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QAWS, ROTA receive Qatar Academy charity cheques

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DOHA: Qatar Academy's annual charity fundraising event "Quackfest" (Qatar's Ultimate Art, Community and 'Kreativity' Festival) has chosen Qatar Animal Welfare Society (QAWS) and Reach Out To Asia's (ROTA)s Indonesian School Bayan Klaten as the recipients of this year's benevolent cheque.

Quackfest is designed, organised and planned by Qatar Academy students and supported by QA teachers, staff, and QA's Parent Teacher Association. The event was sponsored by Redco Construction and received assistance from Gulf Helicopters, Gulf Agency Company, Doha Zoo, and the 2022 World Cup Bid officials. This year's Quackfest, which saw a turnout of over 2,000 people was held in February and realised around QR53,000. Students raised money by selling door tickets, creating and manning games and activities to which tickets had to be purchased for, as well as the sale of foods and drinks. Local vendors also participated by renting out stalls and selling their arts and crafts.

In addition to financially supporting QAWS, Qatar Academy students have an ongoing commitment with the animal society. The students, under the supervision of science teacher Susan Hutchman, have been completing their curriculum required Community & Service hours by helping out at the QAWS every Monday after school. They walk the dogs and socialise the cats and puppies and get them used to handling.

The selection of QAWS is timely as the shelter was razed by a fire last summer and the funds will assist in rebuilding it, while the funds to Bayan Klaten will see five students complete their senior year education in Indonesia.



The representatives from Qatar Academy (QA), QAWS and ROTA during the cheque giving ceremony at the senior school building. The funds donated to QAWS and Rota were collected during the annual QA festival 'Quackfest' held earlier this year.

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