

QATAR FOUNDATION AND SIEMENS COLLABORATE FOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

QF Employees To Benefit From A Wealth Of Economic, Social, And Environmental Knowledge

Doha, Qatar, 13 September 2015: Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) entered into an agreement with Siemens WLL Qatar on Sunday that will see specially-selected QF staff members participate in a comprehensive training programme.

The initiative, entitled ‘Qatar Foundation and Siemens Talent Training Program’ is evidence of the two organisations’ joint efforts in unlocking potential by investing in human capital. In doing so, the partnership is also helping to fulfil the Qatar National Vision 2030 (QNV2030) of transforming Qatar into a knowledge-based economy, while fostering an advanced, prosperous society.

The agreement was signed by Fahad Al Qahtani, Group Executive Director of Qatar Foundation, and Abdurrahman Fatih Sakiz, Chief Executive Officer, Siemens WLL Qatar.

“We are delighted to be collaborating with Siemens for this innovative and comprehensive internship programme,” said Fahad Al Qahtani, commenting on the agreement. “We believe that people are our greatest asset, and with this programme, our employees are set to greatly benefit from an exchange of knowledge, experience, and best practices. The initiative itself also reflects our on-going dedication to unlocking human potential at every level. And by serving as a platform for this process, we are continuing to support Qatar’s National Vision, and its goal of propelling this country to success.”

Abdurrahman Fatih Sakiz said: “I am very pleased by our collaborative training approach as it is an important step towards Siemens’ aspiration to contribute to the development of the people of Qatar. The employees involved will greatly benefit from this knowledge exchange.”

A number of other senior officials from QF and Siemens WLL were also present at the signing ceremony, including Jawaher Al Kuwari, Talent Development Director, Qatar Foundation; Hissa Al Kubaisi, Head of National Development, Qatar Foundation; Hamad Alkhayyat, Senior Executive Vice President, Siemens WLL; and Stefan Werner, Chief Financial Officer, Siemens WLL.

The three QF staff members that have been specially-selected to take part in the inaugural programme include Ahmed Al-Sumaiti, Haya Al-Khater, and Aisha Al-Muhannadi. During the course of the internship, the trainees will take part in a series of on-site workshops and training sessions. Led by a team of Siemens experts, the participants will benefit from a wealth of economic, social, and environmental knowledge. The internship programme will start on Tuesday, 15th September 2015.



Ahmed Al-Sumaiti, a graduate from Texas A&M University at Qatar, is a mechanical engineer currently working in facilities management at Qatar Foundation. “When the internship opportunity arose, I immediately decided to go for it. Siemens is a very big, successful company, and I would like to learn more about the design process in place within the organisation. Having spoken to my mentor, I will start working with the projects in Qatar initially, then there may be an opportunity to also work in the United Arab Emirates, and maybe even in Switzerland, in the main branch.”

Haya Al-Khater, a Qatar University graduate, is working in the HR department at Qatar Foundation, in the training division. Describing the benefits of the training programme, Haya said: “I work in the HR department at Qatar Foundation, but over the course of the next six months I will be working across a number of different departments in Siemens. This means I will have a very well-rounded experience. What I am most looking forward to is being able to take what I learn here, with Siemens, back to my team at Qatar Foundation.”

The ‘Qatar Foundation and Siemens Talent Training Program’ is the latest initiative to be created by the organisations. Both Qatar Foundation and Siemens are already collaborating on QF’s ground-break Tram System, and are working together to transform QF’s flagship development, Education City, into an environmentally-friendly ‘smart-city’. Siemens is set to provide a total of 19 trams altogether, with the first batch arriving in Doha last month.

Photo Captions

Image 1: (Left to right) Abdurrahman Fatih Sakiz, Chief Executive Officer, Siemens WLL Qatar, signs agreement with Fahad Al Qahtani, Group Executive Director of Qatar Foundation Administration.

Image 2: (Centre) Abdurrahman Fatih Sakiz, Chief Executive Officer, Siemens WLL, and Fahad Al Qahtani, Group Executive Director of Qatar Foundation Administration, along with a selection of senior officials from Qatar Foundation and Siemens WLL Qatar.

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Qatar Foundation – Unlocking Human Potential

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world.



Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit <http://www.qf.org.qa>