

FEBRUARY 2018 – NATIONAL SPORTS DAY- AHK/GBCQ 5TH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



On the occasion of National Sport Day, the German Industry and Commerce Office Qatar (AHK) and the German Business Council Qatar (GBCQ) had the pleasure to host the 5th Annual Football Tournament that took place on February 13th, 2018 at Al Sadd Sports Club.

In this year's tournament 16 teams from different German and local companies were competing for the first place. The tournament concluded with the awarding ceremony in the presence of Mr. Peter Ziegler, Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy who distributed the trophies to the winning teams, with two teams from **Nasser Bin Khaled winning first and second place** this year and hence defending their title. **Al Tamimi and Company became third place winners.**

Special thanks goes to this year's supporters, without whom the event would not have been possible to organize, our Main Sponsor Nasser Bin Khaled Holding, Diamond Sponsor DB Engineering and Consulting GmbH and Turkish Airlines, Gold Sponsors Al Tamimi and Company, Dorsch Qatar, Siemens WLL, SAP Software, Seib Insurance and Reinsurance, and Qatar International Automobiles (QIA-MAN), Marketing Sponsor The Look Company, Equipment Sponsor Luxury Trade and Marketing Group, Kids Entertainers MyGym Qatar, Catering Sponsor Nando's and Beverage Sponsor Sidra.

FEB 2018: SMART DATA FORUM DELEGATION VISITING QATAR



The Smart Data Forum team – an initiative by the German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence - and representatives of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) visited Doha between 25-28 February to explore possibilities of collaboration with the Ministry of Transport and Communication Qatar MoTC, who organized a joint workshop on 'Smart Mobility and Energy'.

AHK Qatar, along with the German Business Council (GBCQ) and the Embassy of Germany organized a networking reception for the delegation in the presence of H.E. Hans-Udo Muzel, Ambassador of Germany to Qatar and representatives from MoTC and various stakeholders from the IT business community in Doha.

MARCH 2018: GBCQ MEMBERS' EXCLUSIVE EVENT: SIEMENS TRAM SITE VISIT AT EDUCATION CITY

On 27th March Siemens organized a GBCQ members' exclusive visit to their Tram site at Education City. The members were briefed about safety measures on-site followed by a visit and a test drive of the Tram.

Siemens is building a new tram system that operates without overhead contact lines for Education City, the university centre in Doha, Qatar. A multiple-line network will link the various university facilities, cultural places and residential areas on the North and South Campuses.

APRIL 2018: SOCIAL MEDIA AND FAKE NEWS- HOW TO PROTECT YOUR COMPANY

The German Business Council Qatar (GBCQ) members met on 24th April at Siemens office for an exclusive workshop on “Social media and fake news - how to protect your company and reputation from the spread of damaging information through social media”.

Members had an insightful presentation by Douglas MacDonald, Global Head of Digital Marketing & Content at Qatar Airways with his extensive experience in leading digital teams globally in telecoms and aviation, about the influence of social media and how to protect your company from the fake information.

MAY 2018: PROJECT QATAR

Being the most important trade fair in the construction- and building materials sector in Qatar, “Project Qatar” opened its doors again for its 15th edition from May 7 – May 10, 2018. The highly successful show attracted key buyers and major branch representatives aiming to keep themselves updated of the latest technology and state-of-the-art equipment on the market.

“Project Qatar” has established itself as the country’s most significant exhibition for International Construction Technology and Building Materials due to its rapid development and growing construction sector and has become a well-known platform for regional and international industry professionals to get in touch and promote their businesses.



Hosted at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC), the trade fair gathered around 406 exhibitors from 21 countries, as well as 126 local companies. Exhibitors benefitted from a wide range of premier regional agents, dealers, buyers and distributors of Qatar’s multi-billion value construction sector.

Again this year, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), together with the Association of the German Trade Fair Industry (AUMA) and the Association of Steel and Metal Processing Industry (WSM) hosted a German pavilion at the show, where around 16 German companies displayed

their products and services, specialised in construction, building materials and manufacturing of pipes and machines.

The German Embassy Doha and the AHK Qatar organized a briefing for the German companies participating at Project Qatar about the economic and political framework of doing business in Qatar. The briefing was attended by H.E. Ambassador Hans-Udo Muzel and different German companies based in Qatar mainly from the **GBCQ** board who gave an insight about their experience in the market.

MAY 2018: GBCQ EXCLUSIVE VISIT TO THE NEW VISA CENTRE VFS GLOBAL



The German Business Council Qatar (GBCQ) had a members' exclusive visit to the new Visa Centre VFS Global in Doha which is responsible for visa issuance for Germany, Austria, Norway and Slovenia. This exclusive introduction for the visa Centre was organized by the German Embassy Doha, where GBCQ members had the chance to know about the services of the visa center followed by a question and answer session provided by the German Embassy consular team.

