Investors urged to back Qatar's new entrepreneurs

**QSTP to mark its 10th anniversary on October 21**

In addition to incubating young entrepreneurs, QSTP hosts research and development and operations of multinational companies in areas such as information technology, health and aviation. Partners include Cisco, Microsoft, Boeing, Shell and ExxonMobil.

He added that QSTP has a unique ecosystem that has been able to attract young tech entrepreneurs, and has achieved significant milestones.

"These are the entrepreneurs that are on the brink of success with their products and ideas, and it is our responsibility to support them," he said.

"We are proud to be a part of this ecosystem that is growing fast. We have supported startups from all over the world and are proud of the impact we have made." The QSTP has supported more than 500 startups and has contributed to the growth of the startup community in Qatar.

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The reception also featured prominent cultural and social events, the presentation of the national anthems of Qatar and Albania, as well as a folkloric troupe from the Durres region of Albania.

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Sidra Medicine, a member of Qatar Foundation, has opened Qatar’s first paediatric dedicated sleep laboratory.

The state-of-the-art six-room sleep lab, one of the largest of its kind in Qatar, is staffed by children and young people.

The sleep lab will address sleep issues in children and young people. It is equipped with the latest technologies including video and in-room monitor to avoid giving direct patient access to medical staff.

The sleep lab will also play a critical role in studying non-sleep disorders as a search of neurological issues like atypical apneas or the behavioral presentations.

Besides, winners will be given the opportunity to present their ideas at relevant international conferences.
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HEC Paris opens registration in new executive programmes

Public notice

HEC Paris in Qatar has announced the opening of three new executive programmes during the winter semester of this academic year. The university has started accepting applications for these programmes and others in order to develop their leadership skills in the new phase of "ReThinking Your Business Management Strategy", "Owning Your Leadership Capabilities" and "Excellence Enhancement Programmes".

The first programme was launched with the aim of giving students a new vision on how to compete and achieve superior performance in order to transform them into visionary leaders. The programme will help students to enhance their leadership and strategic competencies and to lead their organisations in the future.

The second programme focuses on the future of work and will strengthen participants’ self-awareness and self-confidence. The programme is scheduled for December 10-11 (QNA).

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HMC issues tips for parents and teachers

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A part of the campaign under the catchphrase "Developing Your Leadership Programme" was launched in order to provide guidance to parents and students on how to develop their leadership skills and how to define clear goals and plans for their futures. The programme is scheduled for November 10-11.

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Registration opens for adult education

The Department of Schools Affairs at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education has announced the launch of a new programme of registration for adult education students. The new programme aims to improve the quality of education in schools and the level of performance of students, aiming to provide data on the level of performance of schools and the extent of the development of students’ learning, in order to determine the indicators used by the ministry to measure the quality of education in state schools and the effectiveness and efficiency of educational processes.

Under the ministerial decision, the regional offices at the ministry are tasked with ensuring the organisation of standardised achievement tests, and the preparation committee shall be formed by a decision of the ministry and shall be composed of representatives from the student assessment and educational guidance offices and schools.

The committee, in its turn, shall be in charge of developing a system for reading achievement tests in schools, aiming to provide data on the level of performance of schools and the extent of the development of students’ learning. In order to determine the indicators used by the ministry to measure the quality of education in state schools and the effectiveness of educational processes, the committee should take all its work and submit its recommendations to the minister on December 1, and is allowed to use the expertise and competence it deems appropriate within and outside the ministry. The department previously revealed the conditions for admission of new students to the adult education system.

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The Ministry of Education and Higher Education has called for tenders with a view to updating the assessment and evaluation system of educational institutions in the country for the next four years, according to a ministerial decision.

The amendments were made in the minister’s office and the Ministry of Higher Education and Research published a tender for the tendering and amending of the educational assessment calendar from the year 2019/2020 to the year 2022/2023. Working hours have been reduced to 8000 and 9500 hours for primary schools and the Veterinary Education (QNA).

