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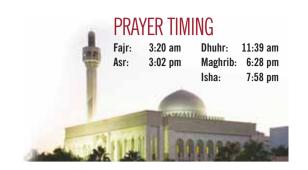
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## **Nationline**

#### **Emir congratulates Comoros** president

THE Emir His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani has sent a cable of congratulations to Comoros President Ikililou Dhoinine on the occasion of his country's national day. The Deputy Emir and Heir Apparent His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani has also sent a cable to the Comoros President congratulating him on the occasion. (QNA)

#### **Death toll in Al Khor** accident rises to five

THE death toll in the deadly Monday's road accident near Al Khor has risen to five. "It is with great sadness that we confirm the death of a fifth Hamad Medical Corporation employee involved in Monday's serious accident near Al Khor," an HMC statement read on Wednesday. "Counselling has been offered to family members of those involved in the accident. The cause of the accident is under investigation by the authorities," the statement further read. (TNN)

#### **Qatar. France discuss** bilateral ties

IN the framework of his working visit to France, Qatar's Minister of State for International Cooperation HE Dr Khalid bin Mohammed al Attiyah met with the French Minister of Economy, Finance and Industry Francois Baroin and the Minister of State for Transport Thierry Mariani on Wednesday. Talks during the meeting dealt with bilateral ties between the two countries besides issues of mutual concern. The meeting was attended by Qatar's Ambassador to France HE Mohamed Jaham al Kuwari and the delegation accompanying the minister. (QNA)

#### Al Mahmoud receives copies of envoys' credentials

THE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs HE Ahmad bin Abdullah al Mahmoud received copies of the credentials of Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Qatar of Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Li Hong Fun, Manjusry Jayantha Balebany and Sheikh Sayed Ahmed Bakay Ould Hamadi respectively. Al Mahmoud wished the ambassadors success in their assignments. (QNA)

### Algerian minister confers with Qatari envoy

**ALGERIAN Minister of Transport** Ammar Tou conferred with Qatar's Ambassador to Algeria HE Abdullah bin Nasser al Hemaidi on Wednesday. They reviewed cooperation between the two countries and ways of improving it. (QNA)

#### **Mauritanian minister meets** Qatari envoy

MAURITANIAN Rural Development Minister Ibrahim Ould Embarak Ould Mohamed al Mukhtar met with Qatar's Ambassador to Mauritania HE Mohammed bin Kurdi Talib al Marri in Nouakchott on Wednesday. During the meeting, they discussed bilateral relations and ways of promoting them. (QNA)

## More civil defence centres soon

**CATHERINE W GICHUKI** DOHA

QATAR will open new civil defence centres to cater to the needs of the rising population and the urban development growth, said Director of General Directorate of Civil Defence (GDCD) Staff Brigadier Abdullah Mohammed al Suwaidi.

Al Suwaidi made the announcement during the inauguration ceremony of a new civil defence centre named Ghanim al Qadeem Civil Defence Station on Wednesday. The new station is located on the intersection of B Ring Road and Airport Road, opposite Capital Security Department.

The station was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Interior Affairs HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al Thani.

Talking to the media, al Suwaidi said more stations will be opened in the near future. "We will be opening new centres in the future to enhance urban growth and development. A new centre will be opened within the next four months. It is located next to the Al Ahli hospital," al Suwaidi said.

Describing the newly-opened station, al Suwaidi said the centre will be in full operation from next week. The centre houses employees' accommodation on its premises, he said.

centre is bigger than other cen- employees."



(From left) Minister of State for Interior Affairs HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa al Thani, Chairman of the CMC Saud Abullah al-Khanzab and Director of GDCD Staff Brigadier Abdullah Mohammed al Suwaidi inaugurating a new centre, in Doha, on Wednesday. (MANEESH BAKSHI)

ters. The station will reduce the Al Suwaidi also said, "The new will be able to accommodate 240

load of the Wadil al-Sail civil has several facilities including defence centre and will support operations room, room for breatother stations as well. The centre hing apparatus, several offices, room, warehouses, emergency car parking, multi-purpose work-rest rooms, laundry, kitchen, canshop and pumping room as well teen facility and five trucks.

