

Hamad bin Khalifa University's Executive Master in Energy and Resources Concludes Second Module with Special Visit from Mr. Nicolas Hulot

DOHA, May 20, 2014 – Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) recently concluded the second module of its Executive Master in Energy and Resources program with a visit from Mr. Nicolas Hulot, Special Envoy of French President Francois Hollande.

The 10-day module was hosted at HBKU's partner university, Texas A&M University at Qatar (TAMU-Q), where Mr. Hulot met with participants; delivering an inspired speech surrounding environmental and climate change issues as well as discussing potential solutions to these issues facing the global environment. Mr. Hulot, Officer of the French Légion d'honneur, is also the founder and president of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation for Nature and Mankind, an environmental group established in 1990, as well as a 2012 candidate for the Europe Écologie-Les Verts primary for the French presidential election.

Speaking about Mr. Hulot's speech surrounding global climate issues, executive master candidate Yousef Al-Jaber, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility for Total E&P Qatar, commented: "Mr. Hulot's speech presented new horizons for the way we think about climate change and its impact on the world. I appreciated the opportunity to voice my ideas and opinions during the session with my colleagues, and believe it created a deeper and more holistic understanding of these global issues, and what can be done to change the course of the future."

During the second module, participants also attended lectures on geopolitics of both water, and oil and gas, by Associate Professors Dr. Mark Giordano and Dr. David Painter from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., who came to Doha specifically for this module. Candidates also sat for lectures with a series of experts in Fossil Fuel Technologies from both the home and Qatar campuses of Texas A&M University.

In addition to classroom lectures, HBKU seeks to provide enriching educational experiences from a variety of stakeholders, such as the visit from Mr. Hulot, as well a session with Abdullah Al Sulaiti, Managing Director of Nakilat, a Qatari-based liquid natural gas shipping company. Mr. Al Sulaiti facilitated a lively and active exchange on strategy.

Commenting on HBKU's commitment to providing interdisciplinary and extra-curricular educational opportunities for students, Antoine Hyafil, Academic Coordinator for the Executive Master program said: "It is a huge privilege for the 28 students to interact with speakers like Abdullah Al Sulaiti, who runs the biggest LNG shipping company worldwide, or with the Special Envoy of the French President, who talks to the Prime Minister in the morning, and debates with them in the afternoon. It adds immeasurable value and allows for students to apply what they are learning to real world projects."

HBKU's Executive Master in Energy and Resources is a part-time program comprised of concentrated modules over a 16 month period, presented with partner universities Texas A&M University, Georgetown University, and HEC Paris. Applications for the second intake of students, beginning February 2015, are currently open for interested participants.

For applications or more information on the Executive Master in Energy and Resources program, please visit <http://www.hbku.edu.qa/ExecutiveMasterE&R>

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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.