

Ambassador Bader Omer Al-Dafa is the chairman of M.O.C Trading Co. Mr. Al-Dafa has served as Ambassador of Qatar to the United States and Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States (OAS). In this capacity, he has played a special role in promoting access to education and the arts in the Arab-American community and among other minority populations in the United States. Mr. Al-Dafa has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in foreign affairs and non-governmental services.

Highlights of Mr. Al-Dafa's service with international NGOs include supervision of programs for building housing for families with limited income in Africa and participation in land mine removal programs in the Balkans. In addition, he has actively participated in fund- raising programs with various children's hospitals that support the social needs of children in Asia and in North America and helped to raise funds and support for the empowerment of women in North Africa and Central Asia. He has also been involved in organizing conferences on democracy and free trade and inter-religious dialogue.

Wherever he has served, Mr. Al-Dafa has focused on international arts and culture as a means to build better understanding between the Arab world and the international community. To this end, he has hosted many international art and exhibitions and cultural events.

At the local level, Mr. Al-Dafa has championed education through the Qatar Foundation by helping prominent US universities establish themselves in Doha's "Education City". He is also instrumental in supporting religious freedom in Qatar by coordinating with various religious communities.

Ambassador Al-Dafa's experiences make him conversant and uniquely qualified in building bridges between different cultures for mutual benefit. In his capacity as Chairman of M.O.C Trading Co. he brings these experiences to bear in the private sector by connecting business opportunities with qualified companies seeking to do business in Qatar.

Mr. Al-Dafa received his Masters in International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University and his Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Economics from Western Michigan University in the United States. He has been awarded the Order Du Mérite from the Republic of France.

He is married to Married to Awatef Al Dafa and has one son & two daughters. He is fluent in Arabic, English, and Spanish and speaks nascent French. His hobbies are Reading, Painting & Music.