

Forum on special needs begins today

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DOHA: Autism Speaks, the world's leading autism science and advocacy organisation, will celebrate its collaboration with the Shafallah Center at the fourth Annual International Forum on Children with Special Needs beginning today.

One of the global highlights of "Autism Awareness Month," this month, is the continued partnership between Autism Speaks and the Shafallah Center for Children with Special Needs to raise awareness about autism and the need for early diagnosis and intervention. Autism Speaks is dedicated to raising funds to quicken the pace of research, raising public awareness on autism and giving hope to all those who suffer from this disorder across the globe. Autism Speaks co-founders Bob and Suzanne Wright will celebrate their collaboration with Shafallah Center. Autism Speaks and the Shafallah Center partnered to increase global autism awareness and speed the pace of autism research.

Sheikha Mozah to attend meeting

DOHA: The 4th Annual International Shafallah Forum will kick off today at the Shafallah Centre, which will include musical performances, sessions on physical disabilities, presentation about the services at the Shafallah Centre, discussions on plans for the centre and art exhibits of the students. Students at the Shafallah Centre have prepared presentations to be given in front of H H Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser Al Missned today. Cherie Blair, wife of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who co-chairs the forum with Hassan Ali Bin Ali, Chairman of the centre, will give a speech. Five first ladies, the wife of the Prime Minister of Lebanon, and the princess of Morocco will also attend.



Carlos A Primo Braga, Director of Economic Policy and Debt Management Department at the World Bank, giving a presentation on the last day of the ICTD seminar at CMU-Q. (SHAIVAL DALAL)