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Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 2023 Annual Report. In this report, we provide an overview of our successes and activities over the previous academic year.

I should first like to start by recognising the hard work and dedication of our university community and congratulating them all on the great work achieved over the past year. It is through their excellence and concerted efforts that we have reached our goals.

Academic excellence remains a core theme of our goals and values, and we will continue to invest in and pursue cutting-edge research, attracting top-tier faculty, and developing innovative curricula that take into consideration the demands of the local market.

For all of us at AFG College with the University of Aberdeen, student success and student satisfaction are fundamental pillars that permeate our strategic plans. We recognize that each and every student comes with their own set of dreams and aspirations, and it’s our responsibility to empower and nurture them in order that they achieve these goals. By continuing to enhance our student support services, as well as our career development opportunities, we will continue to offer our students the tools they need to succeed.

Our community engagement and outreach are also significant pillars of our core values and mission and are testament to our commitment to making a positive impact on those around us and those who call Qatar home. Our popular workshops and seminars, developed and delivered by our internationally acclaimed teaching faculty, allow local residents to gain first-hand knowledge and skills from an ever-increasing number of subject areas. We will continue to foster a culture of diversity, inclusion, and social responsibility.

Our campus will remain a place where students gather to gain knowledge as well as to take responsibility for giving back to the community with the aim of ensuring a better society for all.

Looking into the future, we are committed to forging ahead with our strategic plans. We have set ambitious goals, which all of us at AFG College are determined to achieve. Our new programmes, which will be launched in the new academic year, have been designed and developed to meet the evolving needs of our student body, as well as the demands of the rapidly changing world. From cutting-edge energy transition programmes to innovative industry-backed communications courses, we are committed to providing the skills that students need to flourish in the 21st century.

I encourage you to take the time to read this report and discover all the hard work that has gone on behind the scenes in ensuring such a successful year. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to our mission. I look forward to the incredible journey that lies ahead.

Chairperson & Founder
Al Faleh Educational Holding

Dr Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh Al Thani
Chairperson & Founder
Al Faleh Educational Holding
As we enter our seventh year of operations, I am delighted to be in a position to present our 2022/23 annual report.

Over the last 12 months I’ve been extremely proud of the accomplishments of both our students and staff. Our wider campus community has continued to grow and we enter the new academic year with increased rigour.

Our unique partnership with the University of Aberdeen continues to mature and as we expand as an organization, so does our ability to offer our student community a first-class academic experience. The collaborative nature of our partnership allows us to forge ahead with offering inter-disciplinary and subject-specific qualifications which provide our students with relevant and necessary skills in order to gain meaningful employment in the ever-changing working environment, not just here in Qatar but globally.

We have continued to progress our non-academic collaborations, with greater emphasis placed on developing our working relationships with key stakeholders across the State. The need for an overall holistic approach to growing our student body has included a renewed focus on securing internship and employability opportunities from an eclectic mix of organisations operating in Qatar. You will find further information on this in the body of the report.

Working towards our shared goals and aims, set out in the Qatar 2030 Vision and the University of Aberdeen 2040 strategy, we are conscious of the need to continuously develop and seek new ways of enhancing our student experience, overall outcomes and academic and research output. Through increased communication with key stakeholders, we seek to play a greater role in promoting our aims and aspirations by building a collegiate microcosm, here in Doha.

Collaborating with the University of Aberdeen, the future operating model for the institution has been developed and agreed within the partnership. This is based on a higher education enterprise architecture that provides a road map to growth and expansion into the new campus. Working with the campus architects and project managers at a design workshop, building plans have been reviewed with respect of teaching and learning spaces to ensure they meet the needs of students and faculty, including the enhancement of digital capabilities for learning.

By embodying shared goals and values, we seek to grow a culturally diverse community, able to preserve the local culture whilst drawing on the long history of academic excellence from Aberdeen.

I am confident that the year ahead will prove to be one full of positive and impactful activity for students and staff, and I am hopeful that as an institution we are able to continue to support the wider local community.

I would like to end by thanking everyone involved in the partnership for their continued efforts and hard work, and look forward to building on our achievements in the next academic year.

Brian Buckley
Principal
AFG College with the University of Aberdeen
Welcome to the 2022/23 annual report of the AFG College partnership with the University of Aberdeen. We can reflect on another year of good progress for our long-standing partnership. This has been made possible by the strong working relationship between the University of Aberdeen and AFG College which has supported our collaborative work in Qatar. I’d like to thank everyone involved in our partnership and who has contributed to our work in Doha this year, and I’m very grateful for the excellent progress that has continued to be made.

