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Q-Dive Marine Center Sponsors Seminar

DOHA, QATAR – On Saturday the 8th of May at 7pm, Q-Dive Marine Center hosted a seminar on "Recreational Diving and its Positive Effects on the Environment and Tourism." The seminar was held at the Ramada Hotel in Doha (C Ring Road and Salwa Road Junction) and featured a guest speaker, Dr. Amro Abu Al Fateh from Sharm El Sheik in Egypt.

“The Qatar Diving Scene looks much the way Sharm El Skeik did 20 years ago when we began there.” said Dr. Al Fateh. With the increases in tourism and enthusiasts relocating to Qatar, the team aims to expose divers to the great diversity of life found in the gulf marine environment, and to protect this diversity that is normally hidden from Qatar visitors view.

The seminar focused on recreational diving as the key theme and local divers from such organizations as BSAC and PADI, as well as local marine scientists, experts in marine medicine, and commercial divers attended the event. “Q-Dive is interested in the growth of the diving industry in Qatar, but not at the expense of the environment. We are trying to increase the awareness of all involved such as the scientists’, doctors, and government officials, as well as the divers.” said Managing Director, Khaled Hassan Zaki. Together with General Manager Nasser Al Attiya, who brings many years of diving experience and instruction both in the GCC and Sharm El-Sheikh in the Red Sea, they form the core of the Q-Dive team.

As a result of the seminar and follow-on open discussion forum, Q-Dive staff will be relating a few issues that were brought up by attendees such as the level of government involvement in future artificial reef development and the management of a comprehensive reef program with the relevant authorities in the near future so that there is an awareness for all of the issues that are of concern.

Q-Dive will soon be celebrating its official Grand Opening which will bring an additional GCC based dive center that offers a full range of services including PADI training, diving excursions, equipment rental, and Underwater Video/Photo equipment. Partnerships with high quality specialists such as Trident, Sherwood, Akona, and Zeagle Systems increase the choices for divers in Qatar while ensuring that quality is not compromised. Q-Dive offers training leading to certification such as the PADI Advanced Open Water Diver as well as specialized programs such as the Underwater Videographer or Bubblemaker, a program designed for children 8-9 years old.

Q-Dive is striving to provide diving enthusiasts in the gulf with high quality services and products they need for a safe and enjoyable diving experience and allow GCC visitors and residents to better experience marine life in Qatar.

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