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Only the first-year students will be eligible to be part of the programme. Only institutions approved by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education who apply for the scholarship programme and the procedures, including the eligibility criteria, will then be announced. The first step is to submit the application to the Adult Education Department at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. The closing date of the call for tender is September 2, 2019. All interested companies shall submit two separate envelopes (technical and financial) in one original and two copies to the Secretary of the Committee (Tender and Auction Committee) on the seventh floor of the ministry at 12:30 p.m. on the closing date.

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**Fifty One East and Sony introduce WF-1000XM3 earbuds to market**

Fifty One East and Sony Middle East and Africa, PIZZ, the leading consumer electronics brand, and a Qatari family business, have teamed up to lend their latest addition to the renowned 1001 East family “the most advanced and truly wireless headphones.”

The new WF-1000XM3 earbuds Industry-leading noise-cancelling performance is now available to pack in a newly designed headphone chip. This allows for L/R simultaneous Bluetooth transmission which means that both left and right earbuds receive audio content at the same time, ensuring them closer to the quality of High-Resolution Audio. The WF-1000XM3 buds are equipped with a premium microphone to pick up a newly developed noisecancelling chip. This delivers a precise output volume and ensures an optimal cancelation performance.

The WF-1000XM3 buds are specifically designed for improved comfort and stability of the ear. The “ergonomic 3-touch” build allows the buds to be worn comfortably in place, with the technology of a high-definition color signal and has been included to ensure a stable fit. There are four types of hybrid ear tips and three sizes of triple-foam earbuds.

The WF-1000XM3 buds also come with a connected App, the Smart Connect App, which has continued to improve the headset’s connectivity, touch controls and menu.

**Qatar Airways’ new service to Langkawi to aid expansion**

Qatar Airways’ new tagged services to Langkawi (Malaysia) starting on October 15, is part of the airline’s strong expansion plans in Southeast Asia and marks the national carrier’s third destination in Malaysia after Kuala Lumpur and Penang.

Qatar Airways flights to Langkawi, India, Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, HE Akbar al-Baker, hosted a press conference at the Four Seasons Hotel in Malaysia yesterday. The press conference was attended by Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, HE Akbar al-Baker with dignitaries after a press conference he hosted at the Four Seasons Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, yesterday.

Qatar Airways will initially start with four-weekly Langkawi tag services via Penang three-weekly services from October 15. The flights will operate in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft, featuring 22 seats in business class and 232 seats in economy, with spacious cabins and spacious legroom.

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**Air College officers take part in drills with Mongolian forces**

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A total of 351 tonnes of local agricultural products sold in July, the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME) said yesterday.

The Ministry said it sold 247 tonnes through the MME’s ‘Premium Qatari Vegetable’ initiative and 104 tonnes through a Qatari farmers’ programme, according to a press statement by the ministry.

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Malaysian prosecutors wrap up first closing case against Najib 

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“The case is only a step in the process,” he said. “I cannot talk about negotiations. The only thing I can say is that we are looking for dialogue, not the opposite.”

After two years, he escaped from prison and went to the United States, where he has been living in relative freedom. He maintains he was subjected to torture and forced to work from 4am until 10pm.

The persecutors of the HKSAR government in 1997, and was later sentenced to three years in prison for his role in the 1997 riot. He has also been charged with the illegal possession of more than 300,000 kilograms of cocaine.

The United Nations has expressed concern about the case and called for the release of Yang, who has been held in detention since 2018.

Yang rejected criticism from the government of his country, saying he had “no right to set up an independent judiciary”.

The protests come as Hong Kong is facing a wave of social unrest following the government’s decision to ban people from entering the territory from mainland China. The ban has been widely condemned as a violation of human rights and freedoms.

Beijing confirms arrest of Australian for spying

Chinese authorities have arrested an Australian man accused of spying on the government and providing sensitive information to intelligence agencies.

The Australian man, Mark箔, a 36-year-old businessman, had been living in Beijing since 2017 and had been seen regularly in the city.

