Qatar, Kuwait seek ways to fortify ties

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Qatar-India Year of Culture starts with Bollywood show

By Joseph Verghese

The Qatar-India 2019 Year of Culture kicked off with a spectacular Bollywood show on February 5 at Katara Cultural Village. The event was launched in 2012 by QM chairperson Lahej Al-Thani and Indian ambassador Pratap Sen, who expressed their strong support for the initiatives.

“A Year of Culture programmes are aimed at building bridges of mutual understanding between cultures through an exchange of art, culture and heritage,” he said.

“This year, we are pleased to partner with India. It is important to remember that all the aspects of Indian rich culture and heritage have been very well presented in the last few years, and this year it would be the best opportunity to reaffirm our special bonds of cultural heritage in this limited time provided to us. However, if I had to describe it in one word it would be ‘diversity’ – a rich diversity of both landscapes and history. At the same time, I cannot forget the importance and close relationship that our two countries share, particularly considering that a large Indian community resides in Qatar and calls it home, " he added.

Ambassador Kumaran said the ‘Year of Culture’ assumes a special significance for India, as this is also the 70th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, father of the nation. These celebrations in different forms have provided a unique opportunity of renewing and revitalising our special bonds of cultural heritage and help enhance the quality of our engagement with the people-to-people level.

He also said there will be a number of events scheduled for the coming days, which include fashion shows, cultural performances, artworks and exhibitions among others.

“We will have a musical evening by the famous Bollywood composer Vishal-Shekhar, " he said.
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His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani with the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah during the official reception ceremony at Bayan Palace yesterday.

Amir accorded ceremonial welcome

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Win 1 out of 10 prize trips to Pakistan to watch the 2019 HBL Pakistan Super League Final.

Transfer money twice to Pakistan using Commercial Bank’s Internet or Mobile banking and get a chance to win.
CAA, Matar sign contract to operate, manage HIA

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has signed an agreement with the Qatari Company for Airports Operations and Management (Matar) on the management, operation and maintenance of Hamad International Airport (HIA). The agreement was signed in the presence of HE Abdulrahman bin Mohamed Al-Subaey, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and HE Akbar Al Baker, the CEO of Qatar Airways. Under the terms of the contract, the Qatari Company (Matar) will manage and maintain the facilities under the direct supervision of the CAA, to ensure regular and continuous operation of the airport. (QNA)

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Qatar condemns blast in Mogadishu

Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated Qatar’s firm stance on rejecting violence and terrorism regardless of the location and perpetrators. In a statement issued yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated Qatar’s condemnation and denunciation of the explosion that killed more than 10 people and injured others in Mogadishu in a market in southern Somalia’s capital Mogadishu on Saturday evening. In a statement issued yesterday, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated Qatar’s firm stance on rejecting violence and terrorism regardless of the location and perpetrators. In a statement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is quoted as saying that the country strongly condemned the killing and injury of innocent human beings. The statement expressed Qatar’s solidarity in the face of the victims and the government and people of Somalia.

PHCC expands cancer screening suite

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Dr Mariam Abdulmalik, managing director, PHCC, said: “It has been an eventful journey for PHCC in the healthiest region to live in. "Our motive at various parts of Qatar has been extremely beneficial in spreading awareness in Qatar on the timely screening of breast and bowel cancer. It is the right platform for us to create awareness in Qatar on the timely screening of breast and bowel cancer where in 2018 we screened more than 50,000 people, and we are overwhelmed with the amazing response received so far. "The timely screening of breast and bowel cancer will now take only 20 minutes for each appointment. A home where they will do the FIT test. The bowel screening centre will also have two assessment rooms for both men and women with specific opening hours.

