



Press Release

Qatar Islamic Cultural Centre (Fanar) adopts ICDL program

An international standard to raise the IT competency of advocates and employees

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The Qatar Islamic Cultural Centre (Fanar), an organization supervised by the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs, has announced that it has become a certified International Computer Driving License (ICDL) Training and Testing Center. The certification is funded by the Qatar Endowments Authority and will be acquired in

cooperation with ICDL GCC Foundation, the governing body and certification authority of the ICDL program in the GCC Countries and Iraq.

As per the terms of agreement that was signed at ICDL GCC Foundation Dubai head office, Fanar will adopt the ICDL program as an international standard to identify the basic skills required to become IT proficient in using computers according to the comprehensive training and development plan developed to enhance the competency of the centre's staff, including Muslim advocates and administrative employees, the vision of both Fanar and the Ministry will be achieved, as the plan aims to improve service quality and corporate performance.

Mohammed Bin Ali Al Ghamdi, General Director, Fanar, said: "The Centre adopts a distinct vision in recruiting Muslim advocates and providing suitable training for them to acquire the capabilities needed to become more exposed, as they have to deal with people from different nationalities, cultures and perspectives. Muslim advocates should have a unique non-traditional outlook, by mastering one of the main foreign languages, experiencing the art of advocacy methods and mechanisms of modern advocacy, and developing their ability to utilize computer and information technology at work."

"We are certain that this agreement will positively affect the future of the Centre, as it will significantly help in developing and improving its programs, activities and public services, as we plan to greatly focus now on adopting technology throughout the Centre's programs and activities, which should primarily raise the IT competency of the Fanar participants," added Al Ghamdi.

"We are very happy to sign this special partnership agreement with Qatari Islamic Cultural Centre Fanar, We do consider this opportunity as an add on to the areas ICDL contributed to and made difference within, Today, information technology plays a key role in various fields, so we praise the efforts of Qatari Islamic Cultural Centre to keep pace with the global digital development in line with the requirements of Qatari society. We support Fanar and all what contributes to strengthening its position and enhance its

activities and services as per excellence standards,” said Jamil Ezzo, Director General, ICDL GCC Foundation.

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