Communication, College of Education, College of Law, College of Computing and Digital Media, College of Science and Health, School for New Learning, School of Music, and The Theatre School. For the fall 2013 quarter, the university enrolled 24,414 students who reflect a broad range of ethnic religious, geographic and economic backgrounds.

**About The Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship:**

The Center was established in 2014, a partnership between Al Faisal Holding, one of the leading private companies in Qatar, whose Chairman and CEO is Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani, and DePaul University, one of the top private universities in the United States. "Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship in the Middle East" aims to strengthen Qatar's entrepreneurial capacity and connect entrepreneurs in Qatar and the US, in order to nourish the entrepreneurial spirit that will give additional impetus to Qatar's development.

**About Al Faisal Holding**

Incorporated in 1964, Al Faisal Holding Company LLC ("Al Faisal") is one of Qatar's largest privately held diversified industry groups, owned by His Excellency Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani. Al Faisal operates through its subsidiaries and associated companies in a variety of sectors, including real estate, construction, hospitality, trading, transportation, entertainment, education, services and information technology. Al Faisal's investments include its interest in Aamal Company Q.S.C, one of Qatar's largest, most diversified and fastest growing companies, in addition to investments in a range of sectors across Europe, MENA region and the United States of America.

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