The new five-storeyed building as accommodation facility for 240 people and gymnasium. It also has lecture rooms, lounge, prayer

Al Suwaidi said the Ghanim al Qadeem civil defence station meets the requirements and is equipped with latest equipment and machineries. The station will contribute largely in raising awareness and prevention as per the strategy of the GDCD in all the civil defence stations in Qatar.

Al Suwaidi also highlighted the importance of raising social awareness among the community members. Citing an example, he said there were many fire outbreaks in buildings during the summer months and a majority of them were caused due to the misuse of electrical devices. Al Suwaidi said, "Misuse of gas cylinders is one of the main causes of fire in residential buildings. Most people do not know how to operate gas cylinders. They should be made aware of its usages."

When asked about the main cause of fire that killed a Sudanese woman and her two children recently, he said, "The investigations are still going on. The fire is thought to have been caused by an electrical short-circuit."

Al Suwaidi said that strict measures have been taken by the civil defence centres to reduce fire outbreaks in warehouses. "We have some requirements that must be followed. We are monitoring all these warehouses to prevent such mishaps in the future," he said.

The Chairman of the CMC Saud Abullah al Khanzab and CMC member Tariq al Maliki were also present on the occasion.

## Women in Qatar seek breast cancer treatment in late stages: Study

MOHAMED KHOULAIDI **DOHA** 

A RECENT study published in Avicenna, an open access peer reviewed journal OScience.com and headed by Dr Tam Truong Donnelly of the University of Calgary-Qatar, shows that women in Qatar often seek medical treatment for breast cancer symptoms in late stages of the disease.

The study highlights a direct statistical link between early detection of breast cancer by prescreening and improved prognosis and shows a low rate of participation in prescreening among Arabic women in Qatar. The Qatar-based research team has embarked on a three-year investigation of local mindsets and ways to encourage more prescreening among women in the country and the region.

"It is widely understood throughout the medical community and many parts of the world that early detection greatly improves the prognosis in breast cancer patients," said Donnelly. "We want to understand why women in Qatar are not aware of or participating in prescreening activities and what culturally-appropriate and effective strategies will help change this."

According to the study, the causes of breast cancer can be many and are difficult to assess case-by-case. In addition to genetic predisposition, the rising incidence rate in Qatar may be associated with lifestyle factors such as fatty diets, physical

inactivity, smoking and low rate of breastfeeding.

"Over the past decade, Qatar has undergone tremendous change socially," Donnelly said. "Adoption of a western lifestyle as well as improvements in healthcare and higher levels of awareness and screening around cancer can all factor into the increased reported rate of the disease. In any case, we need to do more now to promote healthy lifestyle and to lower its mortality rate because women here are facing a great threat."

#### The team will continue with the **Phase One of the** study for three years.

The other experts in the study include Dr al Hareth al Khater, Chairman of Hamad Medical Corporation's Medical Research Center; Dr Mohamed al Kuwari, of the Supreme Council of Health; Dr Nabila al Meer, Executive Director of HMC's Department of Nursing; Dr Salha Bujassoum, Senior Consultant of hematology/oncology at Al Amal Hospital; Dr Maryam Abdul Malik, Director of Primary Health Care at Qatar's Supreme Council of Health; Dr Rajvir Singh, Senior Consultant at HMC's Medical Research Center; Floor Christie-de Jong, research associate at the University of Calgary-Qatar, and a team of research assistants.

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### **QATAR INSTITUTE FOR SPEECH & HEARING OPENED**



Sheikh Jassim bin Thamer bin Issa al Thani, chairman of Qatar Institute for Speech & Hearing (third left) and Sheikh Ahmmed Thamir al Thani with others at the opening of the QISH, in Madinat Khalifa area, in Doha, on Wednesday. (HANSON K JOSEPH)

# QF, QUWIC join hands for environment monitoring

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK

Wireless Innovations Center (QUWIC) at the Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP), and the Health, Safety, Security & Environment (HSSE) of Directorate Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development have announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to carry out a field trial of the Qatar Air Pollution Surveillance System (QAPSS) developed by the QUWIC.

