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Under the Patronage of Qatar's CRA, Huawei Hosts the Opening Week of 2023 Seeds for the Future Program in Doha

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- 16 students from Qatar are set to participate in this year's edition of Seeds for the Future, joining 175 students from the Middle East and Central Asia in Huawei's global CSR program.
- Under the umbrella of the Seeds for the Future program, Huawei is hosting the inaugural week of the Tech4Good regional competition in Doha, targeting youth with ideas that can address social

issues by leveraging the latest ICT technologies.

Doha: Under the patronage of Qatar's Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA), Huawei kicks off the 2023 Seeds for the Future program at an official opening ceremony that took place today in the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC), Doha, Qatar. Bringing together 175 students from elite universities across the Middle East and Central Asia (ME & CA) for the first time ever in Qatar, the regional event aims to develop local talent, share knowledge, increase the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) sector awareness, and foster a digital community for young ICT talents. This includes 16 talented students from Qatar.

High-level officials and industry leaders delivered keynote speeches, which included Reem Abdulaziz Al Mugbel, Acting Vice Governor for Planning & Business Development, TVTC, KSA, Omar Abdulaziz al-Naama, Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs, Qatar, Jawad Abbassi, Head of GSMA, MENA, and Dr. Jassim Haji, President International Group of Artificial Intelligence. The opening ceremony was also attended by Karimjonov Rustam, Deputy Minister of Digital Technologies of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Kamil Akatov, Vice Minister of Science and Higher Education, Kazakhstan.

From September 2-9, 2023, students representing 15 Middle East and Central Asia countries will participate in the first phase of the Seeds for the Future program in Doha. This includes Qatar,

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Bahrain, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Oman, Uzbekistan, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Azerbaijan, Mongolia, and Kyrgyzstan. The participating Qatari students hail from renowned educational universities in Qatar, including Qatar University, Hamad bin Khalifa University, Qatar Community College, and the University of Doha for Science and Technology. Eng. Hussain Salatt, Public Relations and Communication Unit Manager, CRA, said: “We are pleased to be part of the opening ceremony of the “Seeds for the Future” program for the Middle East and Central Asia region. CRA has patronaged this program for the fourth consecutive year, as it encourages skills development and innovation to contribute to Qatar National Vision 2030 goals. One of which is to create a balance between an oil-based and a knowledge-based economy. I would like to thank Huawei for embracing this bright initiative and thank the supporters of this program, wishing the participants good luck.”

Shunli Wang, Vice President of Huawei Middle East and Central Asia, said: “In the digital era, skilled talent is pivotal to maintaining rapid development, seizing opportunities, and economic progress. At Huawei, we’re proud to be among the first few global tech companies to leverage its technology and expertise to help narrow the talent gap through programs like Seeds for the Future. We’re thrilled to host the first phase of the Seeds for the Future program in Doha and look forward to seeing some of the best regional ICT talents in action.”

Omar Abdulaziz al-Naama, Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs, Qatar, said:

“ICT education is one of the most critical pillars in Qatar’s vision of a diversified, knowledge-based economy. Skilled talent is crucial to our prosperous digital economy and through our partnership with global industry leaders like Huawei on programs like Seeds for the Future, we are training and equipping our talented youth with the necessary skills to support Qatar’s ambitious Vision 2030 and ICT strategy.”

Huawei’s Seeds for the Future program is the company’s flagship CSR program that aims to develop ICT talents globally. With an ever-increasing emphasis on innovation and technological advancements, this competition offers a unique platform where these young minds can exchange ideas, network with international peers, and gain valuable insights into the ICT sector that will shape their future and promote their participation in the digital community. Since its launch in 2008, more than 15,000 students have participated from 139 countries worldwide. The program has been endorsed by more than 450 senior officials and heads of states.