

# UCQ marks Class of 2022 graduation

The University of Calgary in Qatar (UCQ) marked the graduation of the Class of 2022 yesterday under the patronage of HE the Minister of Education and Higher Education Buthaina bint Ali al-Jabr al-Nuaimi at St Regis Doha.

In attendance were several dignitaries and guests. UCQ chairman Sheikh Dr Khalid bin Jabr al-Thani, Ministry of Education and Higher Education undersecretary Dr Ibrahim bin Saleh al-Nuaimi, University of Calgary chancellor Deborah Yedlin, Primary Health Care Corporation's Academic Affairs & Consultant Family Medicine head Dr Maryam Ahmed al-Rashid, UCQ's vice-president (research) Dr Bill Ghali, dean and professor Dr Deborah White, registrar Dr Amy Dambrowitz, vice-provost and associate vice-president research (international) Dr Janaka Ruwampura.

UCQ's first in-person convocation since the start of the pandemic commemorated 133 graduates and undergraduates who received their degrees and designations in front of their families, friends, board members and partners.

Sheikh Dr Khalid congratulated the graduates and reflected on a long journey of outstanding achievements that have contributed to the growth and enhancement of the healthcare landscape in Qatar. In her opening remarks, Dr White, said: "We know that this academic journey has been a tedious one with many difficult twists and turns but through it all, you were diligent and determined, and here you are today. As you prepare to take on new stages of your career, re-



The graduates from the Class of 2022 with officials.

member, it is through your advocacy, integrity, and knowledge that you will make a difference - a difference to patients and families, to community and to health system delivery."

Dr Deborah also conveyed her gratitude to His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser and to Qatar for continuously supporting UCQ and nursing education.

Dr Maryam al-Rashid said: "Today's graduation is evidence of how persistence and perseverance can pay off, as



A view of the guests at the event. PICTURES: Shaji Kayamkulam.

you graduate and take on new challenges. Graduating Class of 2022, you are well-equipped with one of the most important tools needed to support Qatar National Vision QNV 2030 call for a comprehensive world-class healthcare system to respond to the country's current and future health care needs."

The speeches were followed by a video that celebrated a key milestone in UCQ's journey - 15 years of providing excellence in nursing education in Qatar.

UCQ, established in 2007, is the only Canadian university in Qatar and a provider of Bachelor and Masters degrees in Nursing.



British ambassador to Qatar Jonathan Wilks addressing the event.

## Doha College celebrates graduating Class of 2022

Doha College, one of the oldest international schools in Qatar, celebrated its latest cohort going out into the world, with a touching graduation ceremony dedicated to the Class of 2022, a statement said.

The event was attended by British ambassador to Qatar Jonathan Wilks, guest speaker Fatima El Mahdi, head of Thimun Qatar, and regaled with musical interludes performed by Doha College students.

The 118 students who graduated this year (including three Qatari), are set to start university courses in the UK and Europe, the US, Canada, Bahrain and Qatar - with other place confirmations from around the world still arriving every day.

Doha College is proud to have a history of ex-

ceptional examination results, and also offers one of the widest range of subjects in the country, listing sciences, languages, humanities, fine arts, performing arts, music, and also BTEC qualifications in sports coaching. This combination of excellence and versatility opens wide horizons for DC students' future careers.

The most favoured destinations this year are shaping up to be University of Manchester, which will welcome nearly 10% of Doha College's graduates, followed by Queen Mary University of London, University of Nottingham, Cardiff University, University College London, University of Warwick, Durham University, King's College London, Imperial College London, Stanford and many more, the statement added.



A musical interlude by Doha College students.



The Class of 2022 celebrating their graduation.



A group of female graduates in a celebratory mood.

## Yemeni leader's visit to Qatar will boost ties: envoy



Yemeni ambassador to Qatar Rajeh Hussein Badi (*pictured*) said that the visit of the Chairman of the Presidential Leadership Council in Yemen, Rashad Mohamed al-Alimi, accompanied by a high-level delegation, to Qatar reflects the depth of historical bilateral relations between the Yemeni and Qatari peoples.

In a statement to Qatar News

Agency (QNA), the ambassador said that this visit will boost the path of close relations between the two countries, noting that it will open a new page of distinguished and historical relations between the two countries, peoples and leaderships.

He stressed that the visit is important because Qatar has become a pivotal country and

pointed out that the Yemeni people are looking forward to good results from the visit. He also praised Qatar's stances towards his country.

