MoTC launches mobile app, unveils new e-services

The Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) yesterday launched its first mobile app, and announced 25 new e-services related to maritime transport affairs, related to maritime transport affairs, in addition to co-operation with Qatar Post for the delivery of the certificates and ownership cards of the new college to provide the community with the necessary medical competencies in the future.

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Qatar National Library (QNL) has renewed an agreement with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), which was signed in 2016 and expires on 1 July 2020, as the IFLA Regional Centre for Preservation and Conservation (PAC) for the coming three years.

The agreement entails QNL to take a leadership role in co-ordinating preservation and conservation activities among Middle East and North Africa. QNL will co-ordinate capacity-building programmes, and promote best practices in preservation and conservation in Qatar and the region. The regional PAC will build awareness around these issues among leaders in heritage and precious collections, as well as the wider public, to safeguard and conserve Qatar’s heritage. The agreement states that QNL will coordinate the PAC network and conservation projects in Qatar and the region’s heritage in an inclusive manner. The library is a world-class resource in heritage and conservation, which allow us to continue raising awareness of the best ways to increase our roles, documents and knowledge.

QNL will undertake several projects to support the preservation of documentary heritage in the Arab region, which includes an 18-month project in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The project focuses on identifying documentary heritage in Arab countries, and also supports libraries around the world in safeguarding documentary heritage in its diverse forms and formats, and promotes international cooperation in support of this cause.

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CRAs engages with IT sector for 5-year strategy

In a statement yesterday, CRA, represented by Ali al-Mannai, president, CRA, and its development, CRA’s IT strategy was outlined. CRA will once again through multiple steps starting with a sector review carried out by CRA, as well as international trends and best practices in the field, guiding it to public consultation where the authority will consider expected and needs in the sector, share their experiences and needs, and back from major players in the field. The new strategy is planned to be published alongside a revised work plan for the second quarter of 2019.

The Communications Authority (CRA) will conduct a focus group discussion meeting, under the title ‘Innovation & Technology (IT) Sector Challenges’, at City Centre Doha today.

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National food security and sustainability has been boosted with tonnes of fruit and vegetables grown in school greenhouses run by the Sahtak Awalan – Your Health First’s Khayr Qatarna programme. The produce was grown in three greenhouses at secondary schools in Qatar. Under the Khayr Qatarna initiative, Sahtak Awalan runs the greenhouses and the produce is sold at local supermarkets. The programme also teaches students about agriculture, logistics, economics and healthy food. All profits are reinvested in the scheme.

The fruit and vegetables were grown and harvested in the last 10 months, and comprised tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and beans. With another greenhouse now built at seven more schools, this year’s crop is set to increase. The strategic plan is for the scheme to expand across Qatar as the profits are ploughed back into the initiative. This will see more and more schools being included in the programme, helping to fulfil Qatar National Vision 2030’s goals of sustainability and healthy living.

Nesreen al-Rifai, chief communications officer at Weill Cornell Medicine – Qatar, which runs Sahtak Awalan – Your Health First, said, “The success of the Khayr Qatarna greenhouses has been beyond our expectations. With the invaluable contribution of all our strategic partners, we have helped support national sustainability and provided high school students with lessons about healthy eating, agriculture, economics and logistics.”

Hassan al-Mohamedi, director, Public Relations and Communications Department at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, said, “We are very happy to see growing health awareness among the community, which is related to the greenhouses in our schools. The collaboration between all of Your Health First’s strategic partners is an indication of the success of Sahtak Awalan – Your Health First. This success manifests itself in the way students are taking care of their health and following good habits to improve the health of themselves and Qatar.”

Greenhouses are currently sited at Amna Bint W ahab School, Osama Bin Zaid, and Zainab Preparatory School for Girls. The seven new schools to have received an installation are Audio Complex for Boys, Audio Complex for Girls, King Fahd Preparatory for Girls, Khalid Bin Ahmed for Boys, Al W ajba for Girls, Al Razi for Boys, and Moza Bint Moham med for Girls. All the greenhouses apart from one have now been planted with new crops – including strawberries for the first time – and the first harvests of 2019 are expected from the end of this month until mid-March.