This MoU will further both parties' interests in the development and deployment of innovative, flexible, and cost effective air quality monitoring system and applications.

The agreement was signed in QUWIC's office by Dr Adnan Abu-Dayya, executive director of QUWIC, and Ahmed Saeed al Hajri, manager of security on behalf of Abdulla al Modhaki, director of HSSE at Qatar Foundation.

The QAPSS is a rich and flexible platform built by QUWIC to support real time monitoring of air quality and



Officials of QUWIC and QF at a meeting, in Doha, recently.

other environment conditions. It will allow users to access such information through innovative applications which can be accessed through multiple channels, including mobile delivery, web, SMS, and voice interaction. A rich demo version of the QAPSS was developed by QUWIC earlier this year, and based on the interest shown by many partners, QUWIC is moving to the next stage of building a pilot version that will be used in field trials later this year.

Dr Abu-Dayya said: "We are glad to partner with the QF to drive our environmental initiative as both of us share a common vision of improving environmental awareness using state-of-theart technologies. This is in line with QUWIC's strategy to build regional platform for innovations and it supports our activities in the area of developing relevant regional environmental solutions."

As part of the MoU, both parties will collaborate to carry out a field trial using **QUWIC's QAPSS solution in** Education City towards the end of this year. The field trial will include the deployment of multiple sensors with different functionalities. The data will be collected by the wirelessly and sensors processed by QUWIC's Intelligent Sensing Platform that will provide air quality information in real-time. This information then will be accessed through innovative

web and mobile applications

as well as pre-defined alerting mechanisms."

The MoU will allow both parties to exchange information and expertise with the objectives of enhancing and improving the Qatar Air Pollution Surveillance System developed by the QUWIC.

"This is another step towards building our national eco-system that supports wireless innovations across all sectors. The environmental sector is a key area of interest for us and we are proud to be working with a leading national organisation such as QF on this initiative" added Dr Abu Dayya.

"We are excited about this agreement with the QUWIC. As a leading national organisation, our aim is to help creating a better environment for all people in Qatar and that starts by our own work environment. Having a solution that delivers real time information about air quality will enable us to react efficiently to maintain the best standards of air quality within our premises," said Abdulla al Modhaki, director HSSE at Qatar Foundation.

## **HMC** hospitals start using world-class imaging tech

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK

HAMAD Medical Corporation (HMC) has implemented a multi-site Radiology Information Systems (RIS) and Picture Archiving and Communications System from Healthcare across its seven hospitals.

The project enables clinicians to move from using traditional X-ray film to accessing their patients' image records on their screens by the touch of a button. The new syswill facilitate improved diagnosis and patient care capabilities.

The RIS/PACS solution provides an integrated view of the patient's imaging records. Advanced image processing tools allow doctors and other health professionals to access and compare departments images in order to decide on the best treatments for their patients. Providing access to images at the desktop for referring physicians as soon as the patient's examination has been completed, significantly enhances patient management, allows more timely diagnosis and clinical management to be initiated, and reduces the need to wait for or locate x-ray film bags.

Dr Ahmed J Omar, acting chairman of radiology at HMC, said the new system would facilitate improved diagnosis and patient care capabilities. "Imaging is becoming increasingly integral to preventive and treatment management practices. The system allows for easy access of comprehensive diagnostic information by physicians and other care providers, which enables faster patient management decision making. We placed great emphasis on not only implementing the technology but ensuring

relevant training for all clinicians," he said.

The project was managed by HMC's Radiology and Health Information Systems departments, with technical and project management assistance from Malomatia.

Abdullah al Emadi, executive director of Health Information System (HIS) at HMC, said: "Key members from the Clinicians Group, Radiology and Health Information Systems

The new fully web-based system enables images such as xrays and scans to be stored electronically and viewed on any PC across the HMC.

closely together to ensure the successful completion of this very large and complex project. I am delighted that we were able to roll this system out throughout the seven hospitals in less than a year and a half. This is a record achievement in the global healthcare sector and reflects the achievement of a key milestone in HMC's strategic IT plan."

