

PRESS RELEASE

HBKU's TII Language Center took part in Made in China event as it prepares for spring courses in Arabic, French, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese

Doha, December 28, 2015 – The Language Center at the Translation and Interpreting Institute (TII) of Hamad bin Khalifa University, a member of Qatar Foundation, is now accepting applications for its spring 2016 programs. Registration for courses in various proficiency levels in Arabic, French, Spanish, and Mandarin Chinese will remain open until January 12th.

TII's Language Center seeks to turn its students to lifelong learners, providing quality language instruction in the classroom, as well as opportunities to take learning into the community. In previous years, students have been invited to attend events with the Chinese ambassador, and travelled with their class to Grenada, Spain, and to Tours, France, where they were given the chance to live with local families.

As part of its outreach beyond the classroom, the Language Center team recently took part in Made in China 2015, the first comprehensive showcase and trading platform in Qatar for high-end Chinese productions and solutions in the field of construction science & technology. By reaching out to the governmental and corporate community interested in building a relationship with China, TII hopes to illuminate how language learning can be of benefit not only personally, but also professionally.

Asaad Kahlout, Director of TII's Language Center, explained: "Our classes tend to be quite diverse with students beginning their study from different backgrounds, motivated by a multitude of reasons and with varying levels of understanding of the target culture. In order to drive class participation and engagement, teachers often assign group work and encourage students to support the learning of their classmates."

In line with the TII's goal to serve the language-training needs of the community in Doha, courses take place twice a week and are conveniently timed to suit the schedules of both those who work during the day and those who would rather keep their evenings free. Morning sessions are available at 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM or 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM and evening sessions are available at 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Students are also granted access to TII's state-of-the-art labs to supplement textbook study and practice active listening.

Those interested can find more information by visiting <http://www.tii.qa/en/tii-language-center>

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About The Translation and Interpreting Institute

Hamad bin Khalifa University'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, Spanish and Chinese) 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 and Research Department, Language Center, and Professional Services Center, 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.