

## **QATAR GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL TAPS INTO CHARTERED INSTITUTION OF BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERS' GLOBAL NETWORK**

### ***MoU Aims To Foster Building Management Services Culture For Qatar Construction Industry***

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**Doha, Qatar:** QATAR GREEN Building Council (QGBC) and the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster a standardised building management services culture within Qatar's construction industry.

Under this agreement, QGBC, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, will gain access to CIBSE's impressive global network of building service engineers. The partnership will allow local industry to gain insight into international best practices, while facilitating green and sustainable solution collaborations for some of Qatar's greatest projects.

Held at the HBKU Student Centre, the agreement was signed by Engineer Meshal Al Shamari, QGBC Director, and Peter Kinsella, CIBSE President, in the presence of distinguished guests from both organisations.

Commenting on the new agreement, Eng Al Shamari said: "This accord with CIBSE grants QGBC an invaluable opportunity to further expand its regional and international network.

"Bringing on board a wealth of expertise and experience in providing first-class information and building education services, CIBSE will enable QGBC to better support Qatar's professionals and promote best practice in the field of sustainable building."

Adding to this, President Kinsella said: "QGBC is a unique platform in Qatar that raises awareness about sustainable green buildings by fostering practical education for both industry experts and members of the public.

"Considering CIBSE's distinguished expertise in relevant fields, this agreement will prove vital to the QGBC's efforts as we believe such a partnership will be a great contribution to the Sustainability Pillar of the Qatar National Vision 2030."

This agreement demonstrates QGBC's ongoing commitment to host educational workshops and events that highlight sustainability issues while also providing a viable platform upon which to discuss and exchange green practices and policies.

QGBC, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is a non-profit, membership-driven organisation dedicated to advocating green building solutions, leading industry research, as well as promoting sustainable practice within the community. Through QGBC, Qatar has joined a network of 80 different

countries that run active national green building councils under the umbrella of the World Green Building Council.

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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 H.H. Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser and is helping Qatar on its journey to establish a post-hydrocarbon, knowledge economy and progressive society. Through QGBC, Qatar will join a network of 80 different 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, organizing awareness events, knowledge seminars, training, forums, and networking sessions with the like-minded. To learn more visit [www.qatargbc.org](http://www.qatargbc.org).

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