

Hamad bin Khalifa University's Translation and Interpreting Institute Master Program Validated by the University of Geneva

May 5, 2014 - The Translation and Interpreting Institute (TII) at Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), officially announced obtaining the validation for its Master of Arts in Translation Studies from the University of Geneva. With this endorsement, TII is now recognized as offering both the first graduate degree in translation in the State of Qatar as well as the first externally validated graduate degree at HBKU.

A ceremonial event recognizing TII's achievement was held on May 5th at the Qatar National Convention Center (QNCC) with members of both HBKU and TII's faculty in attendance, as well as senior representatives and the validation committee from the University of Geneva. During the event Dr. David Prior, Executive Vice President and Provost of Hamad bin Khalifa University, commented: "Receiving this validation from the University of Geneva for the Master of Arts in Translation Studies is the first in what will hopefully be a long line of academic accomplishments on which HBKU, will continue to build. HBKU will seek to work and partner with other world-renown institutions as it continues to develop academic programs designed to prepare students to contribute to the future of Qatar."

With this validation, TII receives the Faculty of Translation and Interpreting (FTI) Quality Label from the University of Geneva. This honor is awarded to MATS program that have been reviewed and assessed by the University of Geneva. During the validation process, TII received a delegation of selected University of Geneva faculty and staff, including Dr. Stéphane Berthet, Secretary General of the University of Geneva and Chair of the Certification Committee. The process began in April of 2013, with the FTI Certification Committee completing the validation process of the Master in Arts in Translation Studies in May of 2014.

Addressing the validation achievement, Dr. Amal Al-Malki, Executive Director of TII stated: "Obtaining the FTI quality label from the University of Geneva is a testimony that TII is indeed on the right track in realizing its vision of offering top-class translation and interpreting postgraduate programs and working towards Qatar National Vision 2030. We have attracted faculty members with international profiles and sound research records, as well as certified professional translators with different language combinations to create a program upon which translation and interpreting will be built both in Qatar and the Gulf region."

The validation initiative was spearheaded by TII's Director of Postgraduate Studies and Research, Dr. Moneera Al-Ghadeer who supervised the process said on achieving this prestigious recognition: "In line with our vision to offer quality translation and professional training in Qatar, we have sought to obtain international validation for our Master of Arts in Translation Studies. We have worked diligently towards achieving international validation from the University of Geneva since the inception of our academic program."

TII's achievement of the FTI Quality Label from University of Geneva is a great accomplishment, and will provide a platform of opportunity for TII's current and future students entering the

global market and offer a number of opportunities to pursue their PhD. Those who recently graduated from Hamad bin Khalifa University during Convocation 2014 will have earned a degree not only characterized by the quality of TII and HBKU, but also internationally recognized and endorsed by one of the world's most renowned translation institutes.

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About The Translation and Interpreting Institute

The Translation and Interpreting Institute (TII) is part of Hamad bin Khalifa University. Founded with a remit to build capacity in Qatar and the region and to function as a physical and virtual space within which sophisticated translator and interpreter education, high-level training in a range of languages, and quality translation and interpreting services are delivered to the highest international standards, TII also provides a platform for conducting cutting edge research in the field and is committed to fostering an environment that is supportive of cultural exchange and scholarly excellence.

Led by a distinguished international team of faculty and staff, TII consists of a Postgraduate Studies section, a Research Center, a Language Center and a Professional Services section. It organizes a wide range of international and local events throughout the year, many of which are open to the public.

About Hamad bin Khalifa University

Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is an emerging research university building upon unique collaborations with local and international partners. Located in Education City, HBKU seeks to provide unparalleled opportunities for scholarship, teaching, discovery, and learning for all of its students through an array of interdisciplinary programs.

HBKU's partners are Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Northwestern University in Qatar, HEC Paris in Qatar, and University College London Qatar.