

# ROTA holds workshops for teachers

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**DOHA** Reach out to Asia (ROTA), organised two workshops in October as part of its international Education and Resource Network program in Qatar (iEARN Qatar).

The workshops were held on October 8 and 9 and on 11 and 12. While the first focussed on advanced training for teachers to further their professional growth and become mentors of new teachers, the second tried to introduce the iEarn projects to 40 new teachers from 10 schools.

The project, according to Cherie Clark Moore, head of connects ROTAsia, enables students in Qatar to interact with students



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and teachers in a global network. "Through the knowledge network and ROTA's connection with iEarn, we aim at establishing online connections between schools in Qatar and 120-plus countries participating in the network, including ROTA's focal countries through

Asia," she said.

The conclusion of the workshops will lead to the next step of the second phase in which students of various schools will be introduced to the project. "The project will focus on practising the materials provided over the last few months to schools", Moore added. The project utilises the internet to promote the use of information technology in classrooms, opening the doors for students and educators to benefit from academic work and experiences of other students and teachers who are part of the iEarn global network. For a school to be part of the network, it should have the required facilities like a computer and a net connection.