June 2018: GBCQ Annual IFTAR Tuesday, 5th June – at the Ritz Carlton Doha

To register email: gbcq@ahkqatar.com

GERMAN EMBASSY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Information on Legalization of German certificates (also commercial documents) is found [here](#) in English language und [here](#) in German language.

The internet website of [the German Embassy in Qatar](#) has been newly reconstructed to better fit with smartphones and tablets. All Services of the consular department inclusive the visa are found under "Service" section.#

For FAQ regarding Visa for Germany please visit [here](#)

For German Nationals:

„Alle Deutschen und ihre Familienangehörigen, die - auch nur vorübergehend – in Katar leben, können sich freiwillig und online in die Krisenvorsorgeliste gemäß § 6 Abs. 3 des deutschen Konsulargesetzes eintragen.
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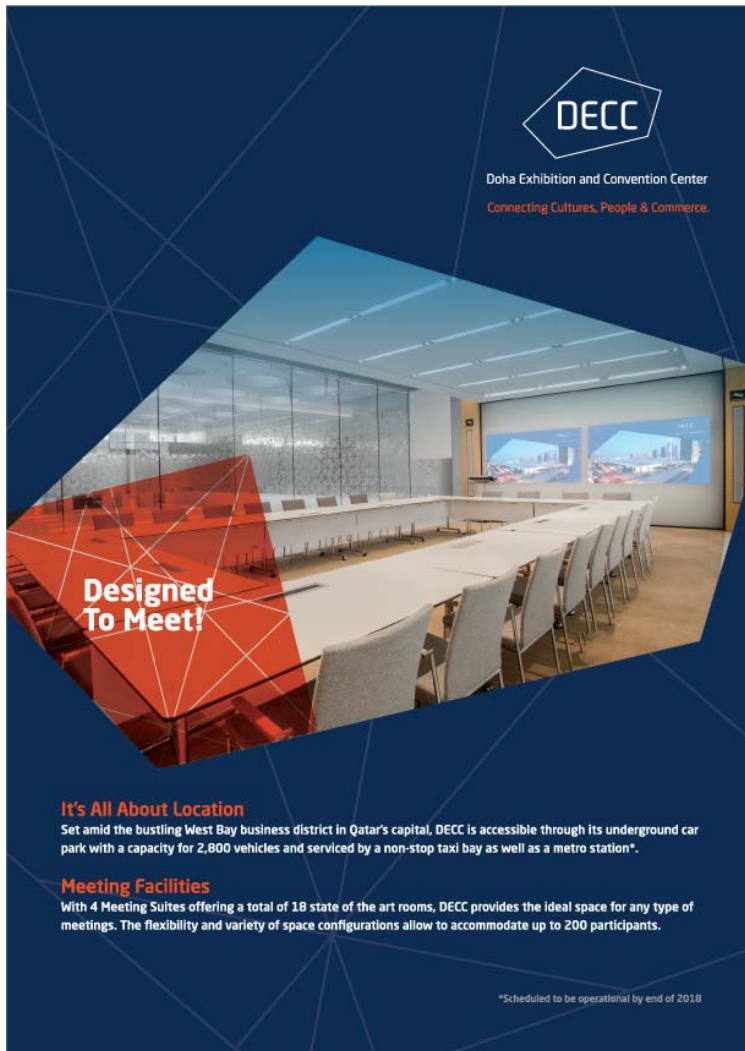
MEMBERS NEWS:

MICE is Nice!

Doha Exhibition and Convention Center has joined forces with QTA and other industry partners to participate at IMEX Frankfurt for the 3rd time. The event took place from May 15 to 17, in Germany. DECC was part of Qatar pavilion, which aimed at strengthening ties with industry stakeholders in European markets.

IMEX Frankfurt is one of the world’s leading trade shows for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions and industry suppliers, as well as showcasing international destinations for business tourism.

GBCQ members can benefit from a Special Discount on Meeting Room Rentals at Doha Exhibition and Convention Center – DECC.





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The **Petrotec** - Service & Technology Centre (STC) – Specialist Services team received the Safety Award on behalf of their successful completion on the QatarGas plant Shutdown in April 2018.

The Service & Technology Centre (STC) – Specialist Services is a 20 member team handling more than 200 EOT cranes and 18 industrial elevators under the long term annual maintenance contract with QG North Plant. The team managed to maintain ZERO Total recordable injury rate in April 2018.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN BUSINESS COUNCIL QATAR (GBCQ)

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Reminder:

Please note that there are still GBCQ membership cards pending collection available at our office 24th floor Marriott Marquis Hotel City Centre Doha.

We would like to remind all GBCQ Members, that we offer the opportunity to post [job offers](#) on our website. In order to do so, please send an e-mail with the details to gbcq@ahkqatar.com.

Moreover, if you have any input for the next edition of this newsletter (news, promotions, special offers etc.), please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are here to support your business activities!