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Moscow, Russia

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Dear Dr. Kaprov,

It is a great pleasure for me, on behalf of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, to invite you to participate as a speaker in the third World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE). The Summit will take place in Doha, Qatar, from 1 to 3 November 2011.

The mission of WISE is to provide a global platform for debate and action with a view to building the future of education. The annual WISE Summit brings together over 1,000 of the world's most innovative thought leaders, decision makers and practitioners from many different sectors, including education, business, politics, civil society and the media. WISE is the only initiative to take this global and multi-sectoral approach to education, innovation and development. And, in the three years since its launch, WISE has been recognised internationally for its efforts to identify and promote innovative practices and for providing a year-round forum for collaboration.

Under the provisional title of "Changing Societies, Changing Education", the 2011 Summit will explore the key role of education in advancing development and opportunities to share innovative best practices in order to inspire effective and sustainable educational models. In addition, this year will feature the award of the first WISE Prize for Education. This is the world's first major education prize to acknowledge outstanding achievement by an individual or a team. The winner will receive a gold medal and a \$500,000 award.

As Founder of Step into the Future, your wide-ranging experience and insight will be invaluable assets. I would therefore be delighted if you would agree to speak in the WISE Focus Session titled "New Methods to Improve Engagement and Learning". Qatar Foundation will cover your travel and accommodation expenses.

For further details of the global aspirations of the WISE initiative, please find enclosed a presentation brochure and visit the WISE website (www.wise-qatar.org).

I would be grateful if you could respond to this invitation at your earliest convenience by contacting either:

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They will be happy to discuss any additional questions you may have.

The WISE community is growing rapidly with participants from more than 100 nations. Thanks to this momentum, I am convinced that the Summit will continue to generate innovative and concrete ideas to help build the future of education. I truly hope that you will honour us with your participation in this exciting event.

Sincerely,



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