

**Business Environment  
&  
Opportunities in Qatar**

**By**

**Dr. Khalid K Al-Hajri**

**General Manager**

**Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

# Agenda

- ❑ Background
- ❑ Economic Indicators
- ❑ Investment Environment
- ❑ Business opportunities
- ❑ Functions of QCCI

# Strategic Location



Area : 11,521 KM

Population : 1,500,000



# High Standards Sports Facilities





# The City View



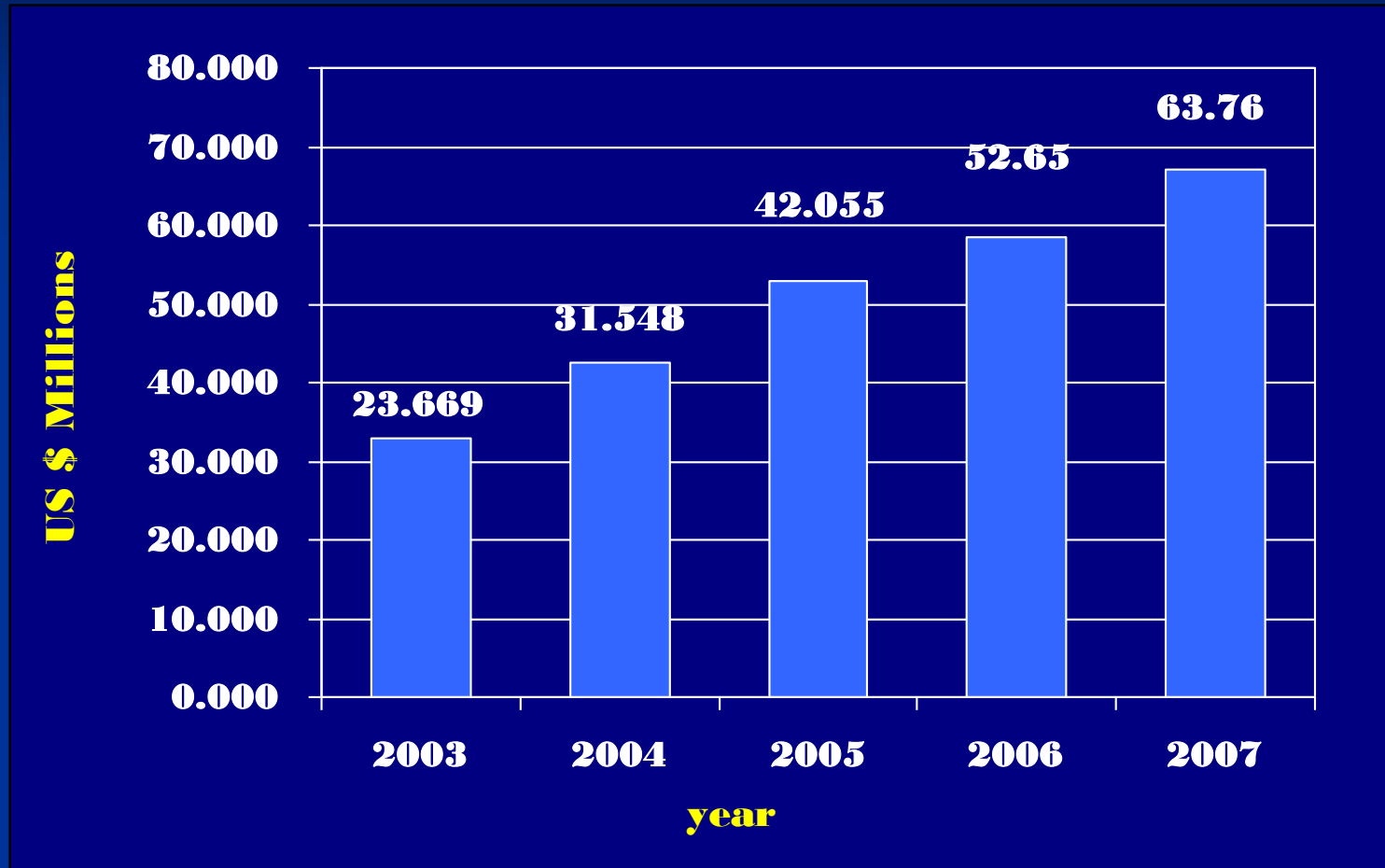
# Constructions Development



# Economic Indicators (2007)

<b>1- GDP</b>	<b>US\$ 63.76 billion</b>  <b>( Oil &amp; Gas 55.7%)</b>
<b>2- GDP –Growth Rate</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>3- Per Capita Income</b>	<b>US\$ 67,000</b>
<b>4- Inflation Rate</b>	<b>13.75%</b>

