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QU celebrates success of honours programme

In the presence of Qatar Museums Authority (QMA) chairperson HE Sheikha Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, Qatar University (QU) honours programme celebrated the success of its students.

A total of 25 students from the programme, out of a total of 31 who passed the honours freshman seminar course conducted



QU honours programme students with Aisha al-Khater

in Fall 2011, received an 'A' grade in the course.

The celebration in the courtyard of the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA), was attended by QU Honours Programme director Dr Ahmed Ibrahim, QMA chief executive officer Abdulla al-Najjar and MIA director Aisha al-Khater.

Lauding the students, Dr Ibrahim pointed out that this is the second year of celebrating the accomplishment of QU honours students.

"What makes this day special is the attendance of HE Sheikha Mayassa al-Thani," he said while recalling that hosting the seminar course was an opportunity provided by the museum to the students.

Al-Khater welcomed the students and highlighted her experience, saying: "I graduated with a music degree but I have a deep passion for art. Once you have a passion for something, you can excel and succeed."

She drew students' attention to QMA's desire to employ QU graduates from different disciplines and specialisations.

"We believe that QU graduates possess the best practical and theoretical knowledge and skills that help them to succeed in any business environment or sector, including in the field of art."

The students were presented with a book, *The Dream of a King*, which presents editorial and photographic details of the exhibition of treasures from the Green Vault in Dresden which is currently on display in the museum.

Freshman computer engineering student Rodaa al-Musalam said the course expanded her background in art. "I learned a lot about renowned artists and enjoyed the experience."

Her classmate Khuzama al-Harami thanked honours programme course instructor for making the course an enjoyable one.

Mechanical engineering student Sayed Zafar felt that appreciating beauty is a fundamental outcome of the course.

"Life doesn't mean excelling in one single field. Being a distinguished human being means being well-rounded in many disciplines," he added.

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