



## HBKU Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Turkey's Ibn Haldun University

*Collaboration on research and academic programs highlighted in the agreement*

**Doha, March 24, 2018** - Two prominent academic institutions in Qatar and Turkey, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) and Ibn Haldun University (IHU), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at a ceremony in the Turkish city of Istanbul. The agreement will see both higher education institutions cooperate on graduate-level education, as well as collaborate on joint research, publications, specialist area projects, and language programs. The agreement also creates a scope for HBKU and IHU to jointly organize symposia, seminars and conferences.

In a ceremony attended by members of staff and faculty, President of HBKU, Dr. Ahmad M. Hasnah, and President of IHU, Dr. Recep Şentürk, signed the agreement with the presence of members of Turkey's greater academic community, public guests and media personnel.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Dr. Ahmad M. Hasnah, president of HBKU, said: "Meaningful collaborations with institutions that share common goals around the world are integral to what we do at HBKU. This partnership with IHU aims to provide scholars at both institutions with a platform to share knowledge and expertise, which will help them tackle the challenges that face modern societies at the political, social and economic levels. It will also give students the opportunity to study and examine these issues within a dynamic environment, as well as benefit immensely from different educational set ups."

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Dr. Recep Şentürk, president of IHU, said: "We welcome the landmark cooperation between IHU and HBKU given our shared strategic focus and the inherent potential that this excellent partnership brings. Ibn Haldun University is committed to furthering its ties with HBKU as we go from success to more success given our ideals of excellence and impact. I look forward to seeing the fruits of our cooperation, as we share the same purpose of striving to do more for our societies and to realize new paradigms of possibility for our nations and fields of knowledge."

As part of the new agreement, HBKU's College of Islamic Studies (CIS) and College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) will cooperate with the Ibn Haldun University on various aspects of their master's program on offer in Qatar, namely Islamic Studies; Islamic Finance and Economy; Islam and Global Affairs; Digital Humanities and Societies; Women, Society and Development; Translation Studies; and Audiovisual Translation. Furthermore, the cooperation will also extend to CIS's PhD program: Islamic Finance and Economy.

The agreement also involves a student exchange element across relevant programs and information. The two academic institutions will facilitate visiting researchers and collaborate on research projects



between HBKU's and IHU's respective colleges in the interest of developing an enhanced understanding of Islamic finance, applied ethics, disciplines of digital humanities, literature, gender studies, and leadership development programs. Additionally, the universities will establish multidisciplinary summer programs between the two campuses to create a reciprocal relationship of co-teaching, co-supervising and rotational visits.

Lastly, in a bid to foster an enhanced understanding of each other's respective cultures, the Qatari and Turkish institutions will also collaborate on aspects of Ottoman history, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) studies, and Gulf studies. As this goes into effect, HBKU and IHU will aim to make their Arabic and Turkish language schools available to students and language specialists of each other's campuses.

HBKU's agreement with IHU comes as the latest in a series of academic and research partnerships that the University has signed recently.

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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 Ibn Haldun University**

##### ***Intellectual Independence***

Ibn Haldun University (IHU), a pure humanities and social sciences research university that proposes to cover this whole field, including all its basic disciplines, and all the way up to its outer boundaries in music, art, and architecture. IHU provides a comparative and multi-dimensional education through its highly competitive faculty. It also has a robust network of affiliated educational institutions that keep our students connected with a wider world. For more information about IHU, visit [www.ihu.edu.tr](http://www.ihu.edu.tr).