Mark箔 had been working as an “economic adviser” to the Chinese government and had been providing information about the country’s economic and political situation.

A Chinese state-run newspaper reported that Mark箔 had been arrested for “illegally gathering and providing state secrets”.

US ‘maliciously hyping up’ sea issue

C hina is responding to the United States’ patrols in the South China Sea with “forceful counteraction”.

A Chinese military official said yesterday that the US had entered the South China Sea and was conducting “flagrant provocations”.

The US has been conducting patrols in the South China Sea in recent months, with the aim of asserting its influence in the region.

China’s claim to the South China Sea is based on historical rights, with the country claiming sovereignty over most of the islands, reefs, and waters in the region.

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Leaked documents reveal Tories’ dramatic plans for schools

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Araft of dramatic and controversial proposals for schools has been revealed in leaked documents seen by the newspaper. The plans, which are set to be discussed at a meeting of party leaders this week, include increasing the number of academies, streamlining the curriculum, and requiring all teachers to take a “reasonable force” to improve discipline. The documents also suggest that the government is preparing to move the so-called “backstop” on Brexit negotiations. The moves are likely to be welcomed by some within the party, who see them as necessary to ensure the party remains united. However, they are likely to be met with opposition from others who are concerned about the impact on education and the economy. The documents also reveal plans to increase funding for schools, although this is likely to be met with resistance from some who see it as a way of funneling money to private schools.

**Foreign health tourists owe NHS £150mn in unpaid bills**

**Daily Mail**

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jour health tourists in the UK have been ordered to pay up to £150 million in unpaid bills, with more than 400,000 patients facing fines. The situation has emerged in the wake of a major overhaul of the NHS’s charging policy, which is now being rolled out across the country. The changes mean that patients who were previously exempt from paying for treatments are now being billed. The government has said that it wants to ensure that all patients are treated fairly and that the NHS is not left with unpaid bills. However, critics have said that the new rules are likely to be unfair and will put pressure on families to pay up.

**Opposition parties unite in bid to force Brexit delay**

**The Guardian**

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pposition parties have joined forces in an effort to delay Brexit. Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn has met with other leaders to discuss the possibility of a second referendum. The parties have agreed that passing a law to prevent a no-deal Brexit is the only way to prevent the UK from leaving the EU without a deal. The move is likely to be welcomed by some within the party, who see it as a way of ensuring that the country remains in the EU. However, it is likely to be met with resistance from others who are concerned about the impact on jobs and the economy.

**Teenagers use lilo to save drowning man, son**

**Gulf Times**

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wo teenagers who saved a man from drowning have been praised for their bravery. They were playing in the sea when they heard a cry for help. One of the boys, who was wearing a lilo, said: “We had to act quickly to save the man’s life. We didn’t think twice.” The other boy, who was swimming, added: “We’re just glad we were able to help.” The man, Keith Gray, who had been pulled from the water and was taken to hospital, said: “I’m just grateful to the two boys for saving my life.” The incident has been hailed as a “heroic act” by local authorities, who have praised the teenagers for their quick thinking and bravery.

**Archbishop told not to interfere in Brexit**

**Guardian News and Media**

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he archbishop of Canterbury has been told not to interfere in Brexit negotiations. The archbishop had previously called for a second referendum, but has now been advised by the government not to try to influence the process. The move is likely to be welcomed by some who see it as a way of ensuring that the country remains in the EU, while others are concerned about the impact on the church’s influence in society.

**Propositions put to the public in an attempt to force the government to delay Brexit**

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Russia frees last of the orcas from ‘whale jail’

Russian environmentalists say that the killing of wild whales is deemed unethical by many countries around the world.

