



Press release

After the successful first state visit of H.R.H. the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, received by then President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Roman Herzog, who already at that time wanted to underscore the importance of Qatar, the slogan of the German Near and Middle East Association around 15 years ago was **G O I N G Q A T A R !**

With the first event in Frankfurt 15 years ago, at which NUMOV, in cooperation with KfW-bankinggroup in Frankfurt, had the honour of welcoming a high-ranking delegation from Qatar led by Energy Minister H.E. Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiahy, as well as Finance Minister H.E. Yousuf Kamal. In order to support bilateral relations more intensively, NUMOV subsequently founded the QATAR-GERMAN-BUSINESS-FORUM as a supporter and point of contact.

Qatar Airways began its activities in Germany a short time later. Today, Qatar Airways is one of the fastest growing airlines worldwide with over 100 destinations worldwide!

Since the first departures from Munich, Qatar Airways now offers 35 weekly connections from Germany to Doha: from Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich and Stuttgart, which are mostly fully booked.

- With an official visit to Qatar by Honorary Chairman of NUMOV, German Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, who enabled the possibility of business activities for a large economic delegation, bilateral relations witnessed a rapid improvement in 2004.
- At the invitation of NUMOV on the occasion of its 75-year anniversary, H.H. Sheikha Moza Al Misnad underlined the ensuing improved relations between both countries and their excellent cooperation, also culturally, with a spectacular performance from the QATAR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.
- Large projects followed, for example the joint venture with DEUTSCHE BAHN, the involvement with PORSCHE or the investment in HOCHTIEF
- Regular exchanges at the highest level have since become commonplace: a few months ago the further state visit of H.R.H. the Emir of Qatar to Germany and the visit of Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Al Attiahy a few weeks ago on the occasion of the NUMOV Gala Event 2011.