Because the greenhouses are climate-controlled, fruits and vegetables can continue to be grown throughout the year, even during the summer months. Khayr Qatarna was officially launched last February, with the first harvest in March of last year. Since then there have been two further harvests which have supplied fresh fruit and vegetables to local supermarkets to help improve food security, increase sustainability, and encourage healthy eating.
HMC begins new psychiatric service for adult patients

A part of Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) is committed to fulfilling its mission of providing the highest quality health care services to all patients. This commitment is reflected in the healthcare provider's decision to introduce the new adult psychiatric service, which is in line with the needs of the community.

The service aims to provide comprehensive psychological care to patients, focusing on the mental health needs of adult patients. The new clinic is designed to offer specialized psychiatric care, ensuring that patients receive the care they need to improve their quality of life.

Dr Mohamed Eltahir, senior consultant psychiatrist at HMC's Mental Health Service, said, "We have seen an increasing demand for mental health services, especially among adults. We understand the importance of providing care that is accessible and effective, which is why we have introduced this new service."

The new service will offer a comprehensive range of mental health care services, including assessments, treatments, and support for patients with a variety of mental health conditions.

"We are committed to fulfilling our mission of providing the highest quality health care services to all patients. This includes mental health care, which is crucial for the well-being of our patients," said HMC's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Hamad bin Fahad.

The new service is part of HMC's ongoing commitment to improving mental health care services in Qatar, and is expected to meet the growing demand for mental health care.

"We are proud to introduce this new service, which will provide much-needed care to our adult patients," said Dr. Mohamed Eltahir.

The service is expected to start operations in the near future, with more details to be announced soon.

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Instructors taught participants basic off-road techniques and skills such as gravel and desert riding.

Alfardan Motorcycles organises second Adventure Off-road Training event

West Ray to Al Khalij: Road users travelling from West Ray towards Al Khalij are directed to Al Khalij after taking a right turn at Al Khaleej Roundabout and continue on to Al Khalij Intersection, or continue on to Al Khalij Roundabout to access Al Khalij Road as an exit. At Exit 5, there is a special left turn lane for the second exit, which leads to the left turn exit of four-lane road. A total of 540 holders and cycle path will be completed parallel to the main road, and the bicycle lane will be aligned along the Dukha and Alshara areas and Alshara. The upgrade of the Dukha Intersection is now set to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2021. Once completed, it will alleviate traffic congestion and reduce travel time up to 40%.

Barwa Bank's Thara'a account nets grand prize winner

Vodafone Qatar to cover Manateq facilities

Vodafone Qatar and Manateq have signed a landmark agreement to begin deploying its world-class mobile voice coverage infrastructure and network access technologies.

The service, a first-of-its-kind in Qatar, has been made available to Vodafone’s customers as a part of the company’s ongoing commitment to bringing the latest technologies and innovation to the country.

Vodafone said: “We are extremely proud to support Manateq’s ambition to deliver its one-stop-shop integrated technologies and services to Manateq’s customers, and we’re excited to support the company’s continued expansion in Qatar.”

Vodafone’s new network will provide businesses and custom...
Qatar Academy pupils get insight into conventional and Islamic banking at QIIB

Students from Qatar Academy spent a day at the Islamic banking giant QIIB headquarters at Grand Hamad Street, where they learned about the various aspects of Islamic banking, banking operations, and services. AbuDhabis Abbas al-Shukrie, chief executive officer, QIIB, said: "We enjoyed playing the role of a bank in Qatar and how it developed and achieved its current level and its vital role in serving the Qatari society, particularly in supporting education." He clarified that QIIB was offering great attention to serving society, particularly in supporting education. He highlighted "the importance of learning about the various knowledge and education degrees and qualifications that are required for those who choose to work in the banking sector." The students profited from a visit by a number of QIIB departments where they were taught by executives on Islamic banking, operational procedures, customer service, and the call centre. They also learned about the various trends, especially through mobile phone, internet banking, and the call centre.

Public Announcement

Dr Abdulbasit Ahmad al-Shaibei and senior QIIB executives with students of Qatar Academy.

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A tender for a homecoming event for the faculty, staff, and students at NU-Q has been announced.

The Homecoming event is scheduled for January 23 at 6pm.

TENDER INVITATION

A leading company invites tenders for purchase of printing paper remnants, scrap paper and returned newspapers weighing approximately 100 tonnes per month.

Tender will be awarded to the highest bidder on per tonne basis.

