

SHEIKHA AISHA BINT FALEH BIN NASSER AL-THANI

Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh bin Nasser Al-Thani is a member of Qatar *Supreme Education Council*, appointed to a three-year term. The Supreme Council is the highest educational authority in the country and its members were drawn from Qatar and International top leaders in government, business and academia. The Council is responsible for mapping out the educational strategy in the country.

She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the *Zaytuna Institute* in the United States. The institute was founded by Sheikh Hamza Yusuf. It is an educational institute run by people committed to reviving time-tested methods of educating human beings. It is based in Hayward California.

Sheikha Aisha Al-Thani also sits on the Board of Directors of *Reach Out to Asia*, a charity initiative founded by H. E. Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad Al Thani which, in addition to giving aid to areas in need, is looking at ways to support schools in different Asian countries to help them reach the 'Education For All' goals set by the UNESCO. ROTA is based in Qatar.

Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh al Thani is the Chair person of *Al Faleh Group*. Doha Academy, is one of three schools that are members of the group. The schools under Al Faleh Group are private primary and secondary schools in Qatar that emphasize two areas: the British curriculum and instruction in moderate Islamic studies. The *Global Educational Centre* is also a member of the group. It is an educational centre that caters for students with special needs and promotes learning languages.

Conferences Sheikha Aisha participated in include *Doha Academy's Annual Educational Conference*. Each year, Sheikha Aisha organizes this high-profile conference tackling educational issues. The conference attracts leaders in the education field. Yusuf Islam, Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, Peter Sanders, Amr Khaled and Haji Noorideen are some of the influential people that have participated in this annual conference. Sheikha Aisha was a speaker at *Qatar Foundation* and *UNESCO* joint conference (2007) on "*Literacy in the Arab States: Building Partnerships and Promoting Innovative Approaches*". In 2007 as a keynote speaker, sheikha Aisha participated in *George Town University Art Festival*. In December 2008, Sheikha Aisha attended 'Financing Education in Conflict Affected Areas' meeting which was part of the *United Nation International Conference on Financing for Development* held in Qatar. Sheikha Aisha was recently chosen (2009) to be awarded best Woman of Services by the Emirate of Ajman.

Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh Al-Thani has combined her interests in Education and Business. After graduating from the University of Qatar with a *Bachelor in Education* and a *Bachelor in English Literature* (with distinction), Sheikha Aisha went on to get a *Master in Business Administration* from the University of Hull in the U.K. Sheikha Aisha is now a *PhD candidate*; she is seeking a doctorate from City University in the United Kingdom in the area of 'Corporate Governance'.