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world innovation summit for education

مؤتمر القمة العالمي للابتكار في التعليم

# Education: Sheikha Moza



Her Highness Sheikha Moza bin Nasser with other dignitaries at the opening session of WISE 2013 on 'reinventing education for life', in Doha, on Tuesday. (D. AL-SAYED/AL-KHAYMA)

The day-long event featured a number of prominent speakers and engaging topics. Distinguished French sociologist and

philosopher Dr Edgar Morin delivered a special address on the importance of teaching students subjects that are neglected but can help

them with their personal life, their position as members of community, citizens and human beings. The Summit's first Plenary

session featured three influential personalities who talked about the 'Bringing Learning to Life' theme. European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multi-language and Youth Andrius Vasilionis discussed the major challenges posed by globalization to Europe including ageing population and employment especially youth unemployment as well as social injustice and inequality in European states and regions within the states. "It is important for teachers to get important training and be retrained at all times. They should be taught how to use technology to supplement their teaching methods," she added.

Another speaker Dr Yasser Jarrah of Bain & Company (CAF), Jordan, emphasized the significance of giving more attention to the needs and role of teachers rather than over-emphasizing the use of technology in education. "Technology will change the textbooks not the teachers," he said. Sharing the African experience, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Cape Town in South Africa Dr Mamegobela Rampho urged investment in the young people of Africa. She said, "Africa is underperforming its immense potential for success."

## Prize for Education



Vicky Gilbert, founder and director of Fundación Escuela Nueva.

has taken time now to play a real role which involves facilitating, working and giving feedback during the process, not at the end when it's too late. They are also have more leadership role to play, more empathy and voice for hugging and loving the children. It changes the conventional way of learning. These ideas are not new. The new thing is creating a cost-effective and simple way so any teacher can transform the learning environment," she said.

The WISE Prize for Education was established in 2011 to enhance the status of education by giving a similar prestige like other areas for which international prizes already exist, such as literature, peace and economics. The laureate receives an award of \$500,000 and a specially minted gold medal.

"Vicky Gilbert has dedicated her life to revitalising education through effective and relevant student-centred pedagogical methods that involve families and entire communities as well as teachers in the process. Her work has had a significant impact in Latin America and beyond, greatly expanding access to education."



Guests and officials at the 5th edition of the WISE at the QNCC in Doha, on Tuesday. (HANSON K JOSEPH)

## Education Minister lauds WISE outcome

THE Minister of Education and Higher Education and the Secretary General of the Supreme Education Council (SEC) HE Dr Mohammed bin Abdul Wahid al Hammadi has commended the outcome of the summit.





















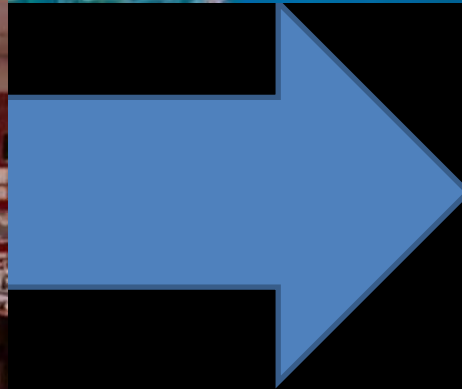
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# What Our Students Say:

- “Arabic is hard but you feel proud when you learn to say a new word or hold a conversation with someone. I love Arabic it is a great class, you learn so much!” Paola M. Cholla
- “Arabic is awesome, challenging experience. I love it!” Daniel Cholla High school
- “Arabic is awesome because it’s a great, students who love learning a challenging language. Learning Arabic is challenging at times,.” Cholla Student
- “Arabic blows your mind. It’s completely different than any language spoken in Europe. It is also very useful in today’s job market.” –(Andy) Cholla
- “You learn that in Arabic and Spanish there are words that sound the same. It is a languages that is hard to write but very fun to learn...” Angelica L ( Jelly) Cholla high School

# Why should students want to study critical languages?

- United State Department identifies two C.L.: Mandarin Chinese and Arabic
  - Present budget cuts, federal government funding C.L. programs
  - Learning a critical language like Arabic can open up doors for students
  - Arabic provides opportunities for university-bound students:
    - scholarships and programs open to those who have completed 2 years of high school Arabic
    - Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships for students who are U.S. citizens
  - Military interests:
    - Project GO (Global Officers), U of A ROTC students to learn Arabic (<http://cmes.arizona.edu/projectgo>)
    - Non-ROTC students through our new Flagship program (<http://menas.arizona.edu/featured/flagship>)
    - Similar programs exist at many out-of-state universities.

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