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National Day of the State of Qatar

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The Consulate General of the State of Qatar in Hong Kong

Keynote by Consul General of the State of Qatar

Dear friends, colleagues, partners, ladies, and gentlemen,

In the auspicious occasion of Qatar National Day, we are proud to share with you a glimpse of our home and invite you to celebrate with us the establishment of the State of Qatar and the succession of Sheikh Jassim Bin Mohammad Bin Thani to the rule of the country.

In the coming pages, we will shed light on some of Qatar's achievements and latest milestones and update you with the preparations for Qatar FIFA 2022 World Cup.

Dear readers, allow me to take this opportunity to convey my gratitude for your continued support to our Consulate General throughout the years. I offer you my heartiest wishes for health and safety, in the hope that in the next year we would have the opportunity to celebrate this glorious occasion with all of you in person.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter and wish you and your loved ones a prosperous new year ahead.

Your Sincerely,

Mohammed Al Kuwari



Mohammed Sultan Al Kuwari
Consul General

Qatar Key Social and Economic Figures

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OCT 2020 POPULATION



183.47 USD BILLION

GDP



62021.10 USD

GDP PER CAPITA



3.6 USD BILLION

EXPORTS SEP 2020



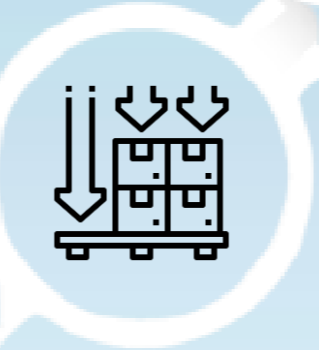
QATARI RIYAL

CURRENCY



3.6%

GDP GROWTH
WORLD BANK 2021
PROJECTION



1.9 USD BILLION

IMPORTS SEP 2020



1.9 USD BILLION

TRADE SURPLUS
OCT 2020



Qatar Key Business Facilitators



The Investment
Promotion Agency

Launched in July 2019, (IPA Qatar) oversees investment promotion activities, and acts as the country's umbrella organization for (FDI) attraction.

Invest Qatar helps businesses advance their ambitions and achieve long-term success by delivering the support, advice, and expertise needed through its vast resources and close coordination with Qatari licensing platforms.



Qatar Investment Authority

QIA was created in 2005 by the Qatari Government, and today it is a professional and sophisticated investment organization, capable of attracting top talent locally and from around the world. QIA is mandated by the State of Qatar to:

- Invest, diversify, and grow Qatar's sovereign reserve
- Support Qatar's economy by investing in local companies
- Provide liquidity when needed



QFC Qatar Financial Center

QFC is a platform for growth. As a fully onshore global business and financial centre located in Doha, Qatar, QFC offers the ideal platform for firms to expand East to West and West to East.

Investors can enjoy 100% foreign ownership, 100% profit repatriation, 10% corporate tax on locally-sourced profits only, and a legal environment based on English common law.



Qatar Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1963 (QCCI) aims to organise business interests and represent the Qatari private sector locally and globally, among its main activities:

- Hosting visiting trade delegations, and sending business trips abroad
- Holding local and international trade fairs and exhibitions etc.
- Concluding cooperation agreements with similar unions, chambers, or bodies



Qatar Free Zones
Authority

(QFZA) was established in 2018 to oversee and regulate world-class free zones in Qatar, backed by the strength of Qatar's position as a global industrials and logistics hub with a growing economy. QFZA aims to:

- Pursue partnerships with promising companies of all shapes and sizes
- Offer top-of-the line infrastructure
- Serve as a one-stop shop for companies setting up in Qatar

QATAR TO HOLD 1ST ELECTIONS FOR SHURA COUNCIL IN 2021



HH Sheik Tamim Bin Hamad AL Thani
Amir of Qatar

The State of Qatar will hold its first parliamentary elections, **the Shura Council**, in October 2021, His Highness the Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, announced during his opening speech at the 49th ordinary session of the Consultative Council.

This decision will serve “to strengthen the traditions of the Shura Council and develop the legislative process through broader public participation”, HH the Amir stated.

In October 2019, HH Sheikh Tamim ordered the formation of a committee to prepare for the Shura Council elections.

The Shura Council is Qatar’s legislative body which gained new jurisdictions in a 2003 referendum such as dismissing ministers, approving the national budgets and proposing legislations and recommendations to the state.

The Council consists of 45 members, where 30 will be elected while the other 15 seats are appointed by the Amir, according to the amended constitution in 2003.

“This is an important step towards strengthening Qatari advisory traditions and developing the legislative process with wider citizen participation”

~HH Sheik Tamim Bin Hamad AL Thani



QATAR PLACED 14TH GLOBALLY IN COMPETITIVENESS AND SET TO BE ONE OF FIRST COUNTRIES TO 'BOUNCE BACK' AFTER CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

-IMD

Qatar has achieved sixth rank among 63 mostly high-income countries, in economic performance in 2020, which showed its resilience. It is expected to be one of the first to rebound from the present crises, according to The World Competitiveness Yearbook 2020.

Qatar is one among the Gulf countries to come at the top 20, said the report, which is published by Switzerland-based International Institute for Management Development (IMD).

Qatar was ranked first in terms of low unemployment rate; high proportion of gross fixed capital formation, capital investments, and saving to gross domestic product or GDP; high percentage of trade balance to GDP; and high overall productivity.

Other areas where Doha performed well, included government efficiency (rank 7) and business efficiency (rank 11). Moreover, Qatar maintained its ranking at 40 for infrastructure.

“These results confirm the solid overall performance and that the results will certainly help us to identify areas for further improvements” Dr Saleh bin Mohamed al-Nabit, president of Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA), said.

