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Qatari designer introduces sports-friendly abayas

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During the pandemic, when gyms and sports facilities were closed, it became quite challenging for women who wear abaya to do sport activities outdoors. At that time, Muneera Al Doseri, a Qatari fashion designer came up with a viable solution to make outdoor sports more accessible to women wearing abaya.

In 2020, she launched the first collection of her brand 'Vibe by Muneera', and it included yoga pants, sports abaya, jumpsuit abayas, casual abayas and travel abayas. The second collection was launched by end of 2021.

Vibe by Muneera, her second brand after Soie De Luxe, has made a big impact on current styles in abayas by becoming arguably the first-of-its-kind sports abayas which can be comfortably worn by women doing outdoor sports activities.

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not convenient for women in abaya to exercise in an open area and in a way that aligned with religious practices. So I designed some sports abayas and asked women to wear while doing sport activities and checked if it addresses the need. And by end of 2020, we launched our first collection," said Muneera.

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women are facing. Women were worried with exposure. They were looking to be freer while doing sport activities. Moreover, they are looking for light fabric, number of clothing pieces to be less, but at the same time to be aligned with religious practices," she said.

"As a result jumpsuit abayas were produced by Vibe as more convenient sport wear, and they delivered an abaya and the active wear as one piece.

"The jumpsuit is the horse of fashion. And the bottom part of our abayas is designed in a flexible way, which will help women in moving without exposing themselves and will support them in performing different types of sports in a comfortable way," said Muneera.

All production of Vibe is made in Qatar and fabric is brought from European sport tech agencies to provide with high quality of sport fabrics such as Spandex, mesh, polyesters and jersey. The fabrics are breathable, able to transfer moisture having comfort, light weight, flexibility and



durability.

"In the new collection we introduced recently, all the sports abayas and jumpsuits were designed with hoods. All of them were made from sport fabric. We also introduced jumpsuits for children in addition to the hoods that could be worn separately and the design were inspired from the Ninja styles. And all the collection launched recently was free size, ready to wear and to be delivered within 48 hours once an order is placed.

"We are currently working on a collaboration with different sport entities and celebrities to add value to the sport ecosystem. Vibe is the first enterprise in the region which mainly

produces sports abayas and the sport abayas were inspired by yoga pants. I see Vibe to be the one-stop shop where active-wear went beyond just the time spent at the gym for men, women and children," she said.

Muneera, who has earned a Master's degree in computer science is working in the area of strategy development and execution. But her passion for art and designs was born during her young age. She was always seeking out for an inspiration in everything more in an artistic way. She has different interests varying from drawing, designing creative cakes and chocolates, but ended in fashion designing.

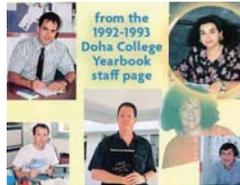
"I did study different aspects

and followed courses in fashion designing. Moreover, I have a personal consultant and adviser who has experience in fashion design and a director of the New York Fashion Week to support and advice me in each single step," said Muneera.

"I started my fashion career in 2019 with my first brand Soie De Luxe which means 'The Luxury Silk', as all the collections were made from 100% Italian and Spanish silk and all the designs were inspired by the Victorian era," she added.

At present her second brand 'Vibe by Muneera' is available online. Live customer service is available at the website, social media channels and business Whatsapp.

Doha College celebrates staff member who has taught for 30 years



THE PENINSULA - DOHA

Doha College, one of the oldest international schools in Qatar, is celebrating its longest-serving member of staff, and one of the most-loved teachers to have taught – and still teach there – Madame Mechmech, as she is known by many generations of students.

Having reached the 30-year service milestone with the school, Mechmech teaches French and is currently a form tutor to one of the Year 10 classes.

She has imprinted her warm voice and image in the hearts of thousands of students who have passed through the halls of Doha College through the three decades.

Mechmech had the immense honour of teaching the Amir H H Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, when he was a student of Doha College. She remembers that time with a great sense of pride. She has lived through the school's transformation and that of the country.



Doha College Principal Dr. Steffen Sommer with Madame Mechmech in January 2020

Mechmech has taught the French language and many aspects of the French culture and has been a nurturing presence that has become synonymous with the Doha College ethos.

