



The Cultural Village Foundation-Katara, Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Qatar Tourism Authority Confirm Support to 4th Edition of Ajyal Youth Film Festival

Doha, Qatar; November xx, 2016: The fourth Ajyal Youth Film Festival presented by the Doha Film Institute, has received the support from leading government and private sector entities in Qatar.

Katara Cultural Village renews its commitment as Cultural Partner, serving as the host venue for all editions of the Festival to date, and Occidental Petroleum Corporation continues to build on its association as Principal Partner of the event, a support extended from the very first year. This year, Qatar Tourism Authority (QTA) comes on board as Signature Sponsor, highlighting the value the festival adds to the country's tourism and hospitality sectors.

Fatma Al Remaihi, Festival Director and CEO of the Doha Film Institute, said: "We are thankful to Katara, Oxy Qatar and Qatar Tourism Authority for their whole-hearted support to Ajyal. Their patronage plays an integral role in hosting an inspiring event for all participants and adds to the prestige of the Festival, and Doha's reputation as a cultural hub.

"In addition to hosting filmmakers and young jurors from around the world, Ajyal Youth Film Festival brings together the Qatari community to celebrate world cinema and provides an interactive platform to the region's youth to express their opinions and share their creativity."

General Manager of the Cultural Village Foundation-Katara, H.E. Dr. Khalid bin Ibrahim Al-Sulaiti, added: "The mission of Ajyal Youth Film Festival to celebrate the best in world cinema, drive the growth of a home-grown film industry, and shape future talent is an ideal fit to our goal of supporting vibrant cultural events that further enhance Qatar's brand identity. Katara serves as a world-class venue for the event, and has in the past editions welcomed thousands of families throughout the festival period. This is a festival for the community and we are delighted to support it as its Cultural Partner."

Andrew H. Kershaw, President & General Manager of Oxy Qatar, said: "We are proud to continue our partnership with Ajyal Youth Film Festival, one of the most important cultural events in Qatar. This event serves to encourage creativity amongst the young people in the community, build international friendships and inspire the next generation. Oxy Qatar is committed to supporting the local community by playing an active role in nurturing talent and strengthening Qatar's cultural landscape."

The six-day Ajyal Youth Film Festival brings generations together ('ajyal' is Arabic for 'generations') through activities and events designed to inspire creative interaction among the various sectors of the community. A highlight is the Ajyal Competition with film entries in three segments evaluated by young jurors aged 8 to 21 years. The Festival also features Special Screenings, Cinema Under the Stars, Family Weekend activities and a Creativity Hub.

For more information, please visit ajyalfilm.com

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**About Doha Film Institute:**

Doha Film Institute is an independent, not-for-profit cultural organisation. It supports the growth of the local film community through cultivating film appreciation, enhancing industry knowledge and contributing to the development of sustainable creative industries in Qatar. The Institute's platforms include funding and production of local, regional and international films; skills-sharing and mentorship programmes; film screenings; the Ajyal Youth Film Festival; and Qumra. With culture, community, learning and entertainment at its foundation, the Institute is committed to supporting Qatar's 2030 vision for the development of a knowledge-based economy.

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