

Qatar's Story ...



Qatar National Convention Centre is a member of the Qatar Foundation, a non-profit organisation founded in 1995 by Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar.

Qatar Foundation has a single-minded conviction to create **Qatar's legacy of educational and scientific achievement**. Its flagship project is Education City, a 1,000-hectare (2,471-acre) precinct in Doha dedicated to a unique cluster of elite institutions housed in futuristic buildings. The vision is to create a post hydrocarbon economy – creating an economy for the generations to come to benefit from, after the reserves of oil and gas have dried up, and generations of well educated professionals in their chosen fields.



Top American universities and world-class research and technology centres have sprouted from the desert to form this oasis of knowledge and innovation.

Opening in 2011, the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) is the first convention and exhibition centre of its kind being built to the premium standard of an internationally recognised green building rating system. The 177,000 square metre facility is going for gold in the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy

and Environment Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. As the world's first high-performance green convention centre, it will have state-of-the art systems for water savings, energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality.

Not only is Qatar renowned globally for its wealth in oil and gas production, this dynamic state also possesses leading practitioners in the fields of education, health, business and environmental protection that are providing models from which the world can learn and benefit.

Partnership is a crucial factor in laying the foundation to enrich Qatar's long-term success as a modern State. Through partnerships, cities have been built, knowledge and skills shared, and the world has become a global village.

Qatar Foundation's Education City demonstrates partnerships in action on a grand scale, and the Qatar National Convention Centre will provide the vehicle to host prestigious international conventions to share its advances in the State's four primary areas of energy, healthcare, information technology and telecommunications.

This long-term objective is to ally world-class education with research that will give birth to scientific breakthroughs, projects and partnerships that will benefit not only Qatar, but also the world.

Initially, the Qatar National Convention Centre was to be built in two stages. On announcement that Doha had won the right to host the World Petroleum Congress, the second stage of the construction was fast tracked to accommodate the world's largest oil and gas congress in December 2011. The World Petroleum Congress is being held in December 2011. They expect 5000 delegates; the conference runs for five days; they have almost sold 100% of the exhibition, 35,000 sq. metres.

The Qatar National Convention Centre was designed to feature a 4000-seat theatre style Conference Hall, three auditoria plus a 2,300-seat lyric style theatre, 57 flexible meetings rooms and 40,000 sqm of exhibition space over nine halls to accommodate a wide range of events up to 10,000 guests.