Since we jointly opened the campus in Doha in 2017, the AFG College and University of Aberdeen partnership has produced more than 1,000 graduates from both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The main developments over that time have seen an expansion of the range of degree provision, which has grown to include fourteen Bachelors and Masters programmes across areas such as Law, Business Management, International Relations and Information Systems.

In addition to these discipline areas, supported by a Portfolio Development Plan and in line with the identified skills needs of the Qatar economy, this year we received Ministry of Education and Higher Education approval to deliver five new programmes, which includes a Bachelor’s degree in Computing Science, a Bachelor’s degree in Politics and International Relations, a Master’s degree in Public Health, a Master of Science in Global Energy Transition Systems and Technology, and a Master of Science in Global Business Communication.

Working together in partnership, and through our joint delivery of all our programmes of study, we continue to make a positive and sustainable difference to the world around us through our excellent teaching and research. The University of Aberdeen continues to work on the commitments made in Aberdeen 2040, the University’s 20-year vision of strategic purpose which outlines how we are fulfilling our foundational purpose of being open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others. We are also committed to ensuring that our education and research are inclusive, interdisciplinary, international, and sustainable.

The University of Aberdeen therefore has a strong international outlook and a commitment to being internationally engaged, in line with the Aberdeen 2040 strategy and vision. Recently, this has been confirmed in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings for 2024, in the International Outlook pillar, with a rise to 6th in the UK, and by 20 places to 12th in the world.

Our Aberdeen 2040 objectives, and those of Qatar Vision 2030, are brought together in our Partnership Strategic Development Plan, as an expression of our shared values, vision, and mission for our partnership. It sets out our ambitions for growth and excellent academic outcomes, which are already being delivered, and our shared commitments for the future. We now look forward to a period of further growth and development for our partnership, guided by that plan, in delivering greater opportunities for collaboration in our education provision, and our research.

Our partnership work in Qatar plays a significant part in delivering our shared commitments and achievements, and we will continue to provide the best opportunities for our students and the staff delivering our partnership with AFG College. Our joint aim is to deliver an excellent UK University experience, is focussed on providing the skills and outcomes designed to meet the needs of our 21st century graduates and the priorities of Qatar’s Vision 2030, and to be the first-choice institution for students in Qatar, and throughout the Gulf region.

I look forward to another successful year for the partnership, with continued growth as we build for the future, in a continuing strong spirit of mutual friendship, collaboration, and cooperation.

Professor George Boyne
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
University of Aberdeen
Our students are from 33 nationalities across the globe.
AGF College with the University of Aberdeen
Vision, Mission and Core Values

Mission Statement
- To deliver a first-rate UK higher education experience in Qatar with a strong emphasis on scholarship and employability
- To be responsive to the higher education needs of Qatar and the wider region by providing an accessible UK university experience
- To deliver a breadth of programmes and disciplines offering in Qatar that meets local, regional and international demand
- To enrich the diversity of our provision, creating opportunities for interdisciplinarity and collaborative research that address the current and future challenges of our global community
- To further enhance our research contribution drawing on Aberdeen’s world-class research strengths to provide meaningful impact on the developmental needs of the region

Our Core Values
- We embrace social and cultural inclusivity and facilitate greater access to higher education opportunities to a diverse student body seeking our outstanding educational experience
- We are dedicated to the societal needs of Qatar and the wider region, and this is reflected in our approach to external engagement and our commitment to institutional excellence
- We are committed to providing a learning environment that is adaptable, inclusive and sustainable
- We encourage creativity within our community of learners through intellectual curiosity, innovation and entrepreneurialism

Vision Statement for the Partnership
“Through our partnership and guided by the Qatar 2030 and Aberdeen 2040 vision statements, we aspire to be a modern, dynamic, learner-centred higher education provider offering a diverse range of inclusive and distinctive UK degree programmes that will enhance the employability attributes of our students and our graduate community.”
Undegraduate and Postgraduate Programmes

Teaching and learning
Throughout the past academic year our teaching faculty have continued to successfully deliver teaching and learning in order to enhance the student experience, and ensure learning outcomes were achieved. Our autumn teaching semester had to be reconfigured to accommodate Qatar’s hosting of the 2022 FIFA tournament. The semester started in early August to ensure that students and staff were free to enjoy the excitement of the tournament once it started in November. Many of the lecturers incorporated case studies and learning activities that referenced the tournament which contextualised many theoretical concepts and gave them a relevance to the real world. The year saw the graduation of 124 UG and 179 PG students from 2021-22 in January 2023. It is the aim of the University of Aberdeen to increase the input of AFG Faculty in the delivery of the postgraduate programmes and to transition to postgraduate programmes being majority delivered by faculty based here in Doha. This process continued across the year and will continue into the forthcoming academic sessions.

