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New CMU-Q Dean's Panel Series delves into challenges, opportunities in Qatar

Carnegie Mellon Qatar forum takes on topical, relevant questions in the areas of science, business and technology

DOHA, QATAR: Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q) has introduced a new forum to discuss the issues and opportunities facing different sectors of Qatar's economy.

The Dean's Panel Series brings together experts from government, research and industry to delve into topical and relevant questions within each of CMU-Q's program areas. This semester, panels have included topics within the areas of biological science and information systems.

Michael Trick, dean of CMU-Q, said: "To have a transformative impact on society, the first step is to understand the issues that industry leaders, policy makers and government officials are facing. The Dean's Panel Series is an excellent forum for the community to learn more about where we can make the most significant, meaningful impact."

The first panel of the academic year discussed the burgeoning pharmaceutical industry in Qatar. The panel included experts in the research, policy, regulation and manufacture of pharmaceuticals in Qatar: **Dr. Ahmed Al Mohanadi**, CEO of QLife Pharma, **Dr. Omar El-Agnaf**, acting executive director of Qatar Biomedical Research Institute, **Dr. Emad Mansour**, supervisor drug registration, Ministry of Public Health, and **Dr. Salvino Salvaggio**, senior director of Implementation and VP RDI Office Management

CMU-Q's second panel discussed e-commerce and its role in the future success of Qatar. The panel included **Faleh Al Naemi**, chairperson and managing director of Qatar Post **Amna Jassim Sultan**, isteshara manager of Qatar Development Bank, and **Amina Ahmadi**, co-founder of Oola Sports.

CMU-Q offers undergraduate degree programs in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science and information systems. The Dean's Panel Series will return in early 2019 with topics crucial to the areas of business administration and computer science.

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About Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

For more than a century, Carnegie Mellon University has challenged the curious and passionate to imagine and deliver work that matters. A private, top-ranked and global university, Carnegie Mellon sets its own course with programs that inspire creativity and collaboration.

In 2004, Carnegie Mellon and Qatar Foundation began a partnership to deliver select programs that will contribute to the long-term development of Qatar. Today, Carnegie Mellon Qatar offers undergraduate programs in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science, and information systems. Nearly 400 students from 38 countries call Carnegie Mellon Qatar home.

Graduates from CMU-Q are making a deep impact in Qatar and around the world. Most choose careers in top organizations, and many have completed graduate studies. A growing number are pursuing entrepreneurial projects. With 11 graduating classes, the total number of alumni is nearly 800.

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