

Generation Amazing Foundation to Welcome Club Deportivo Palestino to Doha for Cultural and Football Exchange

6 October 2025 – Doha, Qatar: Generation Amazing Foundation (GA), the sport-for-development foundation launched during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, will host Chilean football club, Club Deportivo Palestino (CDP), in Doha this December for a week of cultural and sport-based exchange programming as part of the Qatar–Chile 2025 Year of Culture.

Years of Culture Latin American Advisor and Qatar’s former Ambassador to Mexico, His Excellency Mohammed Al Kuwari said: *“The Qatar–Chile 2025 Year of Culture is about building bridges between our peoples, and sport is one of the most powerful ways to do this. Club Deportivo Palestino embodies a story of heritage, identity, and resilience that resonates deeply across continents. Their visit to Doha will inspire young people, celebrate diversity, and strengthen celebrate the strong ties between Qatar, Chile, and Palestine.”*

The initiative reflects GA’s commitment to leveraging football as a platform for cultural understanding, social inclusion, and community empowerment, while strengthening the sporting and cultural ties between Qatar and Chile. The exchange will also highlight the role of football in uniting displaced and diaspora communities, with a special focus on engaging Palestinian residents in Qatar.

Founded in 1920 by Palestinian immigrants in Santiago, CDP is one of Chile’s most iconic football clubs and a source of pride for the global Arab diaspora. The club is recognised for its strong support of women’s football, community outreach, and for serving as a living link between Latin America and the Middle East.

Planned activities during the Doha visit include:

- Friendly Matches: Collaborative fixtures with the Qatar Stars League to celebrate football’s unifying power.
- Community Engagement: A visit to the Gaza residential compound to meet with residents, featuring joint football workshops led by Generation Amazing-trained Palestinian community coaches.
- School Visit: Engage in football for development activation with school students in Qatar.
- Cultural Engagement: Visits to museums and cultural sites in Qatar to experience the unique history and engage with local communities.
- Film Screening: Attendance at *Chasing Dreams*, a documentary series following Syrian refugee youth in Brazil pursuing football careers.

Commenting on the initiative, GA Foundation’s Executive Director Nasser Al Khori said: *“Generation Amazing was founded on the conviction that football is a powerful catalyst for peacebuilding, inclusion, and global connection. By welcoming Club Deportivo Palestino to Doha, we not only celebrate the club’s Palestinian heritage and Chilean identity but also create new opportunities for youth and communities in Qatar to experience the power of cultural exchange. Furthermore, under this initiative, our collaboration with the Qatar Stars League not only highlights football’s unifying power but also showcases Qatar’s rich sporting history and embodies GA’s ongoing commitment to harness football as a force for positive social impact.”*

Through this partnership, GA continues to expand its global legacy of youth empowerment, cultural diplomacy, and shared values through sport, reinforcing Qatar's role as a hub for dialogue and social development.

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About Years of Culture

The Years of Culture initiative, chaired by Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, spearheads long-lasting cultural partnerships between Qatar and other nations. It exists to promote respect and understanding among diverse cultures and serves as a catalyst for bringing people together, nurturing connections, encouraging dialogue, and deepening understanding. At its heart, Years of Culture celebrates the power of cultural exchange, which enriches Qatar's ties with partner countries beyond the dedicated year.

Each year is organised with support from Qatar and partner countries' cultural institutions, ministries, foundations, and private and public sector partners, with assistance from Embassies in Qatar and abroad. Programmes are tailored to explore the unique nature of each partner country with a focus on cultural heritage, creative industries, social and economic development, and innovation.

Previous Years of Culture have included: Qatar-Japan 2012, Qatar-UK 2013, Qatar-Brazil 2014, Qatar-Türkiye 2015, Qatar-China 2016, Qatar-Germany 2017, Qatar-Russia 2018, Qatar-India 2019, Qatar-France 2020, Qatar-USA 2021, Qatar-MENASA 2022, Qatar-Indonesia 2023, and Qatar-Morocco 2024.

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