Relicensing and accreditations
The Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE) paid an institutional visit in May 2023 in order to confirm our relicensing as an accredited education provider. Members of the faculty and senior leadership team provided support for the relicensing submission to MOEHE. This involved producing comprehensive self-assessment documentation on the eight standards, including evidence. Faculty members assisted with the preparation for the University of Aberdeen Business School EQUIS accreditation for a visit to the Qatar campus that took place in October 2023.

New Programmes
Faculty collaborated with the University of Aberdeen to develop proposals for five new programmes and to submit these to the MOEHE for approval. These undergraduate and postgraduate programmes were approved by the Ministry during the year. Faculty members continue to take an active role in the recruitment and counselling of potential students both for existing programmes and for new programmes. Lecturers attend open evenings where they present details of our programmes and meet potential students and applicants on a one-to-one basis to allow applicants to make an informed decision regarding their future studies.

Faculty
In line with the development of new programmes and the increasing number of students on existing programmes a number of new faculty members have been recruited on to the academic staff. These faculty members will be joining us for the autumn semester in August and September 2023. All have extensive relevant experience in teaching in a variety of institutions and contexts both in the region and across the world and are active in research. Dr Steve Pearce was appointed Interim Head of School in March.

Faculty external engagement
The role of faculty members in external engagement continued during the year. This included developing income-generating workshops for local businesses and delivering other events which raise awareness to facilitate student recruitment. Faculty supported open days, delivered master class events, and presented at Project Qatar. Academic members of the faculty visited schools, led and supported International Women’s Day, organised a robotics competition and networked at professional body events in the region.
The Student Recruitment and Marketing department is committed to promoting, advising, and enrolling students with diverse educational qualifications who aim to achieve a reputable UK higher educational degree, here in Qatar.

Working closely with our colleagues at the University of Aberdeen, we guarantee a seamless process from initial interest to enrolment by effectively managing the complexities of degree programme applications, whether that be undergraduate or postgraduate. It’s our aim to make application and enrolment as smooth as possible.
Marketing and Student Recruitment

We aim to promote awareness of the College, building its reputation within Qatar and the region as a UK Higher Education provider offering undergraduate and postgraduate degrees that meet industry and employer needs.

The department fulfils an annual schedule of multi-channel campaigns and in-country events and activities that include college fairs, open days, counsellor information sessions and workshops. We also run several offer-holder days that keep our applicants engaged and well informed as we lead up to our official registration period and the beginning of term.

I am proud to have pursued my Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at AFG College with the University of Aberdeen. Choosing this esteemed institution was an easy decision for me, as I was drawn to its strong reputation for academic excellence, its vibrant community, and supportive staff.

Ahmed Al Kalla
MBA Graduate

The overall atmosphere at AFG College with the University of Aberdeen is remarkably supportive and encouraging. We are eagerly anticipating the commencement of our studies.

Ga’bor Lengyel
Year 1 Applicant
Politics & International Relations

UG students’ prior qualifications
- Private Schools: 40%
- Diploma: 28%
- Foundation Programmes: 12%
- International Transfer: 8%
- Transfer within Qatar: 8%
- Public Schools: 4%

PG students’ prior qualifications
- Local Public Universities: 40%
- International Universities: 34%
- AFG College Alumni: 21%
- Local International Universities: 5%

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Graduation Day

Graduation Day is always a memorable day in the academic calendar. Staff, family, friends and colleagues join together to celebrate the achievements of our successful students and recognize the contribution that earning a University of Aberdeen degree makes to personal, academic and career development.

This year we gathered at the Sheraton Hotel, Doha to honour our graduates in an impressive ceremony that both reflected the centuries-old traditions of the University of Aberdeen as well as recognizing the role that modern technology can make to communication across the globe. Much of the ceremony is conducted in the Latin language, as it has been since 1495, but at the same time a live video link was available through social media platforms to those who could not attend in person.