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PM chairs SC executive committee meeting

UK MPs decry Saudi torture of female activists

By Anthony Harwood

A women’s rights activist who appeared in a Vanity Fair photoshoot in Canada for a body-shaping ad, has also pushed for an end to the crime of torture. "We are all responsible for the

Qatar/Region
Pilot programme to train finance professionals

Qatar Financial Centre (QFC) has partnered with Qatar Finance and Business Academy (QFBA) to run the pilot programme for the first batch of practice 2019 in pursuit of offering the best in class financial career to Qatari executives and new age professionals.

The programme, spanning new professional development sessions who have been on the list for up to three years, will help the professionals master the latest trends and challenges in the sector and thereby allow them to further hone their skills. The programme will be delivered by a specialist faculty, with coaching and mentoring in between.

The pilot session of this programme took place at QFBA and involved participation of Qatari alumni from all QFC entities.

The new programme underscores QFBA’s commitment to contribute to the development of a knowledge-based economy in Qatar and to prepare future generations for the utmost uncertain environs.

“The Generation 2030” programme was launched in the presence of Dr Yury Sentyurin, GECF secretary general, Dr Khalid al-Horr, chief executive, QFBA said, adding the aim of this programme is to prepare future generations for the generation and to develop the skills that vitamin D for the organisational success.”

Ooredoo opens outlet at Palms Mall

Ooredoo yesterday announced the opening of its latest shop at Palms Mall in Muaither. The new outlet will be open from 10am to 9pm, Saturday to Thursday, and from 10am to 10pm on Friday. Customers will also be able to access all Ooredoo’s services at the new shop with fully trained, experienced staff on hand to answer questions and provide assistance.

Manar Khalifa al-Muraikhi, director PR and Corporate Communications at Ooredoo, said: “We’re pleased to be extending our network of shops with this latest opening and hope customers will enjoy visiting soon.”

Safari fetes draw winners

The prize handover ceremony for winners of the third lucky draw of Safari Group’s ‘Win 10kg Gold’ promotion was held at Safari’s Mall, Abu Hamour, on February 2. The winners received the prizes from Safari Group director and general manager Zainul Abideen and director of finance Surendranath.

While Salah Latheef (coupon No 1739496) was the winner of the first prize of 1kg gold, Mumtaz Ahmed (1914707) bagged the second prize of 500gm gold, Jaison Joseph (2887563) the third prize of 300gm gold and Niyas H (2429078) the fourth prize of 200gm gold. Safari Group said in a statement.

The recall campaign comes within the framework of the Ministry’s continuous efforts to protect consumers and ensure that necessary repairs are carried out.
Jeep Middle East and United Cars Almana Launch Wrangler JL in Qatar

Jeep Middle East and United Cars Almana, the sole distributor of Jeep, Dodge, Chrysler and Ram in Qatar, launched the All New 2019 Jeep Wrangler JL in the Sealine Area on 20th January 2019 during a fun-filled day that delivered a memorable experience to the off-road "Jeep Lovers" in Qatar.

On a perfect sunny day in Sealine, hundreds of visitors gathered to witness the launch of the newest generation of the iconic Jeep Wrangler. This event was a once in a lifetime opportunity to test drive their dream Jeep Wrangler on the dunes of Qatar.

450 family members enjoyed BBQ, live Jazz music, beverages, fun activities for the children, and most importantly over 300 booked test drives.

The event welcomed special appearances by two of the most active Jeep Clubs in Qatar and the Region, Jeep Owners Club and Soul Jeepers. “It is a dream come true,” they said. “It means a lot to us to get the chance to test drive the Wrangler JL on sand and experience all the new changes in this SUV”, said one of the club leaders.

“It is important to mention that Wrangler JL has a time honored history of off-road capability. With improvements to space, comfort, and on-road performance, the Wrangler JL is a definite improvement compared with the older generations,” said Mr. Vincent Carbonis, Deputy Director of the Almana Automotive Group. “Jeep is one of our most iconic brands in the world, that is why we are always keen to establish the brand further in the Market and to deliver the best experience to Jeep lovers in Qatar,” he added.

