



The Qatar Ministry of Economy and Commerce and Al-Iktissad Wal Aamal Group are organizing the second annual **Qatar Economic Forum** that will be held on May 21 and 22, 2007 at the Sheraton Doha Hotel and Resort in Doha, Qatar.

Following on the success of the first forum that was held in April 2006 under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar and attracted more than one thousand participants, the second Qatar Economic Forum promises to be an even more important economic event and is expected once again to bring together a large number of high-profile speakers and participants, including government ministers and senior officials from Qatar and other countries, corporate and business leaders, the top management of leading Qatari, Arab and foreign banks and financial institutions, representatives of international organizations, economists and experts, and others.

With its oil and gas revenues now reaching an estimated USD 23 billion annually and expected to continue growing in coming years, Qatar is in the midst of a huge spending spree and development boom that has made it one of the fastest growing Gulf economies. Qatar is on track to become the largest exporter of LNG by 2010 and oil production capacity is planned to rise to more than 1 million b/d by that date. A huge investment program involving development projects with a total value of more than US\$130 billion encompassing most economic and social sectors will speed the process of diversified economic growth, and create considerable business opportunities.

The Second Qatar Economic Forum will cover a wide range of topics and areas of interest and debate in Qatar's booming economy, including:

- A vision of Qatar's economic future and its role in the Gulf.
- The investment environment and foreign investment incentives.
- Development plans and investment opportunities in the oil and gas sector.
- Contracting opportunities in mega projects.
- Development plans and projects in tourism, services and real estate, and related investment opportunities.
- Qatar's future as a regional financial and banking center.
- Prospects for the Doha Stock Exchange and Gulf financial markets generally.
- The education and science development initiative and its modernizing role.

The Forum will be sponsored by a wide number of leading Qatari, Arab and regional companies and institutions, and will be an ideal opportunity to acquire an in-depth knowledge of the latest economic developments in Qatar, as well as to explore investment opportunities and establish business relations with Qatari, Arab and international companies active in the country.

To register for the Second Qatar Economic Forum, please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to one of the addresses listed below. For more information, please log on to [www.iktissad.com](http://www.iktissad.com)

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