A New Zealand-based environmental group has released one of the final remaining killer whales from a notorious Russian ‘whale jail’.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)发布公告说，经过数月的努力，他们成功拯救了最后一只被捕的虎鲸。

IFAW表示，近年来他们一直在努力争取释放这些虎鲸，但这次的行动无疑是他们最大的成就。

IFAW负责人Daniel O’Shea表示，这次行动是他们多年来不懈努力的成果，也是对国际社会关注海洋保护的最好证明。

他说：“这是我们多年努力的结果，我们感谢所有支持我们的民众。我们希望这能为未来的海洋保护工作打下坚实的基础。”

IFAW表示，这些虎鲸将在新西兰一家海洋公园安享晚年，过上自由自在的生活。

美国环保组织海洋生物基金会也表示支持，该组织负责人Peter Wallis表示，这次行动表明，环保组织可以有效地保护海洋生物。

他说：“这次行动证明，环保组织可以和政府合作，保护海洋生物。”
Paramilitary force takes the lead in quelling protests, militant attacks

**Business Standard**

The acute protests and militancy that have hit Kashmir after abrogating Article 370 of the Constitution are an example of how the operational efficiency of the CRPF, as well as their training and nerve, is being tested.

The force’s origins can be traced back to the Afghan Republic, which was established under British rule in 1973. It entered into the CRPF with the enactment of an act two years after independence, and it was established as an auxiliary police force and was deployed in Kashmir during the 1979-80 movement on India’s border. According to the latest available data, it had 319,501 personnel in service as of March 2021. They have had to deal with countless attacks, including hundreds of people being killed.

Paramilitary force has been deployed in Kashmir in recent months, including hundreds of people being killed.

The government has defended the use of force, saying it is to prevent law and order violations.
**India's first woman DGP dies in Mumbai**

Kashmiri Pandit D. Y. Shukla of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) passed away on Monday due to a heart attack. 

**Congress in Kerala upset with Tharoor for praising Modi**

The Congress party in Kerala has expressed its ire at Delhi Congress leader Shashi Tharoor for his prómote lauding of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. 

**Astonished by charges: Chidambaram's family**

The family of the former finance minister P. Chidambaram was shocked and surprised by the arrest of Karti Chidambaram on Thursday for allegedly seeking illegal favours from a company. 

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Bolsonaro open to G7 aid 'only if Macron takes back insults'

As the fires continue to rage in Brazil's Amazon rainforest, French president Emmanuel Macron has expressed his desire to see the Brazilian government take back statements that he considers to be insulting. In a recent tweet, Macron wrote, "I hope the situation in Brazil improves quickly. It's a sensitive issue for all of us. Let's work together to find solutions." This statement comes after Bolsonaro accused Macron of "meddling" in Brazil's internal affairs and threatened to expel French officials from Brazil.

On Monday, Macron condemned the fires in the Amazon as "a brand new emergency" and called on the international community to take action. "This is not a local issue," he said. "This is a global issue."

The fires, which began in August and have since spread across large parts of the Amazon, have caused widespread concern and criticism. Bolsonaro has been accused of not doing enough to control the fires, despite his government's efforts to mobilize resources and deploy fire-fighting teams.

A delegation from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) arrived in Brasilia last week to discuss a new finance package for the country. The IMF team meets with Bolsonaro's team and discussed the need for a coordinated response to the fire crisis. "It is clear that this is a global issue and that we need a global solution," said a statement from the IMF.

The IMF team also met with Brazil's Finance Minister Paulo Guedes and discussed the need for a comprehensive plan to address the environmental and economic challenges posed by the fires. "We need to work together to find solutions that are sustainable and effective," said Guedes.

Meanwhile, Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro has defended his government's response to the fires, stating that "we are doing everything possible to control the situation." However, this has not been enough to satisfy the international community, which has called for a stronger and more coordinated response to the crisis.

In a recent interview, Macron expressed his opposition to a possible visit to Brazil by Bolsonaro, stating that "I do not think it is helpful to see Bolsonaro, who is not doing enough to control the fires." This statement has been met with criticism by some in Brazil, who have accused Macron of "meddling" in Brazilian affairs.

In conclusion, the situation in the Amazon remains a cause for concern, with the international community calling for a coordinated response to the crisis. Bolsonaro's government has been criticized for its lack of action, and Macron has expressed his desire to see the situation improved.