The Jeep Wrangler JL is now available at United Cars Almana, with 2.2L, 4-cylinder and 8-speed transmission. With Wrangler becoming now an everyday fun car to drive, all our visitors are welcomed to visit our showroom on Old Airport Road, test drive the Wrangler JL 2.0- Road and experience its comfortable, spacious and better handling drive.
Qatar attends Arab-European ministerial meet

HE the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad al-Muraikhi chaired the Qatar diplomatic mission at the Fifth Arab-European Ministerial Meeting, which started in the Belgian capital, Brussels. During the meetings, they discussed a number of topics of common interest.

Speaking at the opening of the ministerial meeting, Qatar’s foreign minister said that Arab and European nations have a historical, political, and geographic interest in establishing peace and achieving the economic goals of peoples. He emphasized the importance of the cooperation between the Arab and European countries. He said that the Arab and European countries have a common goal to achieve peace and stability in the region. He also mentioned the importance of the fight against terrorism and the support for the Palestinian people.

The comprehensive 2018 survey looked at changes in media use. The survey found that at least 36% of Qatar Internet users are concerned about either online corporate or government surveillance. In contrast, 67% of Americans worry about corporate surveillance and 57% worry about government surveillance. According to the survey, 36% of Qatar Internet users are concerned about either online corporate or government surveillance. The survey also found that only 36% of Qatar Internet users are concerned about either online corporate or government surveillance. In contrast, 67% of Americans worry about corporate surveillance and 57% worry about government surveillance. According to the survey, 36% of Qatar Internet users are concerned about either online corporate or government surveillance.
Travelex takes part in Qatar British Festival to foster ties

Travelex Qatar, a subsidiary of the leading British forex company Travelex, is a celebration of the long-standing relationship between Qatar and the UK. The fifth annual Qatar British Festival, organised by the British Council in partnership with the British embassy, is a celebration of culture, education and sport of the two countries together.

“The British Festival we aim to connect audiences in Qatar. Through this platform, we want to have a part of this unmatched festival that binds the culture, education and sport of two countries together,” Tom Fane, managing director of Travelex Qatar, was quoted as saying.

Building upon four successful editions, the British Festival’s fifth edition featured 20 live events, panel discussions and a Guinness World Records public artwork. Travelex has been one of the most influential British companies in Qatar and the festival, which has shown keen interest in promoting awareness and appreciation of such countries’ cultures, achievements and heritage. By participating in the festival, we further strengthen our position in enhancing ties with Qatar and the UK,” Fane said.

On her part, Ayton said: “The British Festival is a key element of the British Council’s work in Qatar. It takes the very best of British culture, education and sport of the two countries together.

The festival was officially launched by HE the Secretary-General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Ahmed bin Hassan Al-Hammadi, who is on a visit to Qatar. The meeting discussed enhancing co-operation prospects in addition to matters of mutual interest.

The ministry of Municipal and Environment’s Engineering Committees has issued three model contract forms to design, supervise and construct villas, making the process simple while maintaining the lowest possible cost. These guiding model contracts were prepared by the MME based on the relevant recommendations of the Central Municipal Engineering Committee. These contracts regulate the relation between citizens and contractors indicating the rights and duties of each party to the contract.

Al-Hammadi meets UN special envoy on youth

HE the Secretary-General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr Ahmed bin Hassan Al-Hammadi met yesterday with UN Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth Jayathma Wickramanayake, who is on a visit to Qatar. The meeting discussed enhancing co-operation prospects in addition to matters of mutual interest.

Qatar Electricity & Water Company

Qatar Electricity and Water Company invites Expression of Interest from reputed and well established Grade A Certified (registered in Qatar) contractors willing to be pre-qualified for participating in the tender of Main Construction Works for the construction of Lusail Marina CCM. 53, “Kahrah Towers”. The Main contractor shall be capable and experienced in building the Shell and Core, the Fit-out works including all other related work for a typical development of Hospitality, commercial and retail towers, either by sub-contracting or by their own capabilities.

