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## QNCC TO HOST HISTORIC FIRST UNITED NATIONS FORUM



**DOHA, 15 November 2011** . The Qatar National Convention Centre will today host its first United Nations event when 1,200 students from around the world converge under the *Sidra Tree* to discuss and debate a range of global issues.

The students will meet as part of the first annual The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) which has been organised by Qatar Academy, a member of Qatar Foundation. The Qatar Model United Nations has been operating for six years.

The students will each take on the role of a diplomat for a nation not their own, encouraging them to approach complex issues from a different perspective. The key themes to be discussed include human rights, protection of the environment, economic development, disarmament, the problems of youth and of refugees, as well as conflict resolution.

The General Manager of the QNCC, Adam Mather-Brown said this event was the third of four *curtain-raisers* to be held before the Centre officially opens and hosts 5,000 delegates at the 20<sup>th</sup> World Petroleum Congress in early December.



*“We are proud to host the first United Nations event in our Centre and look forward with anticipation to hosting another next month when the 4<sup>th</sup> United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Forum (UNAOC 2011) meets.”*

*“Through such high calibre events, we are confident that in a relatively short period the QNCC will become the preferred conference and exhibition venue of choice in the region. Through the delivery of high quality service, we look forward to creating greater awareness toward both Qatar and the QNCC,”* Mr Mather-Brown said.

The THIMUN Qatar opening ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 16 November in the Centre’s 2,300 seat theatre. Up to 24 different meeting rooms will be used to cater for the discussions.

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#### **Note To Editor :**

Photo Caption . Night exterior of the QNCC

#### **About Qatar National Convention Centre**

A member of the Qatar Foundation, QNCC features a conference hall of 4,000-seats theatre style, a 2,300-seat lyric style three-tier auditorium and a total of 52 flexible meetings rooms to accommodate a wide range of events. It also houses 40,000 square metres of exhibition space over nine halls, and is adaptable to seat 10,000 for a conference or banquet. The Centre’s stunning architecture and state-of-the-art facilities are ideal for hosting local, regional and international conventions and exhibitions, gala events, theatrical productions and banquet functions.

QNCC is proudly managed by AEG Ogden, one of the largest facility and entertainment management specialists in the world. For more information, visit [www.qatarconvention.com](http://www.qatarconvention.com)

#### **About AEG Ogden**

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