



QATAR GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BUILDING

MoU to Strengthen Construction Research and Green Building Education in Qatar

Doha, Qatar, 4 June 2016: Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB); an international professional body for construction management and leadership.

The agreement aims to facilitate collaboration in conducting environmentally sustainable practices for green building design and development in Qatar. The MoU will help maximise the utilisation of the organisations' resources through mutual education, training and the promotion of construction-focused research in Qatar.

Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, said: "Over the past few years, QGBC has conducted vital research into understanding and promoting sustainable best practices within the built environment in Qatar through its array of initiatives, interest groups and research activities. This agreement presents us with yet another valuable opportunity to build on our existing research and tap into CIOB's international influence to better address the needs of the local market."

Eng Al Shamari continued: "The key to QGBC's success in leading sustainability research in the built environment is our in-depth understanding of the local market's sustainability needs as well as our robust network of stakeholders. We will work with CIOB's representatives in the region to undertake joint research endeavours and organise relevant educational and outreach programmes."

Chris Chivers, CIOB President, said: "As construction professionals, it is our duty to be responsible for our environment and for what future generations will inherit. This MoU is a reflection of our commitment to increase awareness and knowledge of sustainable building practices. By pooling our expertise and working together with the Qatar Green Building Council, we can show greater leadership in a marketplace that is witnessing unprecedented levels of construction."

QGBC is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). Through this agreement, QGBC is supporting QF's mission to foster innovation and sustainable development. For more information about QGBC, please visit: www.qatargbc.org

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Image 1: Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, and Mr Mel Prichard, Interim President for the Middle East of the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), during the recent signing ceremony.

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About Qatar Green Building Council:

Qatar Green Building Council (QGBC) is a non-profit, membership-driven organisation providing leadership and encouraging collaboration in conducting environmentally sustainable practices for green building design and development in Qatar. QGBC also aims to support the overall health and sustainability of the environment, the people, and economic security in Qatar for generations to come. The council, a member of Qatar Foundation, was formally established in 2009 by a decree signed by Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser and is helping Qatar on its journey to establish a post-hydrocarbon, knowledge economy and progressive society. Through QGBC, Qatar is part of a network of 80 countries that run active national green building councils under the umbrella of the World Green Building Council.

QGBC's members include, representatives from government, real estate developers, investors, facilities managers, consultants, constructors, manufacturers & suppliers, oil & gas, professional firms, financial services, telecom/technology, academia, NGOs & media.

QGBC is setting up operations from its HQ, organising awareness events, knowledge seminars, training, forums, and networking sessions with the like-minded. To learn more, please visit www.qatargbc.org.

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