

PRESS RELEASE

**NOBEL LAUREATE AMONG A-LIST SCIENTISTS TO SPEAK AT QATAR
FOUNDATION'S FLAGSHIP RESEARCH CONFERENCE (ARC'14)**

*Qatar Foundation For Education, Science And Community Development Reveals Three
Distinguished Researchers For Keynote Panel Discussion At Leading Doha Event*

Doha, Qatar, 11 November 2014: Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) today (Tuesday) revealed the names of three globally-renowned researchers who will contribute to the Keynote Panel Discussion at QF's Annual Research Conference (ARC'14) next week.

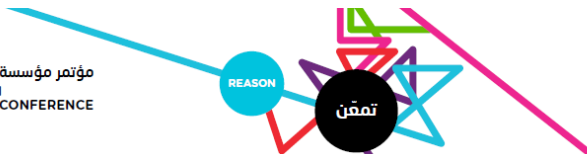
ARC'14 is held under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, chairperson of Qatar Foundation, and supports Qatar Foundation Research and Development's (QF R&D's) mission to build Qatar's innovation and technology capacity while addressing immediate social needs in the community.

The Opening Plenary Discussion will include: Mr Faisal M. Alsuwaidi, President of Qatar Foundation Research and Development; Dr Steven Chu, U.S. Secretary Of Energy (2009-2013) and Nobel Prize-winning Physicist and Professor, Stanford University, USA; Dr Hiroaki Kitano, President and CEO of Sony Computer Science Laboratories in Japan, and President of The Systems Biology Institute of Japan; and Dr David J. Galas, Principal Scientist, Pacific Northwest Diabetes Research Institute, USA.

As one of the main pillars of Qatar Foundation, QF R&D has been active in promoting QF's vision of cultivating life-long learning and interest in science and research in Qatar with the Annual Research Conference organised by QF R&D being its flagship event.

QF R&D is the custodian of the Qatar National Research Strategy (QNRS) and leader of a science and research mission that puts Qatar and the Arab region on the map globally.

This year's conference, 'Towards World-Class Research and Innovation,' will examine research priorities closely aligned to QNRS, including Water Security, Energy Security, Cyber Security and Integrated Healthcare. The two-day event, which will bring together delegates from around the world, takes place on 18 and 19 November at the Qatar National Convention Centre.



The keynote panel speakers announced today (Tuesday) will kick off ARC'14's Opening Plenary Discussion. The special session will examine Qatar's emerging status as an international center of excellence for scientific innovation.

Dr Steven Chu said: "The research priorities Qatar has identified are of critical importance to many nations around the world.

"I am pleased to be part of an emerging global research conference that approaches topics like energy security collaboratively and with a view to transforming a nation's growth, policy and economy. I greatly look forward to our discussion."

Dr Hiroaki Kitano added: "Qatar Foundation and ARC'14's interest in emerging disciplines and national commitment to healthcare innovation, biotechnology and robotics will make for a fruitful and future-focused discussion.

"I am honoured to be a guest at this innovative conference and hope my experiences continue to inspire a young generation to engage with the sciences, solve problems and shape the future."

And Dr David Galas said: "I am delighted to join a discussion where the national importance of scientific discovery and role of research in improving lives and health is given such high priority.

"I look forward to our discussion and to ARC'14, which is evidence of Qatar and the Middle East's growing presence and contributions to the global research community."

Detailed biographies of each speaker and their ground-breaking achievements are available here: <http://www.qf-arc.org/speakers.html>

Building on previous success, ARC'14 will offer thought-provoking panel discussions, technical presentations, and high-powered debates where leading experts will share constructive experiences and innovative approaches. Abstract submissions have also been chosen on their merit and will be presented by leading local scientists on how to help address, lead and guide Qatar's research agenda.

For more information about ARC'14 or to register, please visit: <http://www.qf-arc.org/>.

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