

Tourism statistics workshop today

DOHA: The Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics, in cooperation with Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries in Ankara, is organising a tourism statistics workshop today at InterContinental Hotel.

The three-day workshop aims to highlight the importance of statistics in measuring the contribution of the tourism sector to the national economy via bringing to light statistical concepts, definitions, and methods used in tourism sector assessment.

The event is part of efforts to build statistical capacity for government and semi-government agencies, and in response to the requirements of concerned ministries and bodies, the ministry said yesterday.

The workshop also responds to international recommendations released in the 45th session of the

UN Statistical Commission.

It was held in New York last March when the commission agreed on member states' approval of World Tourism Organization (WTO) statistical recommendations in 2008.

The workshop also intends to identify data sources relevant to this aspect, and train participants to establish and publish tourism-related household and institutional surveys.

The Turkish experience and expertise will benefit participants who will also discover international standards related to the measurement and use of data to build the tourism sub-account, formulate policies, monitor progress, and make sound decisions.

Representatives from ministries and agencies will take part in the workshop, and receive copies of WTO guidelines related to tourism. **THE PENINSULA**

Two innovators make it to *Stars of Science* finals

Sixth season of QF's edutainment TV reality show ends on November 15

DOHA: 'The Intellectual' Thieab Al Dossary of Bahrain and 'The Strategist' Sultan Al Subhi of Oman have stamped their tickets to the November 15 final episode of *Stars of Science* on MBC4. They will compete for the top spot and a share of the \$600,000 prize money.

During an episode punctuated by moments of tension and triumph, the two fan favourites on Qatar Foundation's 'edutainment reality' TV programme successfully defended their projects in the design stage.

Al Subhi and Al Dossary took first and second place respectively to advance, while Walaa Aniba of Tunisia, with her smart head-phones project, fell just short and was eliminated.