Professor Alan Speight, Vice-Principal Global Student Recruitment officiated the event and conferred University of Aberdeen degrees to over one hundred and fifty AFG College students.

His Excellency, the British Ambassador to Qatar, Mr Jonathan Wilks CMG, graced the proceedings as did AFG Chairperson Dr Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh Al Thani who congratulated the graduates on their achievements in an inspirational speech.
A key event during the academic year, our International Women’s Day conference took place at the Le Royal Meridien Hotel in Lusail. The event which is held annually is an opportunity for men and women to come together to highlight and explore the vital role that women play in the community and in all aspects of life.

This year’s theme #EmbraceEquity discussed the important progress that is being made globally in combating the barriers that women are still affected by in the workplace and society, and how the fight for equity is a must for women if the end goal is equality.

The event was held under the patronage of Chairperson and Founder of Al Faleh Educational Holding, Dr Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh Al Thani and attended by special guests and invitees.

We were fortunate to hear from a number of distinguished women from a diverse mix of backgrounds and sectors, including Sheikha Alanoud bint Hamad Al Thani, Deputy CEO of Qatar Financial Centre & Chief Business Officer at Qatar Financial Centre, Iman Ereiqat, Chief of Mission at the International Organisation for Migration and Amal Ameen, Qatari Entrepreneur and a visual artist, interior designer and fashion executive.

The event included a panel discussion of representatives from diplomatic delegations including former US Ambassador Patricia Haslach, Graciela Gomez, former Mexican Ambassador to Qatar and Deputy Head of Mission for French Republique, Marie-Gaelle Robles. The panel discussed complex diplomatic negotiations from a women’s perspective and best practices on promoting gender equality.
Community Engagement

As part of our ongoing commitment to giving back and engaging with our community, our academics have been involved and participated in various initiatives.

Dr. Fiona Robson (Head of Discipline, Business Management), Dr. Nadia deGama (Programme Leader, UG Business Management and Joint Programmes) and Dawn McCartie (MBA Programme Leader) offered an interactive workshop to QAFCO entitled, “Understanding and Reflecting on your Emotional and Cultural Intelligence”. This half day workshop was catered specifically to QAFCO’s leadership team and through interactive discussions and activities, participants were able to reflect on their own emotional and cultural intelligence and develop ways in which they may improve this in the workplace and when working with others and managing their team in a multicultural context.

Drawing on the latest HR trends and research, Dr Feim Blakcori (Senior Lecturer) and Dr Nadia deGama (Senior Lecturer and Undergraduate Programme Leader, Business Management & Joint Programmes) delivered a CPD session, “Building a Learning Organisation and the Importance of Talent Acquisition and Retention”. Catered mainly to HR professionals working across many industries in Doha, the workshop was highly interactive and provided the space for participants to reflect on their own organisational practices, thinking about and discussing ways they may be able to strategically embed some of the best practices offered in the session.

In the spirit of bridging scholastics with practice, Gianluca Andresani (LLM Programme Leader), Olla Eldirdiri (Legal Business Development Director, Senior Associate Al Sulaiti Law Firm) and Nevena Jevremovic (Programme Leader, Aberdeen Law School) conducted a workshop entitled “Lawyers and Law Firms: Academic and Practitioners’ Perspectives”.

Mohammed Abrar Hussain, Shahadat Hossain and Laila Maharain led a session on effective budgeting and planning techniques. The session was well-attended, comprising of professionals from many sectors, and provided them with useful practical tools needed in the world of accounting.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with BeIN, Dr Robert Rogers and Stephen Fettes led an engaging and insightful session titled “Strategic Thinking”. The session offered some valuable insights into ways in which organisations can create and foster a culture of strategic thinking and the discussion and activities equipped participants with the resources needed to make informed decisions, drawing on the importance of nurturing a strategic mindset.
Community Engagement

Dawn McCartie and Dr Nadia DeGama conducted a workshop entitled “Building Strong Relationships in Marketing Management: A Leadership Approach”. The workshop welcomed professionals from various backgrounds and industries and guided them through the intricacies of forging meaningful and lasting relationships with a focus of applying theoretical frameworks to real world examples. Both academics drew on their extensive knowledge of marketing and leadership respectively, and thus the event was a great example of cross-disciplinary work.

For Women by Women Workshop

Due to the outstanding success of our inaugural ‘For Women by Women’ workshop series, our academics were commissioned by several organisations to run bespoke workshops. These included Ali Bin Ali Holding company and Sidra Hospital.

