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## THE CHAMPION SPEAKERS OF QATAR 2025



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The eagerly awaited **Qatar Talks 2025**, has once again culminated in a spectacular showcase of talent, yielding a new set of **Champion Speakers of Qatar**.

In the **Adult's Inspirational Speech** segment, **Mahmoud Reda** claimed the coveted Champions title. His coherent speech, titled "**Power of the pause,**" delivered a powerful message: "**Do the things which makes you happy. Ambition gives you direction mental health gives you energy.**"

The **2nd Place Winner, Tariro Dorcas Matibiri**, captivated the audience with her articulate speech, "**The weeds we water,**" emphasizing **self-kindness and patience**.

The **3rd Place Winner, Roshan Sukheja**, touched hearts with her real-life incident shared in "**The Empty Chair,**" delivering the moving message: "**always love the person who held your umbrella when you face storm.**"

**Roshan Sukheja** was the **Champion of the Audience Poll**.

In a remarkable **double victory**, **Mahmoud Reda** also secured the **Champion title** in the **Adult's Tall Tales** contest. His winning speech, "**The interview that changed my life,**" wove a funny story about his marriage and unknowingly marrying the girl he had been stalking.

**Cinderella Williams** clinched **2nd place** with the humorous speech title “**The Motherhood Bootcamp,**” sharing her experiences with different trainers.

**Sebastian Mascarenhas** took **3rd place** with a funny tale about his temporary death and return to life by Speech Title “I am back”.

**Mahmoud Reda** was the **Champion of the Audience Poll**.

The **Youth speech contests** brought forth highly confident students, showcasing immense talent.

In the **Youth Tall Tales** contest, **Sanjeev Sundararaj** from **DPS Modern Indian School** was declared the **Champion** for his funny take on “**The Wish.**” His speech conveyed the important lesson: “**Grass is always greener on the other side. We have unique life stop comparing and start cherishing.**”

**Sophia Rae D. Jamantoc** from **Philippine International School** with the title “**The Bell of Pride**” bagged **2nd Place** with the message, **don’t let your pride dominate your life.**

**Mirudula Vijay Anand** from **Loyola International School** secured **3rd Place** with “**The Dancing Dilemma,**” gracefully delivering the message: “**Do it with a smile on your face anybody can achieve.**”

**Sanjeev Sundararaj** was the **Champion of the Audience Poll**.

In the **Youth Inspirational speech** contest, the Champion's trophy was claimed by **Afrin Salma Mohamed Jamaldeen** from **Ideal Indian School**. Her speech, "**Dare to be different,**" inspired the audience with the call to action: "**Don't try to fit yourself where you don't belong. Don't just exist in this world. Redefine yourself, Dare to be different, Dare to be you.**"

The **2nd Place Winner**, **Maria Alessandra B. Endaya** from Philippine International School, shared an inspiring story in "**Becoming the Ate**".

**Aaron Sudheendran** from **DPS Modern Indian School** took **3rd Place** with "**The Game of scores,**" reminding everyone that "**biggest life lessons come from mistakes.**"

**Maria Alessandra B. Endaya** was the **Champion of the Audience Poll**.

#### **YOUTH – INSPIRATIONAL**

##### **Name**

##### **Accolade**

Afrin Salma Mohamed Jamaldeen    Champion

Maria Alessandra B. Endaya    2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner

#### **YOUTH – TALL TALES**

##### **Name**

##### **Accolade**

Sanjeev Sundararaj    Champion

Sophia Rae D. Jamantoc    2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner

Aaron Sudheendran	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Winner	Mirudula Vijay Anand	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Winner
Maria Alessandra B. Endaya	Champion-Audience Poll	Sanjeev Sundararaj	Champion-Audience Poll
<b>ADULTS – INSPIRATIONAL</b>		<b>ADULTS – TALL TALES</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Accolade</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Accolade</b>
Mahmoud Reda	Champion	Mahmoud Reda	Champion
Tariro Dorcas Matibiri	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner	Cinderella Williams	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner
Roshan Sukheja	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Winner	Sebastian Mascarenhas	3 <sup>rd</sup> place Winner
Roshan Sukheja	Champion-Audience Poll	Mahmoud Reda	Champion-Audience Poll

Launched in 2004 by **Founder Convener M.I. Farid**, the event, formerly the ICC ONE

Communication Championships, has inspired over 2000 Qatar residents to hone their public speaking prowess, establishing itself as a premier platform for oratory excellence.