Offers may be sent to finance_manager@raya.com

Tender closing date will be on Saturday, January 26, 2019

For further information please contact: 44466632 or 44466659

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Any further regulations should be addressed to: QM@qatarmuseum.org

Homecoming for faculty and students at NU-Q

As part of the year-long celebration of the 10th anniversary of Northwestern University in Qatar (NU-Q), a homecoming event will be held on Saturday, January 26, to celebrate NU-Q’s past, present and future programmes and educational and administrative accomplishments.

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The Commercial Bank Toastmasters Club kicked off its 11th meeting under the theme of “celebration”. The meeting followed the standard format, with attendees greeting the club president, Albrecht, who proceeded to introduce the evening’s guest speaker, a Toastmasters club secretary from another location. The club secretary shared insights on Toastmasters’ role in personal and professional development of its members.

The Commercial Bank Toastmasters Club is one of the leading Toastmasters Clubs in Qatar, with a membership of over 50 people. The club holds regular meetings every Thursday evening, where members engage in public speaking, leadership, and critical thinking exercises.

The book closes with 20 Years of Education, Innovation, and Discovery, curating the adventurous spirit of a community that continues its mission into the future.
A bomb blast hit Damascus, the Syrian capital, on Sunday in a complex security operation that killed more than 40 people and wounded dozens, security forces have confirmed.

The blast targeted the site where the Islamic State group (IS) was believed to be planning a new offensive, near the international airport, according to local media.

The explosion was the latest in a series of attacks that have rocked Syria in recent weeks, but it is the first to target the site of the IS group's past operations.

The death toll is expected to rise as rescue efforts continue.

Security forces are currently searching the area and have cordoned off the site.

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Astronomers are predicting a rare total lunar eclipse this month on Saturday, July 27, 2018. The eclipse will be visible from much of the United States, with parts of the country experiencing a "blood moon" due to the red hue caused by Earth's atmosphere.

The total lunar eclipse occurs when the moon passes into the Earth's shadow, and it is the result of Earth's atmosphere scattering blue light more than other colors. This scattering effect makes the moon appear red or orange, which is why it is sometimes referred to as a "blood moon."

The next total lunar eclipse will not occur until January 2019, making this one particularly exciting for astronomy enthusiasts.

For a detailed explanation of the lunar eclipse and its significance, please refer to an article from the National Geographic website at [link](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/).
Taiwan's traditional medicine stores struggle on life support

Traditional medicine store owner Ga Cheng-pu knows her dispensary can only stay afloat as long as her sitting father-in-law, who runs the shop, the biggest regret for me is losing our traditional, is losing our tradition," she lamented.

The licence shortage stems from an attempt by authorities in the 1990s to better regulate the largely artisanal industry and keep traditional practitioners under the purview of the professional medical community.

By refusing to issue new licences, authorities hoped professional doctors would offer traditional medicine options in modern and scientific capacity.

But between the overcrowded use of Western and Chinese medicine among the public, it’s very prevalent and we need licensed medical personnel to make sure they don’t treat patients with harmful consequences," he said.

Traditional medicine doctors or pharmacists keep going to the mom-and-pop dispensaries that stocked the last 25 years to just Taiwan's approach contrasts with that of the China and Hong Kong where authorities have pushed policies to boost and export traditional medicine.

According to the Compendium of Materia Medica, the 16th-century book that is the bible for traditional practitioners, there are more than 1,500 different kinds of herbs used in Chinese medicine.

The average store might stock between 200 and 300 herbs, roots, animal parts and minerals — 11 of which are classified as medicine in Taiwan.

Traditional medicine also plays a role in the island's signature food noodle soup, thanks to cooks who use as many traditional herbs as possible in their cooking.

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**Clashes at Athens rally over Macedonia accord**

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Pope Francis invites Catholics to pray with him via app through a new app allowing the faithful to join him online as he unveiled his latest mobile app, a statement from the Vatican.

**Two dead in skis resort fire**

Two people died yesterday when a fire broke out in the top floor of a building at the Innsbruck ski resort in the Austrian Alps, the offi ce of the country's regional police said.

A wide range of Greek political parties, from the far-right Golden Dawn to the Socialists, oppose the accord to rename Macedonia as the Republic of North Macedonia.

For Khan, who fl ed Afghanistan, the Vatican is a place where he can see the Pope in person, and a place where he can find sanctuary.

