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Her Highness Attends Opening of WISE 12



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Doha, November 24 (QNA) – HH Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, attended the opening of the 12th edition of the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE 12) on Monday. Held under the theme “Humanity.io: Human Values at the Heart of Education,” the summit is taking place on November 24–25 at the Qatar National Convention Centre with participation from leaders, experts, and innovators representing over 150 countries.

The opening ceremony was attended by HE Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al-Thani, Vice Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, along with ministers and heads of diplomatic missions.

In her keynote address, HH Sheikha Moza stressed that education must remain a space for creativity, innovation, and unconventional thinking, rather than a system of imitation. She reaffirmed that WISE was established to break traditional molds and inspire new approaches. Education, she emphasized, is not a simple service sector, but a fundamental human right tied to dignity, justice, and progress.

Her Highness highlighted widening global disparities in knowledge, noting that societies now advance at different stages due to entrenched institutional and educational imbalances—especially across the Arab and African regions, parts of Asia, and Latin America. She questioned whether these gaps stem from individuals or from their environments, stressing the urgent need for continuous development of curricula, teaching methods, and learning ecosystems.

HH Sheikha Moza announced the launch of a new WISE Index to measure education quality by integrating academic performance with social and cultural values. She noted that the WISE Awards complement this vision by supporting innovative global educational initiatives.

Addressing the rapid acceleration of scientific progress, Her Highness warned that humanity now

faces a technological pace that exceeds its capacity to respond. She underscored artificial intelligence as an unprecedented challenge, marking the first time humans have ceded part of their intelligence to machines capable of autonomous decision-making. She cautioned that unregulated AI expansion could threaten human freedom and create “technological dependency.”

Her Highness emphasized that science without ethics can become a destructive force, citing weapons of mass destruction and ongoing conflicts—including Gaza and Sudan—as evidence of the consequences of divorcing science from values.

She raised critical questions about the future of education in the age of AI, including the survival of traditional schools and universities, and whether learning will shift to individualized, borderless models. These questions, she said, require immediate action, not delayed reflection.

Concluding her remarks, HH Sheikha Moza affirmed that placing human values at the center of education restores dignity to both science and humanity. She called for education grounded in truth, justice, and beauty, and for knowledge that liberates rather than confines.

Since its launch, the WISE Summit has welcomed over 15,000 participants and continues to serve as a global platform uniting leaders and experts to shape a more just and equitable educational future.

