



Teacher Preparation Certification Program 2003-2004

Doha (July 05, 2003): The Education Institute of the Supreme Education Council announces its first teacher preparation and training program for all school levels in the State of Qatar. The program, is one of a series of professional training programs, to be offered by the Professional Development Office at the Education Institute to prepare teachers and administrators for schools in the country.

The **TPCP** offers a new opportunity to those who are interested in joining the teaching profession by providing them with an intensive academic and practical experience for one academic year. This program will be taught by international experts.

In collaboration with the *University of Southampton and the Canter for British Teachers (C/BT)* in the United Kingdom, the Education Institute designed the program in accordance with international standards of teacher training and preparation. Graduates will receive a certificate of completion from the **Supreme Education Council** endorsed by the *University of Southampton and the Centre for British Teachers*.

Dr. Darwish Al-Emadi, director of the Education Institute, remarked: "Teachers are the heart and soul of any educational system. We may have the best buildings, the best equipment, and even the best curriculum, without the best teachers, nothing significant happens. The Supreme Education Council, the principal authority responsible for education policies in the country, is strongly committed to train the best teachers. Teacher training is at the top of our priorities.

We want the best teachers in the classroom. We also recognize that all education reforms in different parts of the world have emphasized that the teacher is the backbone of any successful reform. Teachers are conduits to bring the elements of reform into the school environment. Our children, who are the future of this country, deserve to have the best teachers. We have assembled some of the best expertise in the world to train our teachers, so that our children receive the quality education they deserve."

The **TPCP** will begin in September 2003 and the application process **starts today until August 14, 2003** for all qualified graduates in Qatar particularly new graduates.