THE KAHRAH TOWERS DEVELOPMENT consists of hotel, commercial office, retail, and car park. The building typology is two towers with podium. The approximate total built up area is expected to be 202,100sqm. The development comprises of the following: Tower Zone 1: maximum height 123m – 29 stories inclusive of podium Tower Zone 2: maximum height 199.5m – 45 stories inclusive of podium Podium Block: 5 storeys Basement car parking: 3 storeys Area of plot is approximately 25,120sqm

All applicants for Tender Prequalification shall send the below documents in soft copy latest by 1200 hrs on 07th February 2019 to the following email address: QEWCDI@hilintl.com

Necessary documents:

• Letter confirming Expression of Interest and undertaking that company has financial capacity, resources and expertise to immediately start working after the award and keep the tender documents intact for 120 days
• Full information about the person in charge (name, position, mobile phone number and email address)
• Address of the company main office
• Registration documents demonstrating company is classified grade (A) and registration in State of Qatar

Companies will subsequently receive prequalification documentation through the above noted email address after submitting the requested necessary documents.
Ashgalh commences excavation of outfall tunnel for Mesaimeer project

The Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has commenced excavation of the outfall tunnel as part of the Mesaimeer Pumping Station and Outfall project that started in March 2016.

The project, which is one of the most important and largest projects in the country, is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. The tunnel will be 10km long and will have a capacity of 19.7 million cubic meters per year.

Pope decries ‘armed power’ in Mideast conflicts

Pope Francis denounced the “light of war” in the Middle East, saying conflicts in the Mideast have brought nothing but misery and destruction. Francis said that “war cannot create anything but misery, fear and death”.

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5 dead as plane crashes into California home

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Thomson Reuters

Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie yesterday arrived in a_Bangladesh to visit camps for Rohingya Muslims, a group displaced by violence in Myanmar.

Jolie, 42, was in Bangladesh to assess the situation of the Rohingya and help the United Nations relief agency UNHCR expand its work in the camps. The visit comes after reports of atrocities by security forces in Myanmar.

“Angelina Jolie is visiting Bangladesh today to gain a broader understanding of the crisis affecting the Rohingya and to support UNHCR’s efforts to Respond in a timely and coordinated manner to the needs of the people affected by the situation in Myanmar,” said a UNHCR statement.

Jolie said she was “deeply troubled” by reports of violence in Myanmar.

“I am here to see for myself the reality of the situation and to see what more can be done to help,” Jolie said.

Jolie has been a UNHCR special envoy since 2012. She has visited camps in several countries, including Syria, South Sudan and South Sudan.

Politics register for Thailand’s first poll since coup

AP

Hands of optics and power register for Thailand’s first poll since the 2014 coup, promising a colorful display of political parties both old and new, as millions of Thais vote for politicians as they have never seen before.

While familiar names abound, such as leaders from political powerhouses like the army-aligned Phalang Pracharat and the ruling Pheu Thai, there are also several newcomers, including a new party led by former Prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Thailand’s constitutional court recently ruled that the new party was in violation of the constitution and therefore could not participate in the election.

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Aerial view shows a flooded property in Townsville. The military has been deployed to help evacuate flood-affected people.

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Dr Law said the counting process would follow the same rules as in previous elections. The vote will be announced on Friday, he said, and the result would be finalised by Saturday.

Dr Law said that the election is expected to take place on September 10, and the winner will be announced on September 11.

The National Front, which is running on a platform of regaining control of the government, has already won control of several of the state’s councils, and it is expected to gain more seats in the upcoming election.

The National Front has been driven by the rising populism in the country, and it has tapped into the anger of the people against the government’s policies, which have led to economic hardship and rising prices.
EU experts begin probe into Polish beef scandal

**Countries cutting Polish beef imports after meat scare:**

**DPA/DPA-AP Images (AP Images)**

The European Commission will investigate the Polish beef scandal, it announced yesterday, amid a host of complaints from the EU and other countries about the illegal practices at a plant in northern Europe.