The championships saw six finalists vie for the champion trophy in each category after a month-long elimination process. The contests, held at the Radisson Blu, were spearheaded by Chief Convener **Ms. Lornalyn Tallod** and expertly navigated by Masters of Ceremonies **Ms. Freeda Lobo** and **Mr. Christopher Almeida**. The event, a strong acknowledgement of the International

Competent Communicator's social commitment, featured diverse speeches across four main categories. The participants were ably supported by a dedicated team of Contest Chairs: **Maureen Udeze, Hiba Outa, Saif E. Alshadfan, and Majd Jehad Alhakim**, along with the role players team.

The event concluded with a scintillating Prize Distribution Ceremony where the Guests of Honor were the Indian Ambassador Mr. Vipul, Dr. Abdulla Mshadi, CEO of AlWaab City and Mr. Tommy Davidson, VP – BPO of Starlink who distributed the Trophies and Prizes along with Judges Ahmad Rahmatollah, Daneiella Tzenkova, Dennis Mujana, Anastasia Gavrilova, Dr. Wafaa Ammar, Farzana Lone, Manzoor Moideen, Anwar Ghanim, Easton Phidd, Georgina Phidd, Ollancio Soares, Sindhu Nair, Pavel Tzenkov, Muhammad Aboushala, Andrea Soares, Beetex Sundaram, Carla Marrouche, Gillian Mujana, Maureen Udeze, Mohammad Labban, Mohammad Weshah.

A complimentary Lucky Draw for all attendees was followed by a piquant dinner.

**The 20th Edition saw the launch of the updated new Website – [theqatartalks.com](http://theqatartalks.com), the use of digitized Lucky Draw and Audience poll plus the use of Pyro-technics for the Prize distribution.**

**Founder Convener Mr. M. I. Farid Reflects on 20 Years of Qatar Talks**

Following the grand finale of Qatar Talk 2025, Haroon Qureshi, Editor-in-Chief of Rahbar Kisan International, sat down with Founder Convener Mr. M. I. Farid to reflect on the journey of Qatar Talks, its origins, challenges, evolution, and the milestones marking its 20th edition.

Mr. Farid began by expressing his gratitude to Rahbar Kisan International for its consistent support and partnership over the years. He clarified that Qatar Talks – originally known as IBQ COMMUNICATOR AWARDS – began in 2004, not 2000. In its first year, the event was conducted as a Toastmasters activity. However, Toastmasters International objected to hosting a contest that involved non-Toastmasters, which led the organisers to discontinue its association with Toastmasters. From that point onward, Qatar Talks evolved into an independent, fully non-Toastmasters initiative dedicated to all residents of Qatar.

He explained that the competition initially featured only the Adults' category. Over time, the Youth /Junior categories were added to accommodate growing interest and to nurture public speaking talent across age groups. Mr. Farid highlighted the remarkable contribution of the event's multinational Executive Committee, describing them as highly dedicated individuals who take their responsibilities seriously and execute them with precision – a team he considers the backbone of Qatar Talks.

Speaking about early challenges, Mr. Farid noted that the initial objection from Toastmasters

International was the most significant hurdle. Once that was resolved, the process became much smoother. Permissions from the Ministry of Culture were obtained, ensuring the event remained compliant and well-structured. He emphasized that continuous improvement has been a guiding principle for the organising team, helping Qatar Talks remain vibrant and relevant for two decades.

Reflecting on the 20th edition, Mr. Farid shared that the milestone year inspired the team to modernise several aspects of the event. Digital registration, a digitized Lucky Draw, and a fully digital Audience Poll were introduced to enhance efficiency and engagement. The Prize Distribution Ceremony also featured pyrotechnics for the first time — a highlight that delighted both the audience and the winners.

He expressed satisfaction that in all the 20 years there has been a different Chief Coordinator giving the opportunity to multinational individuals to learn leadership skills.

Also hundreds of individuals have improved their communication skills.

Mr. Farid concluded by expressing deep appreciation for the unwavering support of well-wishers, sponsors, the Executive Committee, and the panel of multinational judges. He expressed confidence that with such strong support, Qatar Talks will continue to reach even greater heights in the years to come.