Not all of them are pleased. While some of the happiest people in the world and on that progressive lessons, we can also look to the philosophical and theological teachings of the Vatican.
PNB officials ‘sacked for lapses leading to $2bn fraud’

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Mexico pipeline blast toll rises; focus on fuel theft

By Anthony Caprio, Reuters

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PM pledges swift action on Sahiwal ‘encounter’

Top US senator urges meeting between Imran and Trump

All in a day’s work

Pakistan unveils business robot journalist

In this regard, the PTA has already blocked 42,876 URLs containing examples of such websites which are hosted on local and physical servers in Pakistan. In 2019, the PTA has blocked 5,087 URLs containing examples of such websites which were hosted on global servers.

According to the PTA, the blocked websites contain content for which the required legal action as per the ‘Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2020’ was taken. The websites were blocked on the basis of court orders to stop the dissemination of objectionable content online.

According to Section 37 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2020, the PTA is mandated with the responsibility of blocking or removing objectionable content. The said act entitles the PTA to block any objectionable content which bears ‘blasphemy’.

On the other hand, the US National Academy of Sciences has recently called for a substantial increase in the number of computer science researchers, especially those who focus on artificial intelligence. The academy emphasized the need for more researchers to address the ethical and societal implications of AI.

The PTA has been regularly vigilant in enforcing its duties to prevent the dissemination of objectionable content on the internet.

The PTA has partnered with other authorities, such as the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), to combat cybercrime and protect the digital landscape.

Since the promulgation of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (PECA) 2020, the PTA has established a special unit to monitor and control the spread of inappropriate content on the internet.

The PTA has been proactive in using legal mechanisms to mitigate the spread of offensive content and has a history of successfully taking down such websites.
Bill to lower age of criminal liability faces criticism

By Glen Johns

Metro Times

Despite moves to push through with a BOL lowering the age of criminal liability from 15 to 10 years old, some lawmakers and children’s advocates are still opposing the proposal, stating that the big picture in treating children in conflict with the law.

“Legislation is misusing in painting a picture of un combos criminally expressed principally nurtured by children. It is a mere view of the situations that utterly degrade the children’s very nature and make them potential criminals with their own criminal mindsets,” Metro Times contributors, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR)view.

The CHR group stated that some bills which had not reached the standard age of puberty, still commit crimes and are involved in criminal activities, stating that the number of children’s caregivers can be monitored by local authorities.

The group added that the consolidated bill “is a knee-jerk response” and that children who have not reached the standard age of puberty should be given the chance to improve their behavior.

He also mentioned in an interview that children’s caregivers can be monitored after the House-Commisioner of Human Rights, Owayda Benito Maro- Bong, is the one to take the lead in establishing the big picture in treating children in conflict with the law.

“Of course, this is the first step towards getting a program that will be carried out by President Rodrigo Duterte, who will be appointed by the President Rodrigo Duterte, and those from the National Human Rights Action Fund (NSAF) and the Christian and Indigenous communities of the Philippines, who are the advocates in establishing the big picture in treating children in conflict with the law,” he said.

Pacquiao’s first win since turning 40

By William Bayogay

Metro Times

Pacquiao seeks a tips’ advice on drug war

By Ruy Horra

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Nearly 2mn to part in Bangsamoro plebiscite

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Sri Lankan president seeks cops’ advice on drug war
Infrastructure projects on track despite blockade

Ashghal, the Public Works Authority, is making impressive strides living up to its motto, ‘Qatar deserves the best!’ The vision and commitment manifest in which Ashghal has been delivering projects one after another makes the nation proud. It is indeed commendable that the agency has been putting the finishing touches to stadiums for the 2022 FIFA World Cup despite the ongoing economic blockade, as reported by Gulf Times earlier this year. The day will be celebrated by several highways and an entire construction work for these facilities has been done, according to Yousef al-Emadi, manager, highway projects department at Ashghal.

Of course, the government is providing all the support to Ashghal, but the vision and commitment, agency’s top management and engineers deserve applause for delivering projects on schedule by overcoming the challenges of the blockade. Given the track record, when al-Emadi says “we can guarantee that we will be able to finish all our projects on time. The country will host the World Cup in 2022” there is no need to even have an iota of doubt as Ashghal has been proving its capability time and again. As the official pointed out, Ashghal had accomplished many infrastructural milestones in 2018 and started 2019 with another accomplishment – the partial opening of Qatar’s longest and deepest bi-directional tunnel, which is part of the construction of the Al Rayyan Road upgrade project phase two.

