

Qatar Executive takes part in Swiss aviation show

GENEVA: Qatar Airways' corporate jet division, Qatar Executive is once again taking part at Europe's leading business aviation show EBACE which opened in Geneva yesterday.

The prestigious three-day show at the Palexpo Exhibition Centre in the Swiss city attracts over 400 companies with more than 10,000 visitors from over 30 countries.

Doha-based Qatar Executive — awarded the Best Business Aviation Operator in 2012 by the magazine Aviation Business Middle East — is present in diversified service portfolio and innovative products to the business aviation community at the event, placing a strong focus on its growing maintenance service facility at Doha International Airport.

In recent months, Qatar Executive has significantly expanded its maintenance service offering, underpinning its status as a Bombardier Authorised Service Facility (ASF) in the Middle East with certifications from Qatar's Civil Aviation Authority (QCAA) and EASA-Part 145 to support European and Qatari registered Bombardier aircraft. Complementing its existing Line Maintenance services, Qatar Executive received additional regulatory approvals from the QCAA in April to perform Base Maintenance services for Bombardier Challenger 604 and 605s and the manufacturer's Global series of aircraft.

Qatar Airways Chief Executive Officer Akbar Al Baker said: "EBACE is a key industry event for us and provides the perfect platform to promote Qatar Executive to a wide audience including business leaders, government officials and all the major corporate aircraft manufacturers."

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Railway project needs up to 35,000 workers

First phase of Doha Metro slated for completion by 2019

DOHA: Qatar's \$40bn integrated railway project will employ up to 35,000-strong labour force, a Qatar Rail official has said.

"The project will require 20,000 to 35,000 labour and we are in the process of coordinating with the Ministry regarding visas," said Daniel Leckel, Chief Technical Officer at Qatar Rail yesterday.

Speaking at a seminar on "The future and challenges of Infrastructure and Transport in Qatar" yesterday at Qatar University, Leckel highlighted the vital role the integrated transport system would play towards a sustainable and advanced country in accordance with Qatar National Vision 2030.

He highlighted the need for more choices of transport as the country witnesses dramatic

surge in population. New transport choices for Qatar's increasing population include the Doha Metro, with the first phase slated for completion by 2019 and the light rail transit which is expected to be completed by 2017, he said. To encourage all segments of population to use it, he said the metro system would be attractive, convenient and connected to shopping malls and major destinations in the country.

"Implementing the metro system will reduce the carbon footprint of Qatar in a very short period of time, making it an environment friendly country," he added. Some of the key challenges of the projects include keeping the Doha traffic moving while the construction takes place and importing the raw construction materials. The project will require

800,000 tonnes of steel and 5.5m m3 of concrete.

Central Planning Office Director of Planning and Engineering Ruari Maybank focused on how Qatar is approaching the task of designing and building an integrated transport network, how the traffic in Qatar will be managed and the benefits that integrated transport infrastructure will bring.

The seminar was organised by the Qatar Road Safety Studies Center (QRSSC) at Qatar University's College of Engineering, in collaboration with the CPO in the Ministry of Municipality and Urban Planning.

It outlined the latest information from key organisations including the CPO, Ashghal and Qatar Rail, which are responsible for delivering the country's future transport and infrastructure plans. They highlighted how students particularly could actively participate in the country's development.

"Qatar is an exciting place to be at the moment as it provides valuable opportunities for development that very few countries in the world could offer," said Director of the QRSSC Dr Khalifa bin Nasser Al Khalifa, College of Engineering Dean Dr Rashid Al Ammari said: "In a city developing as fast as Doha, there will be challenges. One of the main ones is developing in line with Qatar National Vision 2030 while still keeping traditions. We particularly welcome the involvement of our students, who will be the ones responsible for solving these challenges in the future."

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Daniel Leckel (right), Chief Technical Officer, Qatar Rail; and Dr Khalifa bin Nasser Al Khalifa, Director, Qatar Road Safety Studies Centre (QRSSC); at a seminar on future and challenges of Qatar's Infrastructure, organised by the QRSSC at the Qatar University yesterday. SALIM MATRAMKOT



Mall of Qatar officials at the press conference.

Mall of Qatar set to open in 2015

DOHA: The Mall of Qatar is scheduled to open in the third quarter of 2015, developer UrbaCon Trading & Contracting (UCC) announced yesterday. Construction on the project has been underway since 2012 and is proceeding on schedule. The Mall of Qatar is expected to welcome an estimated 20 million customers annually.

The total project cost is in excess of QR3bn and has been secured with funding from Qatar National Bank. Located at the intersection of Al Rayyan Highway and Celebration Road, the project is adjacent to Al Rayyan Sports Club and a future FIFA 2022 World Cup Stadium.

A dedicated Metro Station will be integrated into the mall, providing more access to visitors. In addition, the project will provide spacious parking for over 7,000 cars. Over 162,000 square meters of retail leasable space on three levels will make it one of Qatar's largest shopping and entertainment destinations.

Shem Krey, Deputy Managing Director, Mall of Qatar said: "We are launching the Mall of Qatar at a time when there is clearly enormous untapped demand for quality integrated shopping, dining and entertainment facilities in the country. Our research has shown there is a significant amount of capacity that has to be met in the retail area and our Mall will be a major step in fulfilling demand. The Mall of Qatar is also geared towards helping the broader economic growth and prosperity of the country."

