

First Lady of Iceland all praise for Qatar

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AILYN AGONIA - DOHA The First Lady of Iceland Dorrit Moussaieff has praised Qatar for helping other countries and sharing invaluable information with them on how to build their capabilities in the field of autism and disability.

Talking to Qatar Tribune on Wednesday, she announced that a delegation from Shafallah will go to Iceland in May to discuss and exchange information in the field of genetic research.

“Iceland is a highly educated country despite its small population of about 300,000. We are in the forefront in the field of genetic research and we are exploring collaboration with the research arm of Shafallah. The center’s Genetic Center Head Dr Hatel el Shanti is slated to visit our country in May,” she said.

Dorrit Moussaieff, who is engaged in promoting Icelandic culture and artistic productions in the international arena, was among the high-profile guests at the 4th Annual International Shafallah Forum. She praised Qatar’s efforts of investing heavily in its manpower and experts in Shafallah in order to boost their technologies and programme. “The programmes in Shafallah are comparable to any of its kind in other countries that I have seen. I think they even surpass those in the US, the UK and many other countries. Sadly, we don’t have this extensive programme in our country but like Qatar we have a very strong support system of families. Shafallah has been extending its assistance to us on how we could start this wonderful programme,” she added.

Moussaieff also lauded the strong relations between her country and Qatar. She said that among the areas of collaboration the two countries are looking into is the assistance of Iceland in developing Qatar’s geothermal field. “Qatar has helped Iceland a great deal and we are hoping to be able to help Qatar in developing their geothermal energy. The forward-looking leadership of this country has sought our expertise in this field,” she said. “We are looking forward to the visit of the Emir His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani and Her Highness Skeikha Mozah bint Nasser al Missned to our country,” she added.

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