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen also hosted a one-day event which attracted 30 senior women across various industries in Qatar. The highly interactive workshop provided a safe space for attendees to discuss challenges they may face in their organization and develop tools and techniques to empower them in their respective roles.

Robotics Championship 2023

AFG College with the University of Aberdeen collaborated with Academic Bridge Program, Qatar Foundation to hold the final of its Robotics Championship 2023, at the LAS Building in Education City, Qatar. Dr. Majid Molla and Dr. Saad Kashem jointly organised the eight workshops and the final competition.

The goal of this event was to increase school students’ motivation to excel in maths and science and better prepare them for college careers in Engineering, Pre-Med, Computer Science and Education through hands-on learning experiences building and programming robots. Technology has become a vehicle for reaching not only the top students but also students that might not otherwise be interested in maths and science unless they can see an exciting, real-life application for the acquired knowledge. The event was the culmination of several related activities regarding the building of educational robotics, which aimed to increase awareness amongst the younger generation, who may be interested in studying STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects at the university level. Young people need more opportunities to learn marketable 21st century skills. Robotics is one way they can actively participate in hands-on learning using current technology.

A day-long workshop was conducted by AFG College with the University of Aberdeen faculties to demonstrate how to build the robot and how it works. Students from thirteen different schools learned to programme the robot during the session. The final event saw around seventy students from local schools taking part, with the overall winner being Stafford Sri Lankan International School Doha.

The event was attended by a number of academic staff from AFG College, as well as HE Md. Nazrul Islam, Bangladesh Ambassador to the State of Qatar, alongside various dignitaries from diplomatic missions based in Doha. AFG College with the University of Aberdeen is planning to host the Robotics Championship 2024.
Well-being

Training your mind to focus
On 28th September 2022, students and staff had the opportunity to participate in an interactive and engaging workshop that focused on enhancing their personal development from a coaching and mindset perspective. This workshop was conducted by Inspire Me Institution, providing attendees with insights and strategies to sharpen their mental focus and overall well-being. The participants benefitted from the institution’s expertise in fostering personal growth and a positive mindset.

Breast Cancer Awareness session
On 14th October 2022, Ms. Nour Makkia, a Health Educator from the Qatar Cancer Society, conducted a Breast Cancer Awareness session. Participants had the opportunity to learn about the risk factors associated with breast cancer, including genetic and lifestyle factors that can increase susceptibility. Ms. Nour also discussed symptoms and warning signs with which individuals should be vigilant, empowering them to recognize potential signs of breast cancer in its early stages. Participants left with a deeper understanding of breast cancer and valuable insights to improve their well-being and health.

Managing toxic relationships
On 17th October 2022, students attended a workshop by Inspire Me Institution on “Managing Toxic Relationships.” During the session, they explored different toxic roles, identified core values, learned strategies to handle toxic relationships, and gained insights into setting healthy boundaries. This workshop aimed to equip students with valuable tools to improve their well-being and navigate challenging relationships effectively.

Ceramic Tile Painting
On 19th February 2023, the Art and Craft Center organized a “Ceramic Tile Painting” workshop for students. This session allowed students to learn new artistic skills and provided an opportunity to socialize with their peers. The workshop encouraged self-expression and well-being through art, as well as fostering a sense of community among participants.

World Cancer Awareness session
On 28th February 2023, a virtual “World Cancer Awareness” session was held by Qatar Cancer Society for students and staff. During this session, participants learned about cancer risk factors, signs and symptoms, prevention methods, and early detection techniques.

Be Well Fair
On 19th October 2022, the “Be Well Fair” event focused on well-being and mental health, aiming to raise awareness about various aspects of mental health and empower positive change within the community. Participation in the fair included around 60 students who showed a genuine interest in improving their mental and emotional well-being. Additionally, five staff members from the main campus took part in the event, underlining the institution’s commitment to the development of well-being across its student and staff communities. The fair provided a valuable platform for individuals to access resources and information, encouraging open discussions and proactive steps towards better overall well-being.

Cervical & Ovarian Cancer
On 27th February 2023, students and staff attended an awareness session on cervical and ovarian cancer organized by Qatar Cancer Society. The program included an informative workshop on these cancers, covering risk factors, early detection, and prevention. Additionally, participants engaged in a healthy cooking workshop, promoting well-being through nutritious dietary choices.
Careers and Employability Service

The AFG College with the University of Aberdeen’s Careers and Employability Service assists students through offering guidance and counsel for successful career planning. Opportunities to enhance their skills and facilitate connections with industry professionals and various employers.