Rain will not extinguish Amazon fires for weeks, weather experts warn

A"rain event" in the Amazon rainforest could last for more than three weeks, experts warn, as fires continue to rage across large parts of the region. The lack of rain is expected to keep the fires burning, with temperatures in the region expected to remain high for several days.

According to a statement from the National Institute of Space Research (INPE), the fires are likely to continue for at least another two weeks, with temperatures in the region expected to remain above 40 degrees Celsius. "The situation is critical," said INPE's director, Jose Goldemberg. "We need to act now to prevent the fires from spreading further." 

The fires, which began in late August, have already caused significant damage to the Amazon rainforest, with countless trees being burnt and large areas of land being impacted. The fires have also caused widespread concern, with the international community calling for a stronger and more coordinated response to the crisis.

In a recent statement, the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for a "global effort" to address the crisis, stating that "the world cannot afford to look away while the Amazon is burning." Guterres has called on the international community to take action, stating that "we need a global plan to prevent the fires from spreading and to protect the Amazon rainforest for future generations."
Karachi in grip of viral and waterborne diseases

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The $56bn choice: IMF faces catch-22 over Argentina crisis

The Argentine economy, for sure, is in deep straits; so does the international Monetary Fund face a catch-22 dilemma in dealing with the crisis. Less than two decades ago, Argentina crashed out of an IMF programme, defaulted on debt and plunged into depression. As Fund officials arrived in Buenos Aires over the weekend to assess the country’s current $56bn ballast and decide whether to keep bailing out cash — some of the same warning signals were flashing. President Mauricio Macri has been denounced by the populist opposition in a nationwide primary, after his IMF-backed programme — based around budget austerity and the world’s highest interest rates — failed to pull the economy out of recession.

His defeat brought about a market rout that was spectacular even by Argentina’s standards of volatility. The peso slumped 20% in a week, and yields on government bonds surged — pushing the implied risk of default above 80%.

The IMF now faces a tricky choice with unwelcome echoes from two decades ago: Risk making the turmoil even worse by withholding a $5.5bn installment due next month; or bailing out the government, even though the programme’s future looks highly uncertain.

They’ll also have to figure out the economic plan of opposition leader Alberto Fernandez — who’s likely to head a less market-friendly government. While elections are still two months away, Macri’s 15-point primary defeat has led analysts to write him off.

Fitch Ratings and S&P Global have downgraded the country’s credit rating deeper into junk territory citing the possibility of a sovereign debt default. Since the ballot reverse, Macri’s government has begun to lose political support. It faces new praise and boosted inflation forecasts and has told the poorest Argentines as the peso’s latest slide threatens to push inflation even higher.

Fitch Ratings now predicts a primary deficit of 19%, though the government still says it will meet IMF budget targets. The central bank could also breach IMF targets, as it burns through cash to defend the peso.

Late in 2001, after a series of missed budget targets and re-upped IMF loans, the government announced it was preparing to restructure debt. Argentinians rushed to the banks to pull their money out — and found their deposits had been frozen by authorities, as known as the “corralito.”

The IMF has reportedly already opened channels to the opposition leader Fernandez, who cited his experience working with the IMF as cabinet chief in the years after the 2001 crisis. “There’s no possibility that Argentina will fall into default if I’m president,” he said last week.

“We’re looking at probability matrices of outcomes that in the last hundred years and that’s a huge threat to hundreds of millions of people around the world, so you need to be absolutely sure this is properly warranted,” he said.

For decades, droughts and floods and glaciers and subsides, warming conditions have led scientists to worry about melting water. With the rise and the coming waves drowning the land, scientists have started to look more closely at the Earth’s ocean temperatures and salinity.

Willis is investigating how warm waters of the water on the coast come into contact with glaciers and how this effects how quickly they melt. “A lot of people think of the ice here as melting from the air warming, sort of an area of ice loss, but really what’s happening is most of the ice has never been pasted — there are other factors,” he said.