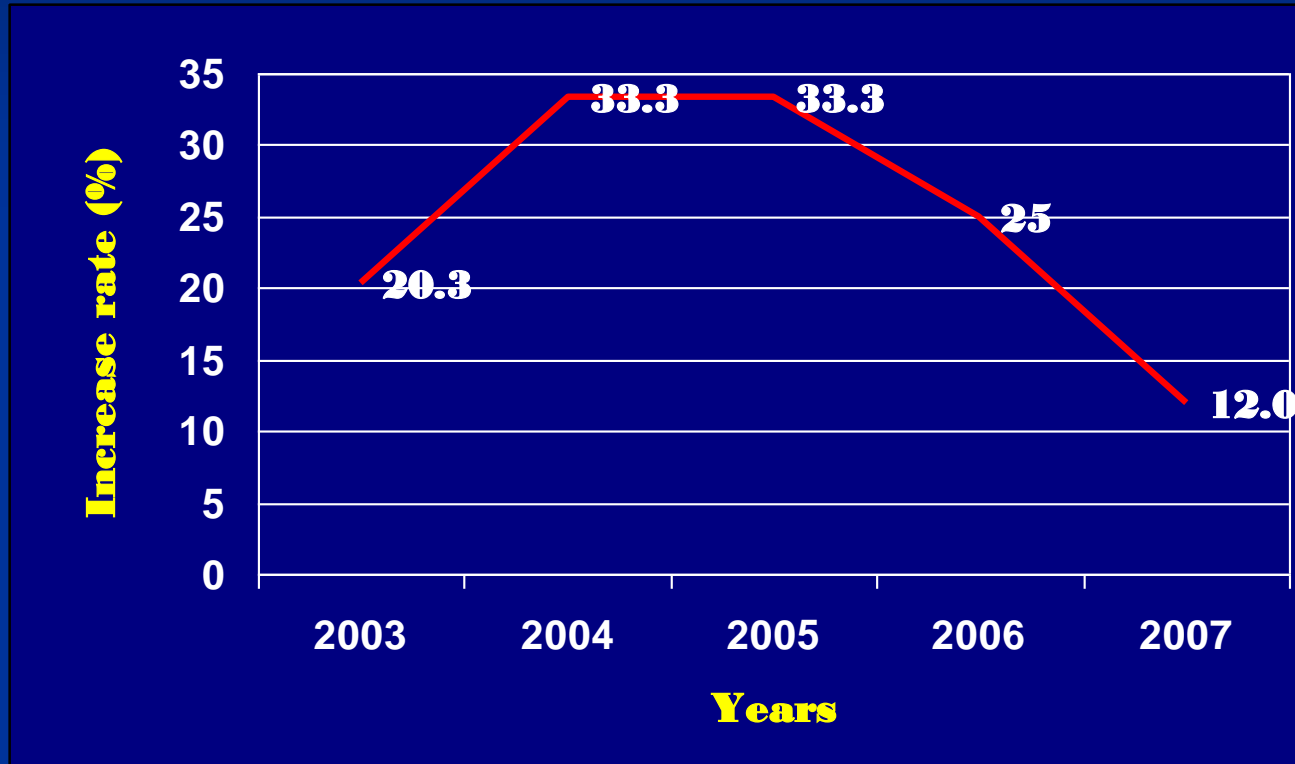
# GDP Growth (2003-2007)



Source: Statistics Authority, March 2008.