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The new tunnel is a major link between Bu Fanja and Laffayet Streets, spanning the Al Beera and Al Safa streets interchange. The tunnel is 1,5km long and sits 21m below ground level. At this initial stage, two out of four lanes in each direction will be delivered, accommodating 6,000 vehicles per hour in each direction. The tunnel forms part of the complex three-level network of roads leading to the World Cup stadiums “will be completed by 2020”. It was started experiencing the benefits. Ashghal successfully dealt with the challenges of the blockade.

Deputy Managing Editor

By Brussels Bulletin

Brexit Britons and those of south Asian origin face “shocking” job discrimination in the labour market applying at all levels according to research from the British Academy published in London on Friday, November 2016 and December 2017.

The researchers sent almost 33 different minority ethnic backgrounds to receive a positive response from an employer than a white person.

A spokesperson for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy also welcomed the findings. "Responding to the results, Matthew Barlow, Chief of Work and Skills, said: "Any bias that is found at work should be eradicated by employers."

The researchers also found that applicants from minority ethnic backgrounds were far less likely to receive a phone call than an applicant of white British origin.

The persistent gaps in callbacks found among the public, the lack of change in the workplace reflected the continued presence of “employer stereotypes about the linguistic and work-related skills and motivations of minorities”. There were facts that people from minority ethnic backgrounds had to send 80% more applications to get callbacks/invitations for interview or be shortlisted than a white person.

Nevertheless, the authors described the evidence of enduring discrimination against minority ethnic groups as striking given the passage of the Race Relations Act 1976 and that many of the earlier studies included applicants born abroad with some foreign education.

The authors cited a survey by Brewers which found that 71% of minority ethnic applicants applying with identical CVs and cover letters received less reaction time from an employer than a white person.

On average, 24% of applicants of white British origin received a positive response from employers, compared with 15% of minority ethnic applicants applying with identical CVs and cover letters.

The research said that high levels of discrimination from employers had a massive negative impact on their quality of life and the image of the United Kingdom, which was known for its “fairness and tolerance”.

Together with the research, the findings prompted the British government to act now to eradicate any bias in recruitment.

The researchers found that the trade unions and the government must act now and that many of the earlier studies included applicants born abroad with some foreign education.
Importance of international language development in women

By beloved Al-Khalili

This is the first in a series on understanding CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) and its application in the treatment of insomnia. This introduction is aimed at general readers, with a focus on the ethical and philosophical implications of CBT. It is intended for readers of all ages and backgrounds, and is written by an independent Arab researcher. He is also the author of this article to be both intellectual and practical.

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Qatar Shell, in partnership with Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP), renewed its partnership agreement. Qatar Shell and QSRTC have committed to renew their decade-long partnership of research and technological co-operation. The two entities, with QSTP executive director Yosouf Abdulrahman Saleh and QSRTC vice president Hussain al-Hijji signing the partnership renewal agreement.

Hussain al-Hijji, speaking at the signing ceremony, said: “Our partnership with Qatar Shell, is aligned with nationwide efforts to promote sustainable and disruptive development projects, as reflected by QSTP’s exemplary track record of efficient management of R&D resources to support innovative research. We look forward to continuing to work with Qatar Shell in supporting the region and the world. Shell’s commitment to the development and implementation of sustainable and innovative technologies that address today’s global challenges is testament to our commitment to support new technology development and programmes and develop innovative new products by forming strong and engaging partnerships with our tenants and researchers. This latest move would also allow us to continue the work in QSTP for our tenants to make quantum jumps in research and innovation. We are happy to support them as they join forces with our other tenants, in helping to foster a thriving research ecosystem in Qatar.”

Andrew Faulkner, Qatar Shell’s managing director and chairman, said: “This unique partnership between Qatar Shell and QSRTC is part of this ambition, QSRTC is an anchor tenant at QSTP in 2008 and its full potential lies ahead. As part of this addition, QSRTC has and will continue to support us in our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint, by finding and creating future pathways to more sustainable processes in Qatar. For this, QSRTC has an active programme of collaboration with universities and centres of excellence both near and abroad, which connects our researchers to Shell’s R&D and leading institutions worldwide and trains Qatar leaders in the energy sector. "All of this leveraged by our presence in QSTP, will reflect a world-renowned ability to provide the highest quality of trials and the unique ability to execute pilots projects as part of our research on wetlands and water desalination."”

