



Calls on private sector to support work skills of Qatari youth
**Sheikha Hanadi Al-Thani to head INJAZ-Qatar
Board**

(DOHA) – Sheikha Hanadi Al-Thani, Founder & Chairperson of AMWAL, CEO of Al Waab City Real Estate, and Deputy CEO of Nasser Bin Khaled Al Thani Holding Group, has agreed to be first Board Chair of INJAZ Qatar.

Sheikha Hanadi joins a group of dedicated board members including Stuart Pearce, Chief Executive Officer and Director General of the Qatar Financial Center Authority, which provided seed funding for the launch of INJAZ operations in the emirate. Members also include representatives of HSBC and other private sector companies.

Sheikha Hanadi Nasser Bin Khaled Al Thani, Founder & Chairperson of Amwal and Chairperson of Injaz said: “In order to compete on a global level, the economies of the GCC states need to shift emphasis away from traditional business enterprises and foster a spirit of pioneering entrepreneurship among regional youths. Key to the region’s economic wellbeing is a well-planned balance between what’s conceived today in the world of business and a pool of fresh creative outlook.”

“The development of the Arab world’s human potential does not only entail providing formal education and training but also creating the right social and psychological conditions for entrepreneurship to flourish. I believe Injaz to be a brilliant leap through the world of business readiness for young generations and a crucial platform aiming at nurturing growing talent and channeling it to promote productive leadership for our community and our country” added Sheikha Hanadi.

Stuart Pearce, CEO and Director General, said, “There is an increasing need for the next generation of Qataris to consider jobs in the private sector in terms of their future careers. The QFC is attracting many international financial institutions and multinational firms to Qatar who will be looking for staff, so our support for Injaz has a very logical basis. We are delighted to have had the opportunity to support the establishment of Injaz in Qatar and we have committed to continue to provide both funding and volunteers as it grows and develops in the future.”

“We are delighted to join forces with Sheikha Hanadi in this highly credible programme. HSBC has been part of INJAZ in the region for more than 10 years and it is heartwarming to see that the project is so successful in Qatar since its inception in October 2007. We are positive that with the combined efforts of all business partners, volunteers and INJAZ, we can support national education in Qatar that will



increase the talent pool that employers can draw from." said Charles Moncrieff, CEO of HSBC.

Since inception last year, INJAZ has been operating across six independent schools in collaboration with the Supreme Education Council, reaching 450 students in the preparatory and secondary levels. All six (Al Bayan, Al Risala, Ruqaya, Muaither, Omar Bin Khattab and Mohammed Bin Abdel Wahab) have renewed their commitment to INJAZ for the next academic year during which the organization will also be expanding operations into government schools, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education. During that first year, four companies have been providing INJAZ with essential human capital, corporate volunteers, to deliver business classes across schools: Qatar Financial Center Authority, HSBC, BDO Jawad Habib Consulting and CONSER Consulting Engineers.

"INJAZ is privileged to work with Sheikha Hanadi - her enthusiasm and business acumen will drive this organization to success. I am confident her leadership and those of our board members will accelerate student reach and invite more Qatari and regional corporations to join this unprecedented initiative to prepare our youth for the workforce," says Fayza Saad, INJAZ Qatar Program Director.

About INJAZ Qatar

INJAZ Qatar is a not-for-profit organization committed to inspiring and preparing youth to succeed in a global economy. INJAZ is an affiliate of JA Worldwide® (Junior Achievement), which provides hands-on, experiential learning in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness to 8.3 million students annually.

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