

PRESS RELEASE

## HBKU Celebrates 10 Years of LeaderShape in Education City

Doha, 15 May 2014 – Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LeaderShape in Education City this year. The one-week residential leadership program was organized by HBKU Student Life as an EBDA initiative from May 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> and open to students from HBKU and its partner universities in Education City. 40 students were accepted into the program after a rigorous selection process and spent the week in HBKU’s Housing Complex, learning how to live and lead with integrity.

The initiative was part of EBDA, HBKU and Maersk Oil Qatar’s experience-based leadership development program that seeks to empower future leaders of Qatar. Taking learning outside of a traditional classroom setting, students were taught life skills such as time management, working well in teams, and problem-solving under pressure.

Ameena Hussein, Director of the HBKU Student Center said: “HBKU Student Life is honored to sponsor the 10th Anniversary LeaderShape Education City session. LeaderShape is a long standing tradition in Education City and it is inspirational to see this group of 40 young leaders learning to lead with integrity as they pursue their personal visions. This program also brings to a close another successful year of the EBDA leadership development program and we look forward to offering students more innovative programming in the coming year.”

LeaderShape is a program that was originally founded in the USA and is now delivered to campuses across the world. Seeking to foster a healthy disregard for the impossible, the program was brought to Education City in 2006 and is now the longest-standing international institute that LeaderShape delivers. Over the course of the week participants explored topics like how to bring a vision to reality and the value of one, the power of all.

Hissa Al Badr, a participant in the program from Georgetown Qatar University (GU-Q) commented on the experience: “I appreciate HBKU opening the LeaderShape program to students from across Education City. The energy of the community was inspirational and contagious. It isn’t every day that you get to be surrounded by such an energetic and diverse group of people that are so passionate. Learning about what they care about not only recharged my energy, but also motivated me to keep going in achieving my own vision.”

Through its innovative academic programs and initiatives such as LeaderShape, HBKU aims to build and cultivate human capacity through offering students an enriching academic experience that extends beyond the classroom. To learn more about the university’s programming, please visit <http://www.hbku.edu.qa/>

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## **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 that is building its foundation upon unique collaborations with local and international partners. Located in Education City, HBKU delivers undergraduate and graduate programs through its College of Science and Engineering, Law School, College of Public Health, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, and its College of Humanities and Social Sciences. It also provides unparalleled opportunities for research and scholarship through its research institutes, and its Center of Executive Education delivers customized programs for the business community of Qatar and the region, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030.