The new fully webbased system enables images such as x-rays and scans to be stored electronically and viewed on any PC across the HMC, irrespective of where the image has been captured, creating a near filmless process tailored for healthcare environments. The first of its kind in Qatar, this technology combines flexibility and interoperability between different imaging devices and a stable infrastructure that will help maximise efficiency and improve the quality of patient services within HMC.

## Qatalum to take part in China fair

**TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK** DOHA

QATALUM, the state-of-theart greenfield aluminium smelter constructed in line with Qatar's long-term economic diversification strategy, will be participating in and sponsoring the Aluminium China 2011 fair that will take place at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre in China from July 13 to 15.

Aluminium China is the world's leading aluminium trade fair dedicated to the supply chain in the aluminium industry and its major application fields.

This year's event, the seventh annual edition, will facilitate world class trading, networking and educational activities while showcasing the latest innovations in products and cutting-edge technologies.

Speaking about Qatalum's participation, its CEO Tom P Johansen said: "Aluminium China is an important industry event that brings together international industry players and, for Qatalum, participation

"This event not only allows us to meet our peers from around the globe, but it also enables us to discuss opportunities and challenges, as well as



Qatalum CEO Tom P Johansen

to exchange information and receive updates on what is happening within the industry worldwide." Serving as the international platform for suppliers of aluminium raw material, semi-finished and finished products, surface treatment

and producers of machinery, plant and equipment for aluminium processing and manufacturing, as well as light-metals trade and consultants, this year's Aluminium China will bring together 350 exhibitors from 30 nations, with an expected attendance of over 10,000 trade visitors from more than 90 nations.

With a first phase production capacity of 585,000 metric tonnes per year, and with ambitious plans for an expansion to 1.2 million tonnes per year, Qatalum will enable Qatar to contribute a significant portion of the GCC aluminium production.

## LULU-RECKITT BENKISER DRAW



Ibrahim Mohd, winner of a Toyota Fortuner V6 (4.0) in the Lulu-Reckitt Benkiser Mega draw receives the key from Shaijan MO, regional manager of Lulu Hypermarket Group in the presence of other Lulu and Reckitt Benkiser officials - Rajeev ET, Trilok Nath, and Tony D'Souza, in Doha, on Tuesday.



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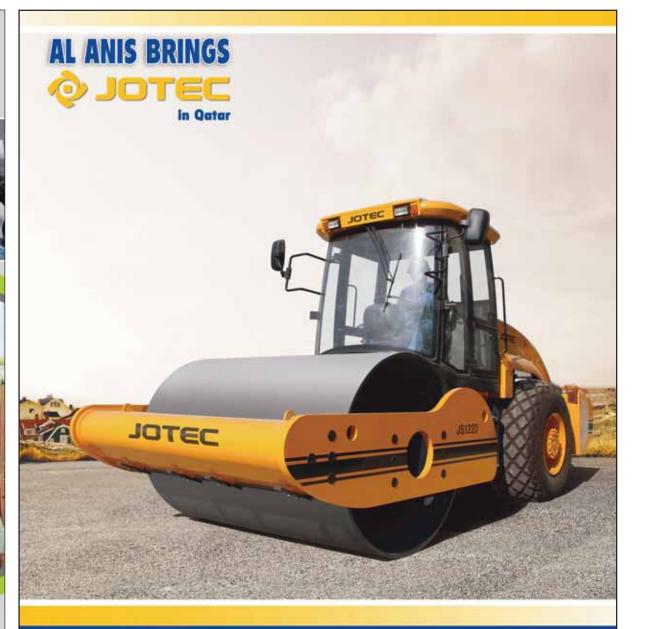
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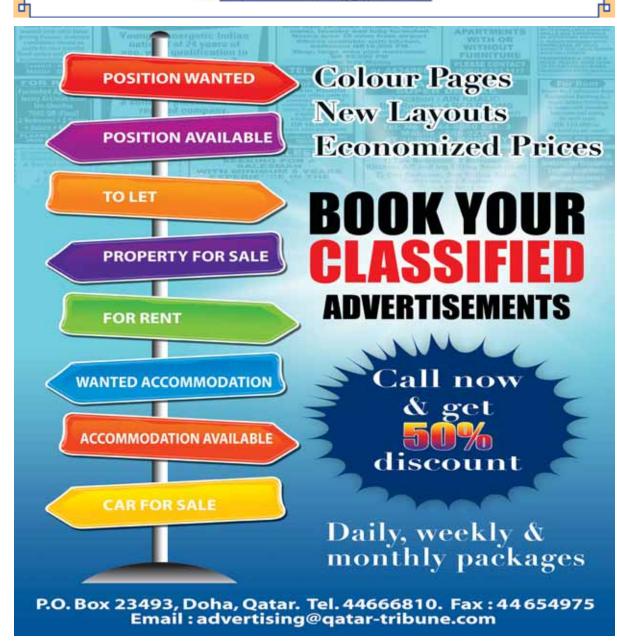
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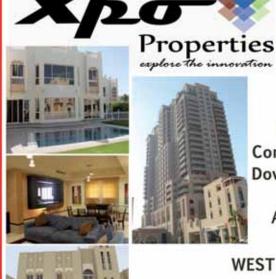


