

QATAR JOINS DRIVE TO REVIVE ARAB GOLDEN AGE

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Qatar, led by H H Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, chairperson of Qatar Foundation, will today join a new international drive to revive the Arab Golden Age of science and help usher in the Middle East into a new era of innovation and knowledge creation.

Qatar Foundation (QF) is participating in two events at the Royal Society in London, which highlights Arab contributions to modern science and Qatar's role in leading the region, through contemporary collaborations, into a new golden age.

A roundtable discussion titled Routes to a knowledge based economy will compare and contrast the Qatari model with that of Brazil, Norway and Singapore in building knowledge-based economies, and draw on examples of best practice.

The Royal Society is also staging an exhibition, Arabick Roots, supported by QF that explains the works of Arab scientists dating back to the Middle Ages.

The exhibition, which will move to Doha in December, showcases letters and historical Arabic and Persian manuscripts, and their Latin translations, from its archives.