

PRESS RELEASE

## **HBKU and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research Sign Collaborative Agreement**

The agreement encourages the provision of facilities, promotes student and faculty exchange, and drives joint research efforts

**Doha, November 29, 2017** – Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Science, Education, and Community Development, and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) signed a five-year partnership agreement, cementing a commitment to collaborate on and fund joint research projects between them. The partnership aims to advance initiatives between the two Gulf countries and the strong commitment to the shared vision between Qatar and Kuwait.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Ahmad M. Hasnah, president of HBKU, and Dr. Samira Omar, director general of KISR, marking the establishment of a joint committee for cooperation, to oversee the implementation of the provisions of the agreement, and to agree on future projects going forward.

The collaboration means that both institutions will coordinate efforts to facilitate an encouraging environment for innovative minds to conduct scientific research. This will materialize through the provision of training, funding, laboratories, as well as other resources. In addition, both entities have pledged faculty supervisors to assist in assessing graduate theses and projects of the other institution.

Commenting on the new partnership, Dr. Hasnah said: “HBKU’s strategic vision is built upon the foundational pillars of innovation and developing partnerships that facilitate and encourage a unique learning ecosystem for our scholars, researchers and students. Our partnership with KISR advances our common objective to address environment, energy and water security challenges, which are critical to Qatar and the region. The agreement also amplifies our intent as a leading academic institution to build on regional partnerships that have an impact locally and globally.”

The agreement also includes a comprehensive arrangement of joint-commitment initiatives that facilitate student research through a variety of supportive measures, including funding, provision of faculty supervisors, exchange opportunities, and more that seeks to yield a successful and fruitful partnership.

Dr. Omar also stated: “KISR’s approach to meeting challenges is distinguished by a culture of openness, a commitment to our clients, and an integrated, cross-disciplinary approach and that the institute

routinely embarks on strategic partnerships with other regional and international institutes, agencies, and academic bodies, allowing an exchange of knowledge and expertise. Furthermore, KISR is home to over 580 researchers and engineers and over 100 laboratories, housed at 9 locations, with growth expected through the implementation of a new strategic plan. KISR conducts scientific research and performs technological consultations, often in partnership with other regional and international institutions, for governmental and industrial clients in Kuwait, the Gulf region, and the rest of the world and added that this agreement with HBKU shows a lot of promise. These partnerships, driven by a philosophy of collaboration runs deep within our culture to help build up our knowledge base, and facilitate the free flow of information, data, and expertise

The HBKU – KISR agreement is the first agreement between HBKU and the Kuwaiti institution, and confirms the university's unwavering commitment to pursue solid, regional partnerships.

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**About Hamad Bin Khalifa University**  
***Innovating Today, Shaping Tomorrow***

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), was founded in 2010 as a research-intensive university that acts as a catalyst for transformative change in Qatar and the region while having global impact. Located in Education City, HBKU is committed to building and cultivating human capacity through an enriching academic experience, innovative ecosystem, and unique partnerships. HBKU delivers multidisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs through its colleges, and provides opportunities for research and scholarship through its institutes and centers. For more information about HBKU, visit [www.hbku.edu.qa](http://www.hbku.edu.qa).

**About Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR)**  
***Science in Action***

KISR is a pioneering, independent, national institute of scientific excellence. It was established in 1967 by Japan's Arabian Oil Company Limited, in partial fulfillment of its obligations under an oil concession agreement with the government of the State of Kuwait. KISR's initial role was dedicated to developing three fields of national importance: petroleum, desert agriculture, and marine biology. Since then, KISR's role and responsibilities have expanded greatly to include the advancement of national industry and the undertaking of studies to address key challenges, such as the preservation of the environment, sustainable management of Kuwait's natural resources, responsible management of water and energy, and development of innovative methods of agriculture. More information can be found on our website : [www.kisr.edu.kw](http://www.kisr.edu.kw).