



The SEC announces the winners of education excellence awards

The Supreme Education Council has announced 37 winners for its prestigious annual Education Excellence Day awards. Held annually on November 11 under the auspices of HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, the Heir Apparent, the awards recognize outstanding achievement different categories including High school graduates; Teachers; Schools; Research project by high school students; University graduates and Ph.D. holders.



The SEC launches the second phase of the Educational Voucher Program

The Education Institute of the Supreme Education Council announced the launch of Phase II of its Educational Voucher Program at an introductory presentation event attended by more than 80 schools including private Arabic and International schools. The second phase of the program builds upon the success of the pilot phase, which is currently underway at the Qatar Academy, the International School of London and the Michael E. DeBakey High School for Health Professions.



The SEC announces the 2008 QCEA results

The Evaluation Institute of the Supreme Education Council released the results of the Qatar Comprehensive Educational Assessment tests administered to 28,000 students attending Qatar's independent schools. Overall results indicate that the 2008 performance levels are generally low. Performance in English is marginally better than that in other subject areas tested. The QCEA 2008 measures student performance for students in grade 4 to 11 in all Cohorts (I-IV) in Arabic English, mathematics and science with respect to the Qatar Curriculum standards.



Report on schools and schooling in Qatar to be issued

The Evaluation Institute of the Supreme Education Council (SEC) will release its report "School and Schooling in Qatar" 2007-08 in December 2008. The report contains information about Qatar's schools, principals, students and their parents.



The HEI urges licensing for all higher education establishments in Qatar

In an effort to fulfil one of its main responsibilities of maintaining the quality of higher education in the country, the Higher Education Institute (HEI) has called on all educational institutions, centres and private universities which have not obtained a license to operate in Qatar to apply to the Accreditation and Certification Unit in the Institutional Standard Office of the Higher Education Institute on "C" Ring Road.



Education Institute pledges unlimited support for children with special needs

The director of the Education Institute Sabah Al Haidoos reiterated the Education Institute's commitment to support children with special needs at a meeting with independent schools operators who enrolled children with special needs in their schools for the school year 2008–09. This year a total of 131 students with special needs joined independent schools system.



Fourth set of School Report Cards released online

The Evaluation Institute of the Supreme Education Council issued its fourth set of School Report Cards for all independent, Ministry of Education and private Arabic schools on the SEC website, www.english.education.gov.qa The 261 reports aim to assist parents and the community to access the latest information and data relevant to the performance of schools, and encourage them to participate actively in educational process of their children. The reports also allow parents and educators to evaluate and make comparisons on a school's performance over the years.



The Trends in International Mathematics and Sciences Study (TIMSS) results next month

The results of Trends in International Mathematics and Sciences Study (TIMSS) will be released in December 2008. TIMSS is a curriculum based international comparative study that assesses 4th and 8th grade students' mathematics and science knowledge and skills.