

PRESS RELEASE

**Hamad bin Khalifa University's Translation and Interpreting Institute
welcomes applications to its Language Center courses**

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Doha, December 6th, 2014 – The Language Center of Hamad bin Khalifa University's (HBKU) Translation and Interpreting Institute (TII) is now accepting applications for its upcoming language courses. Those interested in learning or mastering a foreign language can enroll in a wide range of courses in one of five languages: Arabic, English, French, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese.

Registration for the next term, which runs from January 18th through April 15th, is open until January 15th. Those interested in pursuing a language course during the summer term, which spans from May 3rd to May 27th, can register between April 18th and April 30th. Courses are delivered in TII's facilities in Education City.

In today's competitive market, language skills are becoming increasingly critical for professional advancement in any sector. TII's Language Center offers courses at levels suitable for beginners, intermediate students and advanced students, in order to provide for an optimal learning experience. The English program is particularly extensive, with courses on offer including an IELTS Preparation Course, a TOEFL Preparation Course, two Business English courses – namely, Business Essentials and Business Skills – and an Academic English course.

Reflecting on the development and growth of the Language Center, Mounir Ouanaimi – who presently serves as its Director – stated: "TII's Language Center is now a known player in the domain of foreign language education in Qatar. Every semester, we are more in tune with the needs and requirements of our audiences and we are always a step ahead in properly satisfying them."

Additional information is available online at <http://www.tii.qa/language-center>.

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About The Translation and Interpreting Institute

Hamad bin Khalifa's Translation and Interpreting Institute (TII) was established with a mission to build translation capacity in Qatar and the region. Under the umbrella of HBKU and as an initiative of Qatar Foundation, TII is situated in the prestigious Education City. It is a physical and virtual space that delivers sophisticated post-graduate translator and interpreter education, high-level training in a range of languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) and quality translation and interpreting services of the highest international standards.

TII will contribute to capacity building in the areas of scholarly research and translator training through its Postgraduate Studies, Research Center, Language Center and Professional Services, delivering a qualified cadre of high-level professionals within the region.

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 UCL Qatar.