The Brussels delegation will visit the situation on the ground after the EU Agree-

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Farmers in Amritsar take part in protest against the alleged anti-farmer policies imposed by the central and state government and demand a complete farm debt waiver.

The Karnataka government still appears confused about how to interpret the total number of women who have actually entered the temple, after the Supreme Court ruled in its favor last month. The Karnataka government had submitted an affidavit in the apex court against entry of women in the 10-year-old age group of 15-50, who they claimed to have not followed the procedure to get their passports.

The Karnataka government appears to be on a collision course with the apex court once again, as the state government is yet to decide on whether to appeal against the apex court's order.

The court that has been asked to look into the case is the Supreme Court, which has already given its verdict in the matter. The state government has already filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the order of the apex court.

The stalemate has led to a situation where the state government is not sure whether to appeal or not. The state government has been in a dilemma since the apex court's order last month, and it has not taken a decision yet.

The state government is likely to appeal against the apex court's order in the Supreme Court, but it is not clear whether it will do so or not. The state government is likely to take a decision on this issue in the coming days.
Venezuela opposition leader gets backing of 11 EU nations

UN will not join any group talks: chief

Nicaragua’s President Daniel Ortega has sought backing from 11 European nations over the crisis in his country, who have expressed concern at the violence-plagued Central American country.

Ortega, who has ruled since 1990, said he had called in letters the heads of state of the 11 nations which make up the Lima Group to support him against what he described as threats from the US.

The Lima Group includes mostly Latin American countries whose leaders met in Uruguay last month to discuss how to aid the people of Venezuela following sanctions imposed on the country.

Ortega said he had presented the letters to the Lima Group via the official channel of the Organisation of American States (OAS).

The Lima Group consists of 14 countries formed to promote Executive Action in Venezuela and has been pushing for a new presidential election there and supportive action from the United Nations Security Council, which has so far failed to do so.

The Lima Group meetings in Uruguay over the weekend also marked the last time;; its interim leader Gustavo Tarre, a former foreign minister of Venezuela, will step down to be succeeded by Calixto Ortega, a former vice president.

Tarre said last weekend’s meeting in Uruguay was the last for an interim president of the Lima Group, an international organisation formed in 2015 and which seeks a political solution for the nation’s political crisis.

Nayib Bukele elected El Salvador president

El Salvador’s Nayib Bukele has been elected by a convincing margin as the next president of El Salvador, a country that has long been torn by political violence.

Bukele, 42, of the National Restoration party, captured 53 percent of the vote, followed by his opponent Norman Quijano of the Social Christian Unity party, who won 11 percent.

The election comes after Bukele’s party won a supermajority in the new congress, which will be sworn in in February.

Bukele’s platform focuses on ending violence and crime, which have plagued El Salvador for decades.

El Salvador is one of the most dangerous places in the world, with an estimated 18 per cent of the population living in poverty.

The country has faced a long history of political instability, with two civil wars fought in the 1980s.

Bukele, a former mayor, has promised to bring an end to the violence and to tackle poverty and inequality.

He has said he will work with the military to improve security and to create jobs.

Bukele’s victory is a departure from the two-party system that has held sway over El Salvador for decades.

The new president has already begun to form his government, with the appointment of former mayor Carolina Recinos as his chief of staff.

Bukele has also announced plans to reduce the country’s budget deficit and to attract private investment.

The election result has been widely welcomed by international observers, who hope it marks a turning point for El Salvador.

The new government has already announced plans to launch a new security program and to reform the judicial system.

Bukele’s victory has also been seen as a boost for the US administration, which has been pushing for a political solution to the crisis in Venezuela.

The US administration has been critical of the Venezuelan government, which it accuses of human rights abuses and of blocking democratic elections.