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## CHIEF OF STAFF WITH US COMMANDER



Chief of Staff of Qatari Armed Forces Major General Hamad bin Ali al Attiyah with Major General Charles T Cleveland, head of the special-operations component of US Central Command, in Doha, on Wednesday. They discussed military cooperation between Qatar and the United States.

## QCCI supports transport, railways & logistics expo

**MOHAMED KHOULAIDI** 

THE Qatar Chamber of Commerce & Industry (QCCI) recently announced its support for Qatar International Exhibition for Transport and Logistics 2011 (Trans4-2011) which will take place at the International Doha Exhibition Center from October 17 to 19. The exhibition will be part of the GCC Transport and Railways Conference.

QCCI Chairman Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim bin Mohamed al Thani spoke of the importance of transport and logistics in economic and social developmental strategies and highlighted role of the QCCI in attracting investments to this vital sector.

Sheikh Khalifa said, "It gives us great pleasure to be one of the first supporters of TRANS4-2011. The transport sector is very pivotal in all industrial, construction, mega and all 2022 World Cup related projects."

He said these projects have attracted foreign companies

TRANS4 is Qatar's first transport and logistics trade fair that will bring together innovative technologies, solutions, products and services dedicated to the sector.

to set up business in the country to take advantage of the available investment oppor-

The QCCI chairman also said that the conferences and exhibitions sector plays a huge role in attracting foreign investments and that the chamber was considered a main window through which foreign businessmen recognise the Qatari market.

TRANS4 is Qatar's first transport and logistics trade fair that will bring together innovative technologies, solutions, products and services dedicated to the transport and logistics sector.

It is a professional platform where transport and logistics industry leaders can network with local policy and decision makers.

The exhibition will give visitors a closer look at the entire value chain in transport and logistics - railways, shipping, and freight - at a single location.

Exhibitors from different countries will showcase their products and technologies and interact with decision-makers in all sectors of the transport and logistics industry.

Transport related projects occupy pre-eminent position in Qatar's infrastructure plans. With investments in the New Doha International Airport, New Doha Port, and several new projects currently under construction, the government has already shown its commitment to invest in transportation projects.

Qatar has committed to building more than \$40 billion worth of transport infrastructure, including plans for rail projects worth \$25 billion. In addition to the Doha Metro, the plans include high-speed rail links between New Doha International Airport, Doha city centre and a light rail system connecting new cities.

## Book by Pakistani expat to be released on Friday

NAGHMA Negaran, a book written by a Qatar-based writer Mohammad Mumtaz Raashed will be released by Bazme Urdu Qatar at Urdu Khaima in Bin Omran area on

The book, in Urdu, discusses about Pakistani song writers and lyricists. Raashed, who has over a dozen books of poetry and prose to his credit, arrived in Qatar in 1977 and works with Kahramaa's Electric Network Planning Department as a GIS technician.

