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Light captured in photo contest

Doha – 1 May 2006: A medical student's passion for visual imagery inspired the first *Capture Light* amateur photography competition, with the winners announced during a gala dinner at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (WCMC-Q) yesterday (April 30).

Amateur photographer Fouad Otaki, a student of WCMC-Q, said he was inspired to organize the Education City wide competition, with support from WCMC-Q photographer Martin Marion, after speaking with like-minded students, staff and faculty from around the campus.

"We were overwhelmed by more than 200 entries from 35 participants," Otaki said.

The competition comprised seven categories – landscape, Qatar, Education City, black and white, international, portrait and action – with 10 images selected for showing in each.

Judging the category entries were members of the Qatar Photographic Society (QPS), while visitors to the exhibition at WCMC-Q voted for the best overall photograph, won by Alma Al Souk.

"Our Society aims to encourage and inspire all people, especially youth, to enjoy photography," QPS vice president Abdulrahman Fakhroo said. "It's wonderful to see an interested student organizing this competition."

Otaki said following the success of the first competition, plans were afoot for a bigger and better competition in 2007.

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Established in partnership with the Qatar Foundation, WCMC-Q is a part of Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York, the first American institution to offer its M.D. degree overseas. WCMC-Q offers a complete and integrated educational program, comprising the two-year Premedical Program, followed by the four-year Medical Program, with teaching by Cornell faculty. There are separate admission processes for each Program, guided by the standards of admission in use at Cornell University in Ithaca, and its Medical College in New York.

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