The US has also imposed sanctions on key members of the government, including President Nicolas Maduro.

Bolivia's President Evo Morales has won a fourth term at the head of the South American nation, after a hard-fought election campaign that saw him facing a challenge from the left.

Morales, 59, has been in power since 2006 and is the first native to lead the country in its history.

He has been a controversial figure, facing criticism for his authoritarian style and for the way he has handled the country's natural gas wealth.

Morales has been accused of interference in the elections and of trying to manipulate the result.

He has also faced criticism for his handling of the country's gas reserves and for his control over the state-owned enterprise PetroEvo.

The election was marred by allegations of vote-rigging and fraud, and Morales has been accused of using the election to extend his hold on power.

The opposition has called for a recount and for international observers to verify the result.

The election result has been welcomed by the Bolivian people, who have celebrated the victory, and by international observers, who have praised the country's electoral system.

The victory has also been seen as a boost for the left in Latin America, which has been struggling to gain power in the region.

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National Assembly session to be held in two weeks

The government of Pakistán announced on Friday the 6th session of the National Assembly, effective from Monday, and it is likely that the session will convene on Sunday, the 27th of March, at the request of the government last month.

The session was postponed unprecedently on the following day of the introduction of the budget proposal and financial situation of the country.

It has already made up its mind to end the process of amending several key amendments delaying passing the legislation; now the budget will be审议 after the announcement of the budget in the next few days.

The recommendations of the Senate are not binding on the National Assembly, but the government is eager to bring the budgetary document for approval as soon as possible.

The amendment bill has already been introduced by the government in the National Assembly, which is the lower house of the bicameral parliament. The Senate will take a decision on the amendment bill after a thorough discussion on the issue.

The amendments introduced by the government in the National Assembly include the removal of the words “encounter” and “killing” in the definition of terrorism.

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A third of Himalayan ice cap doomed: report

By Dylan Carrington

The Himalayas’ ice fields are shrinking dramatically and could be lost due to climate change, according to a landmark report, with far-reaching implications for almost 3 billion people.

Rapid carbon emissions are dramatically and rapidly cut and need to be limited globally to avoid warming to 1.5°C, 3.5% of the glaciers along the Himalayas and the Hindu Kush will have gone by 2050. If emissions are not curbed, the report warns that by 2100, the glaciers will be gone.

The glaciers are a critical water store for the 3 billion people who live in the Himalayas region and 1.65 billion people rely on them for drinking, irrigation and generating hydropower.

River flows in the region will reduce by half by 2100, with 250 million people in the region at risk of increasing water stress and food insecurity. The report said the risk of high-altitude lakes bursting their banks and floods will increase, threatening settlements, infrastructure and lives.

It also warned that the damage will be most severe in regions without any of the mountains. There will be a decrease in the ability to produce crops, as well as a decline in the availability of drinking water and hydropower.

The new report, requested by the United Nations (UN), said that the Himalayan region is one of the most vulnerable to global warming.

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Global health versus online trolls
By Junaid Nabi

The most frustrating part of being a public health specialist is having to rely on anecdotal information – usually online – to move the needle on a given agenda. It is difficult enough for doctors and nurses to get their perspective across in face-to-face conversations with patients and families, and even more so when the message by which such beliefs are transmitted is often non-existent. This is exacerbated by the fact that misinformation and mistrust in the region. Given the high stakes involved, states sometimes resort to extreme measures, such as joint-venture requirements or a second referendum, which was the case in the United Kingdom’s Brexit vote is clear. It’s the first and most important step for us to take in this situation.

In the United Kingdom, the government recently announced that it would be extending the COVID-19 lockdown for another month, citing ongoing public health concerns. While this decision is undoubtedly necessary to prevent the spread of the virus, it comes at a cost to non-COVID health services, which have been underfunded for years. It also raises questions about the long-term sustainability of the NHS, which is already facing significant financial pressures from the COVID-19 crisis.

