QNCECS Holds Workshop in Celebration of World Arabic Language Day

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Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and Science in collaboration with the Qatar Forum of Authors, held a workshop yesterday entitled challenges in teaching Arabic spelling and how to address them, on the occasion of World Arabic Language Day.

The workshop was presented at the Training and Educational Development Center of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education by Professor of Language and Grammar in the Department of Language at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Qatar University Dr. Abdullah Al-Hitari.

Dr. Al-Hitari highlighted challenges of spelling weaknesses, causes, solutions and said that the problem of spelling mistakes has always worried teachers as well as parents and a large class of intellectuals need to figure out a way to deal with it, especially since dictation has a great place as one of the important foundations of written expression, while spelling weakness distorts writing and hinders understanding.

Dr. Al-Hitari pointed out that spelling mistakes is an issue that even highly educated intellectuals deal with.

The Qatari Forum for Authors recently held symposium titled ‘Arabic Language and Artificial Intelligence: Reality Challenges and Future Prospects’ at the headquarters of the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

The symposium came as part of a campaign launched by the Forum last December in cooperation with the Qatar National Commission for Education, Culture and Science and in line with the theme of the celebration of the International Day of the Arabic Language for 2019, where the UNESCO chose the theme of the festive ‘Arabic language and artificial intelligence’.

Dr. Karim Darwish, Senior Researcher at the Arabic Language Technologies Group (ALT) at the Qatar Institute for Computing Research, spoke about the concept of artificial intelligence and its importance in developing the Arabic language in globalization era.
He also discussed the latest technologies used by the Qatar Computing Research Institute for the automatic processing of the Arabic language.