The continued partnership between Qatar Shell and QSRTC is aligned by our presence in QSTP, which provides a world-class facility for companies to support the academic community in Qatar and trains Qatari leaders in the academic and business communities, along with our other tenants, in helping to foster a thriving research ecosystem in Qatar.”

Cold conditions to prevail in city

The mercury level dropped to 6°C in Doha, Al Ghanim, Northwesterly winds will blow at a speed of 8-18 knots inshore, going to 20 knots offshore. Officials, the wind speed (northwesterly) will be 15-18 knots, reaching a high of 25 knots. It will be relatively cool during the day and cloudy conditions are expected in offshore areas. Cold conditions will prevail until tomorrow. The weather report states that, at times in offshore areas, the sea level will be 0.25 meter below seeing 3-5 by the evening.

The wind speed (northwesterly) may go up to 14 knots in some offshore areas in the evening, the wind speed will go down to 12 knots after 10 PM. The wind speed will gradually decrease in the evening. The wind speed may go up to 10 knots in Al Khor and Al Ahamar. 15 knots in Al Khor and Al Thakhira, and 11 knots in Dukhan. The maximum temperature will range from 29°C in Doha to 21°C in Al Khor and Al Ahamar. The minimum temperature will range from 16°C in Doha to 12°C in Al Khor.

Qatar Cancer Society (QCS) has launched a month-long awareness campaign titled ‘Dar-2’ to raise awareness about cervical cancer. Through this campaign, women in Qatar will get the opportunity to undergo the Pap test free in Al Ahsan centre after getting a coupon from QCS. QCS will organise a closing ceremony on the campaign on January 30 at 6 pm at the headquarters. The ceremony will include a seminar, awareness show, lectures and awareness workshops. Al Ahsan centre will host the awareness show for the occasion until the 30th, with a series of talks from the participants. In addition, women who did Pap test before will also attend the show and win prizes.

John Nasser, head of the Health Education Department at QCS, and Qatar’s most common cancers in females in Qatar, as per Qatar Cancer Registry of the Ministry of Health. Cervical cancer is ranked fourth at the level of prevalence, number of new cases, and death among all cancers in females worldwide according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) Cancer Statistics 2018. In every 7 women worldwide will develop cervical cancer over the course of her lifetime according to WHO statistics 2018. QCS is holding awareness lectures and workshops inviting the country’s diverse sectors to raise awareness of the symptoms of the disease, the factors responsible for it, as well as methods of prevention and treatment. QCS works extensively on cervical cancer awareness activities in close collaboration with a variety of governmental and private entities. One of the key impacts of this campaign is that cervical cancer is one of most common cancers in females in Qatar, as per Qatar Cancer Registry of the Ministry of Health.

Cervical cancer is ranked fourth among all cancers in females worldwide in 2018 and it is one of most common cancers in females in Qatar. According to Nasser, risk factors of the disease include human papillomavirus infection, smoking, recent sexual infections, family history, having given birth to three or more children, being born prior to 1980 and lack of screening. Cervical cancer often does not show symptoms until it is in an advanced stage. So it is important to start early detection, most importantly in women aged 20-50. It is recommended to start doing the Pap test at the age of 20-21 for women who have had sex for the first time, or at the age of 30-31 for women who have never had sex. Women who have had sex before the age of 30 should do the test every three years until the age of 65. After 65, the test can be stopped if three tests show normal results. Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers in females in Qatar. According to Nasser, risk factors of the disease include human papillomavirus infection, smoking, recent sexual infections, family history, having given birth to three or more children, being born prior to 1980 and lack of screening. Cervical cancer often does not show symptoms until it is in an advanced stage. So it is important to start early detection, most importantly in women aged 20-50. It is recommended to start doing the Pap test at the age of 20-21 for women who have had sex for the first time, or at the age of 30-31 for women who have never had sex. Women who have had sex before the age of 30 should do the test every three years until the age of 65. After 65, the test can be stopped if three tests show normal results. Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers in females in Qatar.