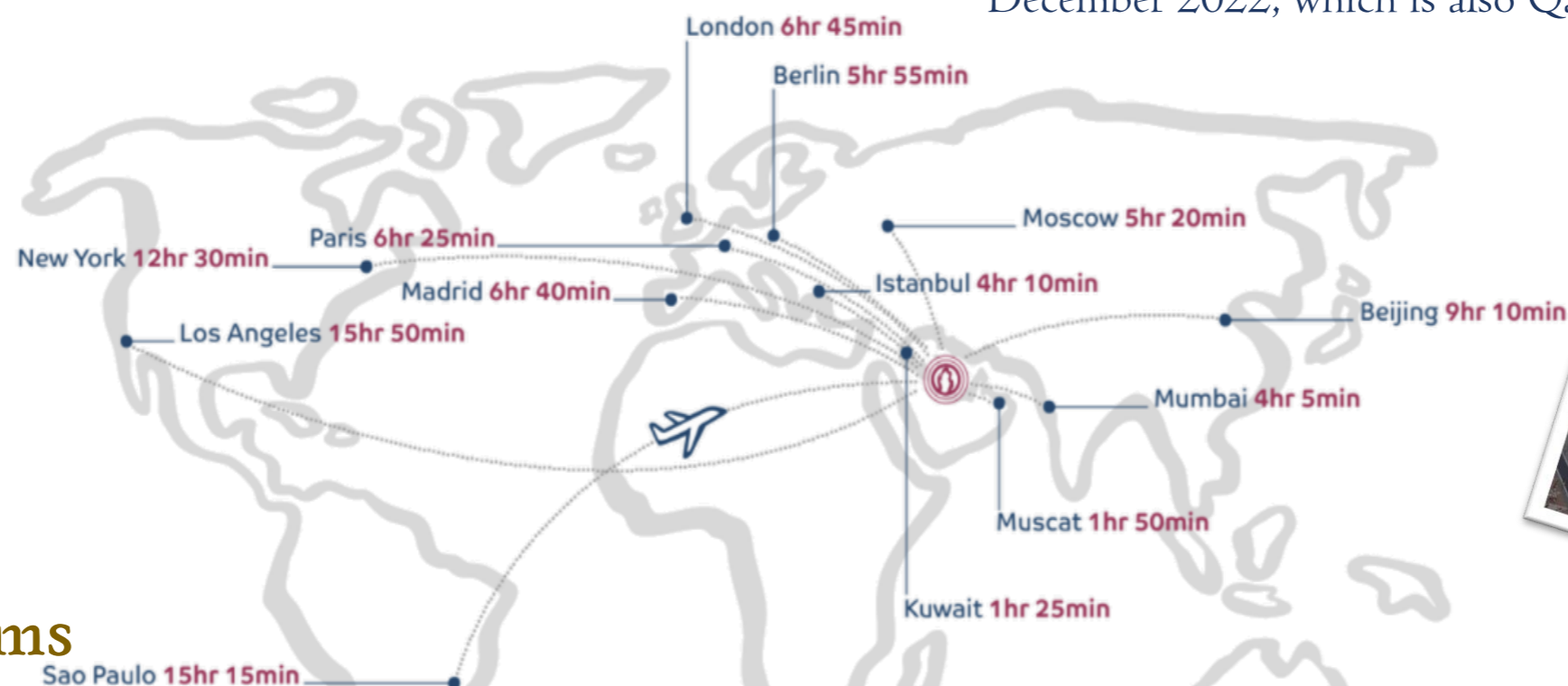
Qatar’s second National Development Strategy 2018-22 also sets out clear goals in the areas of economic infrastructure and private sector development that will lead to economic and social growth.



FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar 2022

FIFA 2022 marks the first World Cup to be ever held in the Arab World.

It is also the first not to be held in the summer! The tournament is scheduled between late November until mid-December, in a reduced time frame of 28 days, with the final being held on 18 December 2022, which is also Qatar National Day.



The Eight Stadiums

Khalifa International Stadium was inaugurated following an extensive redevelopment on 19 May 2017. **Al Janoub Stadium** was inaugurated on 16 May 2019 when it hosted the Amir Cup final. Al Janoub Stadium is the first Qatar 2022 venue to be built from scratch. **Education City Stadium** became the third tournament-ready venue for 2022 following a digital launch in June 2020. The stadium's opening was dedicated to frontline workers of the coronavirus pandemic. Two more stadiums, **Al Rayyan Stadium** and **Al Bayt Stadium** are set to be completed this year. Main works on the remaining three stadiums **Al Thumama Stadium**, **Ras Abu Aboud Stadium** and **Lusail Stadium** will be completed in 2021.



#2YearsToGo

Qatar National Day Celebrations

Remembering the date of the succession of Sheikh Jassim Bin Mohammad Bin Thani on the 18th of December 1878, **Qatar National Day celebrations** are grand in the country and the day is considered a national holiday when most of the public workplaces and schools are closed. This is the time when the Qataris decorate their cars with the National Flag and other patriotic symbols.

Every year on the 18th of December, Qatar is set to mark another day in its rich history with a grand celebration. The day starts with **Qatar National Day Parade**, in which the forces of MOI, Emiri Guards, Lekhwiya, Civil Defense, air force, navy, and many others take part.

Qatar National Day Parade is also accompanied by a spectacular **Air Show** across Qatar's skies, whereas at night, those skies are covered by a grand **Fireworks Show**, which can be enjoyed at the Doha Corniche along with music and lighting.

The festive spirits, atmosphere and activities can be seen all over Qatar and throughout the entirety of Qatar National Day, displaying the deep pride and joy of its people and the love they have for their unmatched home, **Qatar**.



Heartiest wishes from Qatar to you on its National Day



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