He is the chairman of Bazme Urdu Qatar, one of the oldest literary forums in the country. He is also chief editor of quarterly literary magazine, Khayal-o-Fun, published from Lahore and Doha . He has participated in a number of seminars and poetry symposiums in differ-

ent countries. Many literary

magazines of the subconti-



Mohammad Mumtaz Raashed

nent have published specials editions on the life and works of Raashed.

Bazme Urdu A CD of Qatar's annual mushaira 2011 will also be released on the occasion, according to Bazme Urdu Qatar General Secretary Iftekhar Raghib.

Founded in 1959, Bazme Urdu Qatar has a large number of members from India, Pakistan, Nepal and else-

The organisation has played a key role in the promotion of Urdu language and literature in Qatar. The forum Raashed, who has over a dozen books of poetry and prose to his credit, arrived in Qatar in 1977 and works with Kahramaa's Electric Network Planning Department as a **GIS** technician.

invited various poets from outside Qatar in 1984 and paved the way for international mushairas (literary symposiums) in Qatar.

From 1991 onwards, the forum has been holding seminars on legendary maestros. The seminars include Mir Seminar (1991), Iqbal (1992), Ghalib Seminar Afsana Seminar (1993), Seminar (1994), Amir Khusro Seminar (1995), Mir Anis Seminar Akbar (1996), Allahabadi Seminar (2003), Hali Seminar (2006), Zauq Seminar (2007), Nazir Akbarabadi Seminar (2009) and Bahadur Shah Zafar (2011).

## New Indian restaurant to open at Al Wakrah

**SANTHOSH CHANDRAN** 

DOHA

A NEW Indian restaurant, Royal Palace, will open at Al Wakrah on Friday. Located near the Pearl roundabout, it will serve south and north Indian, Chinese Continental dishes.

Speaking at a press confer-Wednesday, on ence Musthaffa, a member of its board of directors, said, "The restaurant will be one of the largest Indian restaurants in Al Wakrah. The ground floor will accommodate 70 people at

According to him, the ban-

quet hall on the first floor can accommodate 400 people.

"For those looking for a place for family get-togethers, the banquet hall will be ideal such gatherings," Musthaffa said.

It will host the typical Kerala feast with 17 varieties of dishes every Friday and Saturday.

A stage programme will be organised in the banquet hall of the restaurant on Friday. Noted singers Rehna and Kannur Sheriff will perform on the occasion. The press conference was also attended by Muhammad, another member of the restaurant's board of directors.



Officials of Royal Palace restaurant at a press conference, in Al Wakrah, on Wednesday. (JALAL PATHIYOOR)

## Upcoming St Regis recruiting global team

**TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK** DOHA

THE St Regis Doha is conducting a global search to discover new talent to provide an unmatched level of luxury for guests at the hotel, which is set to open later in the year.

As a five-star property, the St. Regis Doha aims to provide a memorable and luxurious service for everyone who stays, and has built an impressive strategy for sourcing the 'best of the best' professionals from around the world.

In addition, the company is also placing strong emphasis on local recruitment within Qatar, as it builds towards it historic opening.

St Regis new director of human resources, Michele Lane, said: "The secrets to the success of the St. Regis properties are incredible attention to detail and the ability to anticipate our guests' needs, so that we can provide a fully bespoke service. To deliver this, we're in the process of interviewing candidates from five continents to ensure that our team is one of the



St Regis General Manager Tareq Derbas welcomes new Director of Human Resources Michele Lane, in Doha, recently.

strongest in the region."

The company said in a statement that with approxi-735 employees required before the opening week, the recruitment team has already conducted an intensive interview process in Qatar, across the Middle East, and in global markets including South Africa, China, Brazil and Bulgaria.

The recruitment team has tried to ensure that the diversity of its new team reflects the expected international profile of its clientele, who will visit from around the world.