"We commend the State of Qatar, His Highness the Amir, the government and the people for its noble humanitarian stances that stand by the Republic of Yemen in unity, land and people," he said. (QNA)

## Ehsan, NHRC seminar stresses need to protect elderly from abuse

The Center for Empowerment and Care of the Elderly (Ehsan), in association with the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), organised a seminar titled 'Protecting the Elderly: Responsibilities and Tools' in celebration of the United Nations World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, themed for 2022 'Addressing violence and abuse against older persons'.

NHRC Vice-Chairman Mohamed bin Saif al-Kuwari said in his opening statement that raising awareness of the rights of the elderly is one of the methods that enables one to elevate their state in accordance with the noble human values. He stressed the centrality of developing an international and national response to eliminate the problem of elderly abuse that is

predicted to worsen in the coming years, as the percentage of people growing older and entering this category rises.

For his part, CEO of Qatar Foundation for Social Work, Ahmad bin Mohamed al-Kuwari, said Qatar noticed the issue of abuse of old people early on, ensured the passing of related laws, and implemented means to prevent it.

Al-Kuwari pointed to Qatari legislation on the matter where it stresses the importance of the elderly in general and provides them with social security, housing, employment, in addition to legal and social protection.

During the discussion, the director of the home care unit at Ehsan, Musheera Hamad al-Shahwani, presented a worksheet titled "rais-

ing awareness of elderly abuse and its consequences," which defined what is meant by abuse and what it entails, its types, and its consequences.

The discussion also shed light on the responsibilities and roles of protecting old people from abuse, highlighting the role Ehsan plays in raising awareness on the issue. She concluded by suggesting ways to protect the elderly from abuse.

The Acting Director of the Legal Affairs Department at NHRC Nasser Marzouq al-Sultan presented a worksheet under the title of 'Best International Practices to Raising Awareness and Prevent Old People's Abuse' elaborating on the UN's efforts to deal with this issue. (QNA)

## World Cup ticket payment deadline extended

FIFA has announced that the payment period for tickets allocated during the second Random Selection Draw sales period, which ended on April 28, has been extended until 12 noon (Doha time) on June 17. The earlier deadline was 12 noon (Doha time) yesterday.



## Huawei Watch Fit 2 makes a statement

Huawei has made a statement in the mid-range wearables market with the new fashionable Watch Fit 2, which boasts of a trendy design, long battery life, and numerous health and fitness features.

Huawei Watch Fit 2, follows a design similar to the original Watch Fit, but with more refinements.

The new watch has an AMOLED 1.74-inch Huawei FullView Display and a new chessboard launcher that offers a seamless user experience. Users can customise the watch using a wide selection of watch bands and watch faces.

The smartwatch features a speaker and a microphone and supports Bluetooth calling feature that allows users to accept or reject calls. If users are not available to answer the phone, they can quickly reply in the form of a short message with one tap. The reply can be customised in the Huawei Health App, allowing users to always stay online. Users can also reply quickly to messages via instant messaging apps from the watch itself.

Though wearables usually struggle when it comes to battery life, Huawei Watch Fit 2 shines with 10 full days of battery life under typical usage scenarios and seven days under heavy usage on a single charge.



On top of that, fast charging technology allows users to use the watch for 24 hours with a five-minute charge.

The smartwatch tracks a range of health data, with Huawei's upgraded Huawei TruSeen 5.0 heart rate monitoring technology accurately measuring users' BPM and blood oxygen saturation (SpO2); and the ability to track sleep patterns. The wearable can analyse the different stages of each night's sleep, identify a range of different sleep problems and offer solutions.

Besides, the Huawei Health App has a range of other ways to promote a healthy lifestyle. Users can use the Healthy Living Management to create a unique wellness plan, including daily steps, water intake, workouts and more, which the app reminds them of every day, offering positive feedback to keep users feeling good about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Huawei Watch Fit 2 supports offline music playback and allows users to play music directly from their smartwatch while working out. Users can also manage music playback through mobile apps and match different playlists to different sports.

The wearable supports 97 workout modes, including running, cycling, weight training, dancing, ball games, winter sports and more. There's also a built-in animated fitness coach for seven selected modes, offering easy-to-follow audio instructions and demonstrations - including warm-up and cool down - making it easy for users to fit their workouts into their lives and track their progress as they go.

Huawei's Running Ability Index (RAI) can analyse a user's height, age, weight, fitness and running experience to create a professional-level training plan that keeps adapting based on the user's progress.