



Press Release

ASPIRE'S GOLFERS ACHIEVE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM SUCCESS AT WORLD GOLFERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

8th November 2009, Doha, Qatar: Two of ASPIRE Academy's young golfers earned high rankings at the recent 15th World Golfers Championship in Spain. Jeham Al-Kuwari secured fifth place in the individual competition whilst his fellow ASPIRE athlete, Abdulla Abdurrahman Al-Bishi was fourth in the 10 – 16 handicap.

The two young golfers were also part of Qatar's five-man national team participating in the team Championship and helped the national side secure sixth place in a field of 23 participating countries.

Wayde Clews, ASPIRE's Director of Sports, commented: "This was an excellent result from our two young golfers. Their performance in the Championship, and the qualifiers leading up to it, demonstrate their growing ability to perform at the highest level and deliver sustained successful performances against high-calibre international competitors. With the continued support of ASPIRE and the Qatar Golf Federation, Qatar is certainly developing promising golfers for the future."

Jeham Al-Kuwari said: "It was the greatest moment for me in my sporting career so far. The competition was tough and there was a strong field from the 23 countries participating. I take great confidence from my performance and know that I can build from this and be more successful and competitive in the future."

Fellow golfer, Abdulla Al-Bishi, added: "The team result was excellent and I am proud to have played my part in this achievement. The World Golfers Championship is a very prestigious tournament and I think we demonstrated that Qatar can compete with the best."

The World Golfers Championship is an international golf tournament with qualifiers held around the world. With over 23 countries taking part the Championship is designed to give amateur golfers the opportunity and experience of participating in a global championship event. The 15th World Golfers Championship staged in Marbella, Spain from 24 to 31 October 2009 is supported by tournament patron, Arnold Palmer and Honorary Chairman, Severiano Ballesteros.

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Created in 2004, the ASPIRE Academy for Sports Excellence in Doha has the dual aims of identifying and transforming promising student athletes into world-renowned champions across a wide range of sports and to act as a beacon to draw sporting culture into the centre of life in Qatar and the surrounding region.

The Academy is distinguished by a philosophy which aims to develop the student as a whole, providing them with full academic, social and sporting development.

Unrivalled facilities, housed in and around the world's largest purpose built indoor sports dome, ensure the Academy's reputation as one of the foremost sporting and educational institutions in the entire international community, enticing an ever-increasing number of visitors and users, from sporting legends to global political leaders.

Every aspect of the development of elite athletes is catered for by one indoor and seven outdoor football pitches, athletics tracks, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, diving pool, combat arenas, gymnastics arena, specially fitness weight rooms, lecture halls, dormitories to accommodate what will eventually become 1,000 students, a medical centre and many more facilities.

Launched in 2007, the ASPIRE Football Dreams project has tested over 700,000 young footballers from all over the world including Asia, South America and Africa as part of the largest ever talent search within the sport.

The ASPIRE ACTIVE initiative is a community engagement program spread across the country ensuring that thousands of the nation's residents have accessible and advanced health and fitness activities as routine aspects of their lives. Each social group is catered for by tailor-made classes and programs.

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