On the sports field, she introduced students to the secrets of pétanque, a French 'boules' game. Her cooking course has been a go-to for hundreds working towards the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, and the enticing flavours drifting from her room – particularly that of 'crêpes françaises' – made everyone

wish they were in her class.

"I have stayed all this time because of the lovely people at Doha College. It's my home," Mechmech said on the occasion.

Dr. Steffen Sommer,

Principal of Doha College,

thanked her for her devotion to the college, adding: "In all my years working in schools, and there have been many, I never had a member of staff with this

length of service. Mme

Mechmech has been with Doha College for 30 out of its 41 years. She is an invaluable part of Doha College history, and she has our everlasting gratitude."

Effective airport operations

Airports host millions of travelers all year long. Isn't a simple task to establish order in such conditions, but it is essential to both the functioning of the hub and its visitors. Every process must be completed accurately, every check-out made certain.

In addition to a battalion of well-trained staff members, this requires a variety of new and advanced technology, an invaluable helper in our day and age. From communication to infrastructure to data-based solutions, here are the indispensable factors that must be respected for airports to function properly.

Communication

Ever heard the saying "communication is key"? Nothing could be more true or important, as clear and timely transmission of information between the staff members of the airport is the number one component of the proper airport operations. Communication channels must be put in place and multiplied in order to ensure that all parties always remain informed of the situation and developments in airport.

Various devices are employed to facilitate and accelerate this process, so as to guarantee the smooth flow of the airport's daily routine and potentially avoid accidents. Here's is a non-exhaustive list of some of these methods.

To begin with, several primary solutions such as the message handling and aeronautical information systems are installed in airports, as per the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Some of these provide live display of information about the arriving and departing flights to all the Aeronautical information services (AIS) users around the globe.



Others, such as the ATS Message Handling system, are meant for ground-to-ground communication between the different parts and vehicles of the airport. The two-way air-to-ground communication, used between aircrafts and operators is also an essential factor in the safety of the flight. This method nowadays tends to use radar signaling.

As for the cabin crew on board of the aircraft, they communicate with the air controllers and other flights in the vicinity via very high-frequency (VHF) and ultra-high frequency (UHF) and radio communications.

Finally, the Aeronautical Fixed Telecommunications Network (AFTN) is a global complex of aeronautical fixed circuits. This helps transfer and exchange signals and data between airports all over the world.

Infrastructure

If communication is the core aspect of a functioning airport, a durable shell of infrastructure should envelop this complex network of data transmission. Various parts, such as pathways between terminals should be clearly labeled and accessible. These should further be connected to the airfields, ensuring safe landing and departures of the aircrafts. Investing in high quality services, such as provided by Bayanat Engineering, has therefore become a priority of airports worldwide.

Infrastructure also incorporates clear signage and public address systems that indicates directions to the passengers, hence improving the overall workflow of the aerial hub.

It is also important to know that clear signage is essential when it comes to safety, such as in the case of emergency or a potential need for evacuation.

The digital

Throughout it all, a whole plethora of digital solutions have further facilitated the running of the airport. These range from scanners, to surveillance, to information exchange, to flight update reading devices. The electronically transmitted data arrives faster and is more accurate. All the best airports around the world have implemented these new crucial measures that have increased their functioning thousandfold.

Bayanat Engineering, the Qatari company credited with supplying the renowned Hamad International Airport, has a large catalogue of services and solutions adapted to optimize flow of the airport operations. For more information, visit <https://www.bayanatengineering.qa/>.



MES Indian School marks National Sport Day

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MES Indian School (MESIS) Abu Hamour Branch celebrated Qatar National Sport Day (NSD) virtually with the theme observed this year – "Sport is Life."

MESIS aims to promote a healthy lifestyle among its students and staff.

The school conducted sport

activities and competitions, including sports quizzes, badminton, basketball, football, and basketball.

There was high participation and competition among students. Students competed against one another and showed a high sense of teamwork, sportsmanship, and individual brilliance.

Principal Dr. Mohammed

Haneef, while commenting on the importance of the day, said, "To have a sound mind, we must have a sound body first, and to have a sound body, we must engage in sports."

Students also shared short videos of their favourite sports moments.

The sports competitions were conducted by PE teachers Sajudheen and Jibins Jose.