

QATAR FOUNDATION APPOINTS AEG OGDEN TO MANAGE NEW CONVENTION CENTRE AT EDUCATION CITY, DOHA

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Qatar Foundation today announced that international venue management specialist, AEG Ogden, has been contracted to operate the new convention centre located at Education City in Qatar's capital, Doha.

Mr Rashid Al Naimi, Qatar Foundation Vice President, Administration, stated;

"The convention centre at Education City will be a state of the art venue and the largest purpose built convention centre in the Middle East. Qatar Foundation chose AEG Ogden, who were appointed following a global tender process, for their extensive international experience in managing a network of private and public assembly facilities. AEG Ogden won the tender for the five year contract above three other global companies. We welcome AEG Ogden to Education City and look forward to working with them on this exciting project."

AEG Ogden Chief Executive Officer, Harvey Lister, said the company was looking forward to working in Qatar and adding the Qatar Foundation convention centre to the 16 global venues it already operates.

"The opportunities that exist for conventions and exhibition in the Gulf region of the Middle East are enormous, and AEG Ogden is excited to be a key player in the realisation of that potential."

AEO Ogden has appointed a highly experienced industry executive as the General Manager of the new convention centre, He is Mr Paul D'Arcy, who for the past four years was the General Manager of the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, and before that was Director of Operations at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre in Australia.

The Qatar Foundation convention centre is currently under construction. When completed, the centre will have 15,000 square meters of exhibition space and have the capacity to welcome over 7,000 convention delegates.

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About Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development

Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thain, Emir of Qatar, and chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, Qatar Foundation is a private, non-profit organization committed to the principle that a nation's greatest natural resource is its people.

The headquarters of Qatar Foundation are located within its flagship project, Education City, a fourteen million square meter campus which hosts numerous progressive learning institutions and centres of research, including branch campuses of five of the world's leading universities, the Qatar Science and Technology Park, the Doha Debates and RAND-Qatar Policy Institute.

For more information on the Qatar Foundation please visit; www.qf.org.qa

About AEG Ogden

AEG Ogden is the largest venue management company in the Asia Pacific region. In addition to the new Qatar facility, the venues it manages include the Kuala Lumpur, Brisbane, Cairns and Darwin Convention Centres, Suncorp Stadium (Brisbane), Telstra Stadium and Acer Arena (Sydney). The Brisbane and Newcastle Entertainment Centres, and four state Theatres in Perth.

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