

SPECIAL FEATURE

HBKU Graduates Largest Class To-Date

Milestone Cements Qatar's Position as a Hub of Education

Doha – May 06, 2018: Since the commencement of its first graduating class in 2014, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a homegrown institution for higher learning and education, has made remarkable achievements by consistently graduating its largest-ever number of students. The University has a mandate to back Qatar's position as a sought-after destination for education.

Since the University's founding, faculty at its four colleges (College of Islamic Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Science and Engineering, and College of Law and Public Policy) have endeavored to impart higher education in its truest form: through a multidisciplinary approach that combines research with science, Islamic studies, law, and humanities.

For the duration of their studies, students enrolled at HBKU's four colleges were trained to combine intuition and reason in classrooms that followed higher learning's highest pedagogical standards. Many coupled their academic learning with real industry insight as were set to benefit from the expertise of HBKU's collaborators and partners.

Describing her training placement with the Translation and Training Center, a part of the Translation and Interpreting Institute at HBKU's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Class of 2018 alumna Saidha Afef Gardabbou said, "I translated, revised, and proofread different types of texts such as academic, medical, and promotional materials. I enjoyed my internship experience as well as the cooperation with my supervisors who always welcomed my questions and provided me with valuable advice and additional insights into how to deal with some translation challenges. The detailed feedback I received from them on each task was very constructive and their feedback on my work on computer-assisted translation tools was equally insightful. I learned how to solve a number of technical issues, and, during the conversations I had with my supervisors, I learned various aspects about the advancements in the field of translation technologies.

"Most of the texts I dealt with were challenging, necessitated a good deal of research, and helped expand my knowledge in a variety of topics. Overall, I have learned a lot from my internship during which I had the opportunity to put my academic knowledge into practice. I credit my internship supervisors who guided and helped me improve my work with regards to stylistics, target language conventions, word choice, and register, to mention just a few."

As they draw on industrial experience and complete their academic journeys, each one of HBKU's graduates walks with the commitment of reshaping society and the world into a better place to live.

Class of 2018 alumnus of the College of Islamic Studies, Ayatullahi Seidu said: “One of the great benefits of having studied at HBKU’s young and expanding campus was having the opportunity to continuously experience new colleagues, new stories, and new ideas. Students are able to coexist with mutual respect for one another, in spite of the fact that there are lots of different worldviews. This is a unique ecosystem where the spirit of tolerance and diversity of opinion truly dovetail.

“Exposure to multiculturalism has given me a taste of what it means to be a ‘global citizen’. Just as importantly, the state-of-the-art academic resources available at HBKU have provided me with the skills I need to further my professional aspirations.”

This ongoing growth of the student body as well as the higher education sector will yield positive effects at home in Qatar. Diverse academic majors help create a diverse economy.

One Class of 2018 alumnus plans to tap into the growing prospects of professional opportunities in Qatar. Mohammed Abdulla Al-Kuwari of the College of Law and Public Policy said, “Today, contributing to the economy holds cultural consequence. And the conditions in Qatar are making it increasingly easier to achieve professional success. Education at HBKU helps graduating students to quickly adapt and integrate into the job market and its requirements without obstacles or impediments. Furthermore, our resoluteness as a people is on full display and we are strengthening the country with the unprecedented development.

“Now more than ever Qatar’s economy needs us. This situation has forced us to examine, study, analyze and examine the strengths and weaknesses and laws and frameworks governing them as part of our academic study, which we would not have had without this unprecedented situation. And, as a result, today we have a myriad of new horizons and unique opportunities opening for us.”

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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.

