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For each of us, our education has been an important factor in our personal development and a critical determinant of the individuals we have become. Our education is not solely about the knowledge, values and beliefs we have acquired throughout our lives, but also the skills we have developed. One of the most important of these skills is that of critical thinking.

Critical thinking is the ability to use logic and deductive reasoning to solve complex problems or find innovative or creative solutions to specific challenges. It is about independent thinking and reasoned deliberation.

This competition, of which we are justly proud, has brought together students from a number of the leading universities in Qatar to make use of their acquired knowledge of financial services and, more importantly, to exercise their critical thinking abilities, to address a specific subject, that of Stock Market Liquidity. This has required students to research, collate and analyse the current state of our market and, using deductive reasoning and creativity, propose mechanisms and ideas on how the trading liquidity can be improved.

I greatly admire and am somewhat awed by the effort and dedication demonstrated by all of the students who took part in our competition this year. The quality of the research and the ideas they have all presented have been outstanding, and we are immensely grateful to all of the students for their contribution and commitment and for the solutions they have put forward to address one of our more pressing concerns. I would also like to thank the Dean and faculty members from each of the Universities for their invaluable support and for allowing their students to compete.

I also commend the efforts and dedication of all of the staff of Qatar Stock Exchange who have given of their time and managed the delivery of a very prestigious and successful event.

Indeed, this competition has been such a success that it will now become an annual event in the Stock Exchange calendar. We very much look forward to welcoming a new batch of students next year to demonstrate their critical thinking prowess.



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In light of the State of Qatar's National Vision 2030, which seeks to build a strong national economy based on knowledge and economic sustainability, and in support of the mission of Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) to improve awareness of finance and investments in the State. QSE was proud to introduce its first ever competition for students of all business colleges in Qatar on March 21, 2019.

This competition is one part of QSE's commitment to developing an appreciation of finance and investment in Qatar, and to encourage the Qatari youth and future leaders to learn and to understand stock exchange concepts and apply these in the real life, and fosters a greater understanding of the entire financial eco-system, which helps to foster a culture of rational investment in the country.

This year's competition called on students to carry out research on "The Market Liquidity of Qatar Stock Exchange" and to identify and discuss the factors affecting stock market liquidity with recommendations for policy and other actions which could lead to improvements. QSE is definitely no different than other exchanges in this regard. Therefore, QSE was keen to benefit from researches that address those challenges, either locally and internationally, and offer out-of-the-box solutions to the current status.

The invitation of participation was sent to all Business and Economics colleges in Qatar. This first edition has witnessed seven challenging teams from the following colleges/universities: College of Business and Economics – Qatar University; Carnegie Mellon University – Qatar; Georgetown University Qatar; College of Islamic Finance – Hamad Bin Khalifa University;

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Stenden Qatar University; and AFG College with the University of Aberdeen. The students from each college/university have been allocated into teams of 3-5 members under the supervision of a faculty member. The teams have gone through two stages, "preparation phase" and "final ceremony".

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The preparation phase took place at the University/College level, in which, teams carried out their analysis under the supervision of the faculty member/s. Additionally, QSE relevant staff provided participating students with the required resources for the analysis such as data for the last 5 years, information sessions, coaching and mentoring as needed ...etc. The preparation phase started on Feb 27, 2019 and ended on March 19, 2019. The final ceremony took place on March 21, 2019 where the teams researches had been presented to a board of 3 Judges from the business community. The judges evaluated the presentations based on literature review, descriptive analysis, creativity, benchmarking, and recommendations. Each team was given 15 minutes to present their analysis and then Judges started Q&A session for 10 minutes.

The winners of the first 3 places were awarded prizes and trophies presented by the stock exchange and the sponsors of the competition. The winners of the first edition are:

First Place : Carnegie Mellon University Qatar
Second Place : Stenden Qatar University
Third Place : College of Islamic Finance – Hamad Bin Khalifa University



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"As an Exchange we get excited about liquidity: the life blood of our markets, the oil in the machine that reduces the cost of capital for our companies, and stands at the basis of attractive investment opportunities for all. Yet, as a research subject it seems to gain little attention, and it might be perceived as somewhat abstract. By involving students in the thought process, we wanted to get "liquidity" on the radar and trigger excitement in academic circles that can encourage further research"







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See you in 2020