Careers Fair 2023
In February 2023, we hosted our annual Careers Fair on campus with the participation of 17 companies and organisations represented by: Qatar Financial Center - SLB - NBK & Sons - North Oil - Qatar Museums - BeIN Media group - Talabat - Teach for Qatar - PwC - Qterminals - Nexans - Standard Chartered Bank - EY - HSBC - Qchem - QAPCO. Many internships and offers resulted from the event.

Career readiness workshops
Several career readiness workshops were organized on campus by the careers and employability services such as CV writing, LinkedIn sessions, and job searching strategies. Additionally, Talabat’s centre of excellence provided a workshop on negotiation and interview skills.

Career networking event
This year’s networking event offered the opportunity for students to learn in depth about job roles and enhance their knowledge and understanding of what the roles involve and the range of career opportunities available to them in the future. Companies such as PwC, Qatar Financial Centre, Roland Berger, Deloitte, and Talabat shared their expertise with students throughout the event.

Internship Showcase
At the first career event of the year, our students participated in an Internship Showcase, proudly exhibiting the valuable experiences and insights gained during their summer internships. This engaging event allowed students to share their journey and celebrate their professional growth. The eight student participants were joined by colleagues and teaching staff.

Visit to Qatar Stock Exchange
The AFG careers and employability services arranged a visit for business and accounting and finance students to the Qatar Stock Exchange where they had a session covering the practices of the financial and investment field. An informative session on the Qatar stock market was delivered by Mr. Samer Abuzaghla – Educational Manager at QSE.
Internships

During my internship at Mannai Microsoft Division, my role grew from Intern to Development Operations Junior Engineer. Over the course of three months, I actively contributed to various essential tasks, including assisting engineering teams with cloud migrations and collaborating closely with clients and development teams to effectively manage project infrastructure.

A significant achievement during this internship was my involvement in implementing Qatar Azure’s landing zone architecture. I meticulously considered network configurations, computed resources, and adhered to Azure Cloud Adoption Framework principles, and successfully deploying Azure resources in the new landing zone.

My proficiency extended to Infrastructure as Code (IAC) using Terraform, wherein I created reusable Terraform Modules within the Azure cloud environment. I also honed my skills in designing, implementing, and managing virtual networks within Azure and connecting them to on-premises environments.

Furthermore, I contributed to data governance by implementing Microsoft Purview, enhancing security and compliance across platforms. I was responsible for scheduling, deploying, and managing container replicas in node clusters and had the privilege of leading a group of interns through a comprehensive three-month internship program.

I actively participated in creating Application Profiling and Network Datasheets through Design Documentation and developed guides and documentation for Kubernetes features and best practices during the internship. This led to the offer of a full-time position as a DevOps junior engineer. This internship was a transformative experience, equipping me with the skills and knowledge to excel in the world of DevOps and cloud infrastructure.

I was fortunate to spend two months at Qatar Insurance Company HQ in Doha, during the summer break. Over the course of my time at QIC I was assigned positions in the HR and the IT department. Whilst in the HR department I assisted the recruitment team with the tracking of applications for positions within the organization, which included attendance at interviews and subsequent meetings. For me personally, I preferred working in the IT department because it was relevant both to my interest and my degree.

This experience provided me with a platform to put my theoretical understanding into a real life practical scenario, which I’m grateful for. I would definitely say that undertaking an internship in my spare time has paid off. I really feel that it’s given me a better understanding of what will be expected of me once I finish my degree and I would definitely recommend an internship to fellow students.

Abdulla Al Subaiey

Abdulla Al Subaiey
AFG College with University of Aberdeen organizes budgeting workshop

The workshop was predominantly aimed at middle and senior executives who were involved in the planning, execution, and evaluation of budgeting strategies and processes. It also covered the concepts around an area of budgeting, planning, and control with an emphasis on operational excellence and strategy assertion, focusing on organizational structures. Attendees reported a high level of engagement and active participation during the session.

The implementation of budgeting 2023 was discussed and an exploration of best practices in budgeting was conducted. Attendees were provided with insights into the current landscape of budgeting and the challenges faced by organizations in implementing effective budgeting practices.

The workshop concluded by highlighting the importance of collaboration and continuous improvement in the budgeting process. Attendees were encouraged to apply the concepts learned in their organizations to achieve better financial results.

In the Press

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