As governments around the world struggle to contain the pandemic, health officials and experts in both developed and developing countries are working to understand how to optimise global health outcomes in the face of this crisis. They are using data from Twitter and other social media platforms, such as Facebook, to track trends in public health misinformation and determine its impact on vaccination rates.

One of the most interesting developments in this area has been the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to identify and respond to misinformation on social media. AI algorithms can quickly identify false information and generate a ‘rebuttal score’ to help public health officials determine the credibility of a given post.

But what about online trolls? How do we combat them? Online trolls are individuals who spread misinformation and engage in negative behavior on social media. They can significantly impact public health campaigns, and can be particularly challenging to address online. However, by working together with health officials and experts, we can develop effective strategies to counteract these harmful messages and promote accurate information.

Junaid Nabi is a public health specialist who has worked extensively in the field of global health and misinformation. He is currently a research fellow at the University of Oxford and has co-authored several papers on the topic. He has also worked as a consultant for the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

From the United Kingdom to Facebook, the challenge of misinformation is clear. It is time for us to take a proactive approach to this issue, and work together to ensure that accurate information is being spread online.

For more information on this topic, please visit the following resources:

- COVID-19: What We Know About Misinformation and Misunderstandings
- The Impact of Social Media on Public Health
- Online Trolls: A New Form of Social Media Misinformation

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Sheikha Moza attends HBKU’s ‘Renaissance Questions’ event

The exhibition ‘ArcheoMed3D’ opens today at Bin Jelmood House

Dr Ahmad bin Ali bin Thani, chairman of Qatari Diar, Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, board chairwoman of Qatar Museums (QM) and HBKU president attended the opening ceremony of the exhibition ‘ArcheoMed3D’.

The conference commenced with an opening address by Dr Ahmad bin Ali bin Thani, after which Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, board chairwoman of Qatar Museums, delivered a speech. Sheikha Moza attributed the opening of the exhibition to the long-standing vision of Sheikh Jaber bin Mohammed Al Thani and noted that the exhibition was the first of its kind in the region.

Sheikha Moza bint Nasser thanked al-Remaihi and DFI for taking the initiative and presented with them “such an incredible opportunity.”

Just like DFI, MAMI also believes in the single world connected by cinema and empowers a culture that focuses on Indianity. This exhibition is a unique opportunity to look at the project, with its beautiful icons which are being exhibited here today, Doha, Indian film creatives through appreciation, enhancing Indian knowledge and drawing attention to the challenges and opportunities.

“Renaissance Questions” is a cross-disciplinary initiative marking the Qatar-India Year of Culture 2019, jointly organized by Qatar Museums (QM) and Indian National Centre for Advancement of Science and Technology, to encourage the exchange of ideas between Europe and South Asia.

The exhibition is formed by Qatar artists and Contractors, a Qatari-Indian collaboration. The exhibition includes a selection of outstanding works of art from several countries: Turkey (Hagia Sophia, Istanbul), Jordan (Petra), Egypt (Luxor Mummies, Luxor), Lebanon (Baalbek), Turkey (Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, Bethlehem), Italy (Temples of Eleusis, Agate, Pompeii, Greek Amphora, Rome), Morocco (Oudh, Timbuktu, Tunisian Fine Arts), Jordan (Al-Jafar, Egyptian Museum).

Every panel, which contains a description of the archaeological sites, museums, and exhibitions, displays a QR code which allows viewers to enjoy exclusive 3D contents and videos on smartphones or tablets by using the free App “ArcheoMed”.

“We are trying to organize a combined performance of the duo with the celebrated Indian composer A R Rahman. Katara Studios is organizing two evenings with Indian culture and understanding the importance of the event of the future for the future,” Dr Ahmad bin Ali bin Thani said.

This exhibition is an important opportunity to witness in which way the Arab States of Gulf and the Indian subcontinent have faced and dealt with the traditional issues.

The exhibition will be open to the public until March 10 at the QM premises.