

## Reach Out To Asia – Connect ROTAsia

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Reach Out To Asia (ROTA) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO), established in 2005, which seeks to extend educational opportunities across the Asian continent. Helping the global community reach the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and Education For All (EFA) targets, with particular emphasis on primary and secondary education.

ROTA believes that access to education is vital to sustainable development and is a critical factor in promoting and encouraging the full participation of citizens in their immediate communities.

### Connect ROTAsia

The Connect ROTAsia program connects schools and higher education institutions in Qatar with similar institutions in developing Asian countries. The goal of this program is to facilitate sharing of information, knowledge and educational resources, as well as building educational capacity in local communities.

The Connect ROTAsia program aims to meet this goal through two initiatives:

#### 1. Capacity Building for the use of Technology in Education:

- Enabling developing communities to increase and acquire skills and gain access to technology for the purpose of education.
- Facilitating and enabling capacity building through establishing partnerships with educational institutions, NGO's, IGO's and private industry.

#### 2. Knowledge Network

##### VISION:

To be a dynamic and interactive online community, to increase educational opportunities, enhance existing education quality and bridge cultural divides throughout Asia including the Middle East.

##### MISSION:

To establish a sustainable, connective and collaborative online learning community, with access to international educational resources, which dissolves barriers and leads to a better quality of education and life within Asia.

**The Knowledge Network community will:**

- Share knowledge and expertise of schools and higher education institutions in Qatar with similar institutions in developing Asian countries via a web-based portal.
- Establish online and physical connections between schools and universities in Qatar and developing Asian countries through online and physical programs, activities and services including:

**Online Activities:**

- Collaborative educational online projects for students and teachers through the **International Education and Resource Network (iEARN)** – see more information below
- Access to advice from online subject experts
- Cultural exchange projects
- Online discussion and communication
- General & region specific resource banks
- Facilitation of educational outreach activities and services

**Physical Activities:**

- Educational and community service trips between twinned schools
- Educational equipment and resource donation or exchange
- Educational outreach activities and services

For more information, please visit: [www.rotaknowledgenet.org](http://www.rotaknowledgenet.org)

**About iEARN**

**iEARN** (International Education and Resource Network) is the world's largest non-profit global network that enables young people to use the Internet and other new technologies to engage in collaborative educational projects that both enhance learning and make a difference in the world. Established in 1988 as a pioneering online program among schools in the United States and schools in the Soviet Union, iEARN is now active in more than 20,000 schools and youth organizations in 118 countries.

**Reach Out To Asia (ROTA)** is the iEARN representative in Qatar and building the **iEARN-Qatar** community of teachers and students. ROTA is facilitating projects within the iEARN-Qatar community and between other iEARN communities throughout ROTA's focal countries within the Middle East and Asia.