An additional challenge has been the staffing and training required to provide a full butler experience for everyone who stays at the St. Regis Doha. With 50 butlers tending to executives' needs, every guest will be designated a butler on arrival who will deal with all their requests until departure.

There will also be a personal shopper service available, as well as a wide range of food and hospitality options.

General Manager Tareq Derbas said recruitment and development would be a distinguishing factor for St. Regis in Qatar's thriving hospitality sector. "We are providing fantastic resources for our staff, to ensure they feel fully at home in Doha, so that they in turn can help our guests feel at home," he said.

Set to open later this year, the St. Regis Doha is already generating excitement among global travellers with an entrepreneurial spirit. The brand is associated with an excitingly different style of personal service, building on the heritage of its century-old butler service and its tradition of fresh flowers in every room.

In addition, the history of the St Regis name, which dates back more than 100 years to the grand opening of the St Regis New York by the esteemed Astor family, draws guests from around the world, who are looking for a mix of traditional and contemporary

St Regis hotels and resorts can be found across the globe, including landmark hotels in London, New York, Singapore and Bali.

## **MES releases** Malayalam dictionary, newsletter

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK DOHA

MES Indian School's girls' section released a Malayalam dictionary and newsletter recently during a special assembly.

The chief guest on the occasion was AP Sasidharan, principal of MES Indian School. It was dream come true for the teachers and students of Malayalam language who spared no effort to evolve a comprehensive dictionary, which will be a useful source of reference for the students.

The newsletter is a collective contribution of students, who in the process were able to gain important skills in visualising, designing and composing a well executed and colourful issue of their first newsletter.

The first issues of the newsletter and the dictionary were formally released by Sasidharan in the presence of other school officials.

# Discount drives youths to buy sport shoes

**CATHERINE W GICHUKI** DOHA

POPULAR brands of sport shoes are in high demand nowadays and the discount offer in most of the shops dealing in sport accessories makes it more attractive not only among football crazy youngsters but also the expatriates going home on

The Mercurial Vapour SuperFly III soccer shoes are the latest and among the most sought-after sport shoes in Doha. A pair of the Nike's third incarnation of the Superfly series is more popular among teenagers and adolescents because of its association with popular Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo.

According to traders dealing in sport accessories, this particular pair of shoes has attracted a large number of customers, both young and old. All the major sport accessories stores are offering discounts of up to 50 percent on selected pairs of Puma, Nike, Adidas, Lacoste and other brands of shoes.

Olympic Sports at Airport Road and City Centre, Go Sport and XTEP Fashion Sport at Villagio, Foot Locker and The Athlete Foot are among the major sport accessories shops offering up to 50 percent discount.

Talking to *Qatar Tribune*, Peter Kihika, a sales person at Go Sport, said that most of the customers visiting the shop were in love with the Mercurial Vapour SuperFly III shoes because of its stunning features. "Mercurial Vapour SuperFly III is the pair of shoes," he said. latest addition in the



Superfly collection. A pair of available in various colours. Mercurial Vapour and this brand of shoes is priced at QR2,000. It is in high demand. Its micro-fibre upper portion is shaped like a foot. This gives additional comfort and the adaptive stud technology allows for maximum speed and traction. It has fly wires which gives it a strong look. The fluorescent design also provides an enhanced visibility to this

The most common ones are a combination of blue and orange and purple and orange. "Nike is one of the most sought-after brands for professional and amateur footballers. The mercurial vapour superfly is fitted with a carbon fibre outsole for durability and tenacity. It boosts power efficiency and grip with its round knob-like

Mercurial Glide. Mercurial Victory for astro turf and indoor football (futsal) are also in the same category," he explained. "Other mercurial brands include Mercurial Vapour Superfly II, which It costs QR1,795. But it is now available at QR1,350. The Mercurial Glide for children costs QR495," he added.

Kihika said that Adidas frontal cleats. Those in line shoes were also in big Kihika said the pair is with this classy boot include demand. "We are giving 50

percent discount on Adidas F<sub>5</sub>o Adizero. This is one of ball fans. the lightest pair of sport shoes in the world. After discount, it is priced at QR975.

mary choice of customers, Kihika said, "All the brands are being well received by the Qatari popula-

Preditor is a new line from

the Adidas collection at a

price of QR895," Kihika said.