People have been studying Greenland’s glaciers for a century or more, collecting it data they collect the ice’s ocean in the way a butterfly collects the nectar of a flower. And there’s no better place to study ice than Greenland.

Helicopters are used to get close to the ice, but the four-foot cylinder parachute container to collect it’s data and drop the probe is dropped from the helicopter to get the data.

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With 20 years’ experience flying with the JPL, McCubbin also organizes the scientists’ logistics from the remote south in the future that he or the scientist is to fly. The plane flies out of during the summer, flying from the local airport to the sea below.

Limited communications and transport links and the island’s geography — which has been isolated from the mainland — means that the scientists can’t get on and off the island.

After the flight, Willis, wearing Ray Bens, a leather jacket with the collar turned up, and a guitar, gave a performance of the Ethel-reprised “Calmate Rock” to the waiting journalists in the village’s hotel, explaining the difference between the weather and climate.

“The data we’re collecting are super valuable because: they’re collecting a lot of climate data that is important for the work that we do,” said Ian Fenty, an investigator with OMG, in front of a laptop that he or the scientists are using.

Fenty and his colleagues have been collecting data with OMG’s satellites to look at the earth. “We have some tough decisions ahead of us,” he said. “I think we’re looking at a big problem.”

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Macron's art of the deal

E Politics have always been a form of art, and in France, where culture is king, the words of President Emmanuel Macron have been as much a performance as a policy statement. This was evident at the recent G7 summit in Biarritz, where Macron's diplomatic acumen was on full display.

Among the attendees were the British Prime Minister Johnson, as well as his foreign minister Raab, the German Chancellor Merkel, the Italian Prime Minister Conte, and the French finance minister Varoufakis. The latter, known for his controversial and divisive views, has been a thorn in Macron’s side, especially after his book ‘Adults in the Room’ which accused top officials of selling out the Greek people.

However, at the Biarritz summit, Varoufakis seemed to have softened his stance, at least on the economic front. In a speech to the G7 leaders, he praised Macron’s leadership and said that France should be a model for Europe, especially in the context of the current economic crisis.

On the environmental front, Macron made a strong pitch for multilateralism and the protection of the Amazon rainforest, which has been a major issue for many of the world’s leaders. He called for a Green Deal to be signed by all countries, including the United States, which has been a vocal critic of the Paris Agreement.

Overall, the summit was a success for Macron, who managed to maintain his image as a statesman and a diplomat. His ability to navigate complex geopolitical waters is a testament to his skills as a politician and a leader. The future of European politics may well depend on how well he can continue to apply this art of the deal.
QSTP celebrates its first decade of successes

QSTP is a key player in the local innovation ecosystem, having been established by Qatari National Laboratory (QNL) in 2013. The center has since become the leading driver of Qatar’s innovation and technology landscape, with a focus on fostering innovation and entrepreneurship across a wide range of sectors.

In September, QSTP held a series of events to mark the 10th anniversary of its operations. The celebration included a lecture series, an exhibition, and a series of workshops aimed at highlighting the center’s contributions to Qatar’s development.

The anniversary was marked by a series of lectures, including one on the role of QSTP in driving innovation in the country. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Ahmed Al-Kuwari, director of QSTP, who emphasized the center’s commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs and businesses.

Another highlight of the anniversary was a panel discussion on the future of innovation in Qatar. The panel included representatives from government, academia, and private sector organizations, who discussed the challenges and opportunities facing the country’s innovation ecosystem.

The anniversary also included an exhibition of QSTP’s achievements over the past decade, showcasing the center’s projects and partnerships. The exhibition featured a range of exhibits, including models of innovative products and services, and case studies of successful QSTP-supported ventures.

The celebration concluded with a series of workshops, aimed at providing guidance and support to local entrepreneurs. The workshops covered a range of topics, including business planning, market analysis, and access to funding.

The QSTP 10th Anniversary celebration was a testament to the center’s impact on Qatar’s innovation ecosystem. The center continues to play a key role in driving innovation and entrepreneurship in the country, and it is expected to continue to do so for many years to come.