# GDP Annual Growth Rate (2003 -2007)



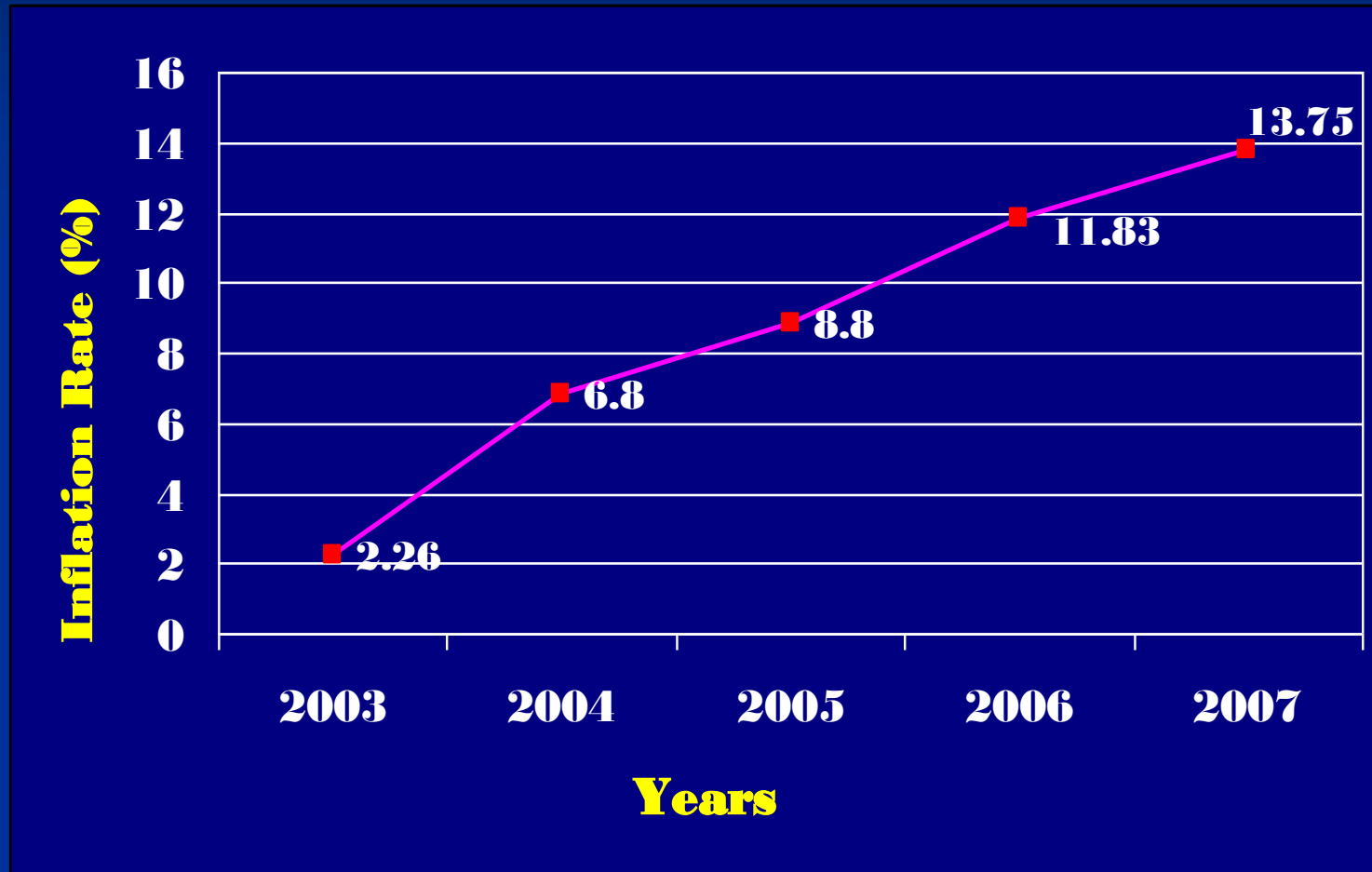
Source: Statistics Authority, March 2008.

# Per Capita Income (2003 -2007)



# Inflation Rate

(2003 -2007)



Source: Central Bank of Qatar, April 2008.



# **Investment Environment**

## **Economic Growth Strategy**

- **National income diversification**
- **Achieve sustainable development**
- **Expand private sector participation**
- **WTO compliances**

# Incentives

- **Foreign investors 100% ownerships**
- **Availability of serviced industrial areas**
- **Competitive energy cost**
- **Qatar Development Bank financial support.**
- **Tax exemption on salaries and project equipments**