When asked about the pri-

tion who are die-hard foot-

Kihika, however, said that shoes for running, training

and basketball were also in great demand. brands are most popular for running and playing basketball. Filipinos and Lebanese expatriates like this brand the most. The locals prefer Adidas, while foreigners prefer Nike. Casuals are worn by locals and children. Tennis shoes are preferred mostly by the expatriates," he said. The discount offer started on June 23 and it will continue till July 14.

Jeff Barlaam, a sales associate at Foot Locker store, said the shop was offering up to 50 percent discount till July 30. The offer started on June 28. "For casual sports shoes we have a new collection of Lacoste and converse shoes. For basketball, we have Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, among other collections, which have attracted a large number of customers. We also have Adidas, Duramo and Allegra for the running collection. We have shoes for people of different ages. The price of Power Cat ranges between QR227 and QR300 while the price of Total 90 ranges between QR 300 and QR 400," he said.

Sudhir Sharma, sales associate at The Athletes Foot, said the business has boomed since the shop started offering up to 50 percent discount on June 22. "Our sales have increased significantly this season. We have shoes like Puma, Adidas, among many others. The offer will continue till July 12," he said.

The other shops which are offering up to 50 perdiscount cent include the XTEP Fashion Sport at Villagio.



NIA members with the HSC and SSC students at a function, in Doha, recently.

# North Indians' Association honours HSC, SSC students

TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK DOHA

THE North Indians' Association (NIA) honored its members' children at a gala function at Hotel Asiana

The NIA members' children who have passed the SSC and were presented with a

In the HSC examination (science stream), Geetika Saxena was the topper while the second position was held by Khilesk Kumar Dodeja. Mohit Singh also received a 'special mention'. Bhumika the HSC examination for the Bulchandani was the topper

academic year 2010-2011 in the HSC commerce section.

In the SSC examination, Jaswinder Kaur was the topper while the second position was held by Aditya Vinayak Chaturvedi. Ayush Bakshi also received a 'special mention'.

The awards were distributed by the NIA President Harish Kanjani.

Various fun-filled family games were also held for the members. There were women oriented games as well. For instance, women had to wrap a turban on their husband's head. Gifts were given to the winners.

Prem Kalwani and Rajeev Saxena conducted the Tambola

New members, who joined the NIA, were introduced to the gathering. The NIA general-secretary Sudhir Gupta was adjudged the 'master of ceremonies'. Administrative activities were handled by committee members Mukesh Singh, Naresh Lalwani, Jyoti Kalwani, AK Pandey and Punit Jain.

## Al Jazeera **English names** new sports presenter

**TRIBUNE NEWS NETWORK** 

THE Al Jazeera English TV News channel has a new sports presenter. Robin Adams has this week begun anchoring sports bulletins on the English-language global news channel.

Robin joins the Al Jazeera team from e.tv in South Africa where he previously worked as a presenter for both news and sport, before becoming Sports Editor for both e.tv and their 24-hour news

Robin joins a team **headed by James Pratt, Executive Producer for** Sport, who welcomed the new addition.

channel. During this time the father-of-three children covered some of the biggest global stories including the Beijing 2008 Olympics and Fifa World Cup 2010 in his home nation of South Africa.

After presenting his first sports bulletin from Al Jazeera's Network headquarters in Doha, Qatar, Robin said, "It has, for a long time, been my dream to work for Al Jazeera English. The network has the world's news leader. I ty," Pratt said.



Robin Adams.

am genuinely thrilled to be able to make a contribution to that reputation and live my dream at the same time."

Robin joins a team headed by James Pratt, Executive Producer for Sport, who welcomed the new addition. "Robin's enthusiasm for sport is evident in everything he does and it's a pleasure to have someone with such passion joining our presenting team. His knowledge and experience of sport throughout the continent of Africa can only strengthen Al Jazeera's coverage in a region which quickly positioned itself as has always been a priori-