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QP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

Today was a special day as the new primary school at Dukhan was officially opened by Mr Abdulaziz Mohammed Al Mannai, Executive Vice President for Human Capital at QP.

The sun shone and the many distinguished guests were able to celebrate the opening with staff, students and parents. It was appropriate to reflect on the hundreds of people who have contributed to the design and construction in order to provide the children with such a fabulous building.

I always think the building of a school is special as it houses the hopes and ambitions of so many students, many of whom will go on to realise their dreams and shape the future in doing so. That's why I said to some of the contractors this is your contribution to making the world a better place, I hope they understood!

Making ourselves understood is a vital communication skill, coming from the north of England to Hong Kong for my previous job certainly reinforced that message. The leadership teams from both schools met together last week to consider the importance of language in preparing our students to become leaders and global citizens of the future.

There was agreement that many of our students have a home language other than English and that we need to ensure that these students can access the curriculum and have the cognitive language ability to achieve their full potential. The schools discussed the importance of having an accurate profile of the languages spoken in school, as well as being more aware of the language

experience of individual students. We agreed that to gather this information we will need the cooperation of families, so I ask you in advance to support the school in providing accurate information about your child. Please be assured that this information will only be used to support teaching and learning, helping each school to build a more informed picture of the language diversity of all students.

It was great to see so many parents and students at the MIS University Fair, superbly organised by the Y12 students as part of their Travel & Tourism course along with expert guidance from their teacher. There were 31 universities and institutions present, including six from Malaysia. It was also good to see representation from the Ministry of Education in Qatar. Overall, more than 500 students and visitors attended and I was very impressed by the quality of the questions raised by students and families. This type of event is very helpful in supporting students determine higher education options and is an aspect of school life that I know many students have requested additional support, this is currently being explored further.

Finally, I must mention the Y7-9 students who I had the pleasure of meeting at the Outdoor Education event organised by DES. This took place in the desert near to Al Khor and the students support for each other was commendable, this type of activity is ideal in developing a range of skills including teamwork and problem-solving and I thank the teachers for giving up their weekend to support the trip. After a weekend of camping, kayaking, orienteering, yoga and raft-building it's safe to say the students

must have slept well when they got home on Saturday, I know I did!

The attendance numbers are as follows:

- 31 Universities and institutions (6 universities from Malaysia) and the Ministry of Education.
- The number of the visitors who were manning the stands were 55 people.
- We had 198 parents sign in.
- Students numbers were over 200+ with a majority of year 11, 12 and 13.

Overall a very successful event.

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