Spread over a building area which is the equivalent size of 50 FIFA football pitches, the Mall

will have a major hypermarket, five department stores, 20 international restaurants and an indoor streetscape with double height flagship stores from across the globe. In addition, unique children's wear, popular price and young urban lifestyle brands will be clustered into districts creating synergy between retailers and providing the maximum in customer convenience.

A two level luxury court at the south end of the complex will have individually articulated shop fronts interspersed with indoor/outdoor cafes and patios and a premium concierge lounge. A major luxury brand hotel is planned, as well as a signature restaurant on the outside surrounded by terraces overlooking the luxury court.

The exterior of the whole mall will be animated with storefronts, cafes and extensive landscaping to connect to customers as soon as they drive in. UrbaCon Trading and Contracting is developing, managing the design and construction of the complex and will operate the Mall for the owner.

The Mall of Qatar has been designed by internationally acclaimed architects Chapman Taylor and KEO, McARTHUR + COMPANY, the world renowned retail specialists, have been selected to market and lease the mall.

The Mall of Qatar is being introduced for the first time to the public at Cityscape Qatar from May 27 to 29 at the Doha Exhibition Centre and an Official Retailer Launch Event is planned for October this year at the Museum of Islamic Art.

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Part of Al Rayyan to get major facelift under Ashghal project

DOHA: Public Works Authority (Ashghal) has started a project to give a complete infrastructure facelift to Legdeim, Bani Hajer area (North), part of Al Rayyan Municipality.

The project will provide comprehensive infrastructure for residential units, educational institutions and businesses located in Rawdat Legdeim, Bani Hajer and the surrounding areas.

A complete infrastructure including a new road network, a sewerage network, traffic signals and street landscaping are being developed to improve the quality of life for residents of Rawdat Legdeim, Bani Hajer and the neighbouring places, according to Saoud Al Tamimi, Manager of the Roads Projects Department and Manager of the Local Roads and Drainage Programme at Ashghal.

Upon completion the area will have some special features as walking and cycling lanes, car parks, pedestrians crossing and safety fences to ensure pedestrians' safety and a clear signage around the area, said Al Tamimi yesterday at a press conference held at their headquarters.

"Developing the roads and infrastructure in Rawdat Legdeim, Bani Hajer area as per the best international standards, drives socio-economic growth, and is in conformity with Qatar National Vision 2030 to provide a comprehensive infrastructure in all areas of Qatar," he added.

The project will be implemented in two phases and the first stage work is expected to be completed within 15 months. Ashghal in partnership with Hyder Consultancy Middle East is working on the QR326m worth first phase of the project.

The 152-hectare plot, phase one will include the layout of approximately 23km of arterial and local roads with varying corridor widths ranging from 16 to 40m. Second phase of the project which is being designed will begin in August, said, Al Tamimi.

The road network will contain two signalised junctions together with priority intersections to ensure road



Saoud Al Tamimi, Manager of the Roads Projects Department and Local Roads and Drainage Programme at Ashghal, announcing the phase 1 of the new project in Al Rayyan, at Ashghal headquarters in West Bay, yesterday. SHAIVAL DALAL

safety and efficient traffic movement in the neighbourhood.

To minimise inconvenience to residents, Ashghal will ensure to keep access to all buildings open throughout the project. Wherever possible, construction works surrounding schools will be carried out during holidays and when schools are closed. Entrances and exits to schools will remain open during school hours, and safe routes around the working area will be available.

Ashghal's Local Roads and Drainage Programme is designed to upgrade and maintain the road and drainage network across the

country's five regions as Qatar North, Qatar South, Doha North, Doha South and Doha West.

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NHRC chairman meets ICRC chief

DOHA: The Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), Dr Ali bin Smeikh Al Marri, met the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Peter Maurer, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

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ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING

SN	Tender No.	Subject	Tender Bond	Tender Fees	Closing Date	Place of Collection & Submission
1.	AF/D/AF/0133/13	Management Planning & Organizing Public Activities at Aspire Zone	QR. 180,000.00	QR. 1,000.00	June 11th, 2013	Aspire Zone Tender Committee
2.	AF/C/AF/5289/13	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance / Support of MAC Book Pro & Mac Pro on Call-off Basis for AZF	QR. 30,000.00	QR. 500	June 9th, 2013	Aspire Zone Tender Committee

- Tender documents for the above Projects are available for collection as mentioned in the above table from **Aspire Zone Foundation offices (Tel No. 44476786)** located at Aspire Zone opposite to Khalifa Stadium and Aspire Academy upon presentation of a formal letter of authorization on Company letterhead, duly signed and stamped, copy of the Commercial Registration, copy of the ID, and a stamped receipt for the non-refundable documentation fee (as mentioned above) which should be paid to Qatar National Bank, Account No. 0013-012515-052 (ASPIRE ZONE).
- Tenders should be accompanied with a Tender Bond as stated above and in accordance with the specimen form attached with the tender document issued as a Bank Guarantee from one of the local Banks registered in Qatar valid for 120 days from date of opening of tenders. Successful Tenderer will be required to submit a Performance Bond of 10% of the Contract Sum, which will remain valid till (7) days after the completion of the Contract / Maintenance period.
- The closing time will be at 12:00 Noon, on the closing date mentioned above, any offer arriving thereafter will not be considered.
- Tenders are to be submitted in duplicate (1 Original + 1 Copy) in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chairman of Aspire Zone Foundation, General Tenders Committee as endorsed in Arabic and English and deposited in the Tender Box of **Aspire Zone Foundation Tender Committee**.

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