# Business Opportunities



# Mega Projects



## **Barrwat Al-khoor**

**Description :** Residential and touristy city.

**Total Area :** 8 Million m<sup>2</sup>.

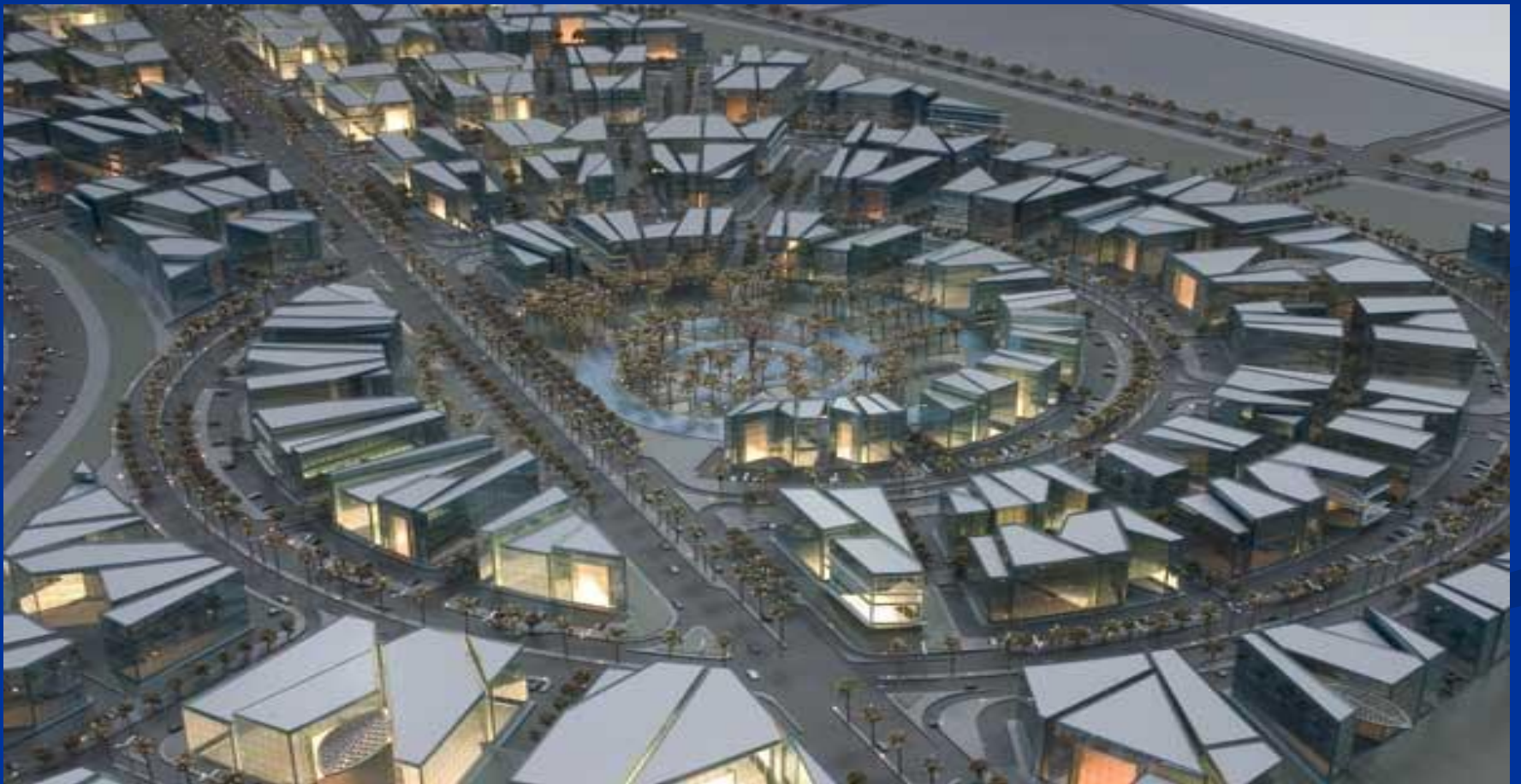
**Total investments :** US\$ 8.2 billions.

**Completion :** 5 years First Phase : 2 years.



# Energy City

- **Estimated Cost:** US\$ 3.5 billions.
- **Completion Date:** Mid 2009.





# Qatar Bahrain Causeway Bridge



**Length:** 40 KM

**Expected Duration :** 50 months

**Total Cost:** US\$ 2.7 Billions

# Functions of QCCI

- 1. Implement the best approaches for private sector concerns**
- 2. Provide information on investment opportunities**
- 3. Arrange and host local and international trade missions**
- 4. Provide advice on how to go about business in Qatar**
- 5. Provide introduction support to Qatari market**



# Implement the best approaches for private sector concerns

## Meeting with the HE The Prime Minister





**Provide advice on how to go about business in the State**

## **Business Council Gathering**





# Arrange and host local and international trade missions







Thank you