



QATAR NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF KOREA

Aims to Establish a Co-operative Research Framework

Doha, Qatar, 19 April 2016: Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF). The agreement, which aims to pave the way for cooperation between the two entities, was signed on 23rd March at the Qatar Foundation Annual Research Conference 2016 (ARC'16).

The MoU will establish a framework that enables both QNRF and NRF to collaborate on programmes and activities that are of common interest, exchanging ideas and experiences. This comes as part of preparations for both parties to enter into a cooperation agreement in the near future, which will cover the entire spectrum of academic research including joint research, joint seminars, and researcher exchange, among others.

Both Professor Min Keun Chung, NRF President, and Dr Abdul Sattar Al-Taie, Executive Director of QNRF, highlighted the importance of such collaboration to address areas of common interest.

Dr Abdul Sattar Al-Taie stated: "This is a very important step on the way to developing a cooperative agreement with a well-established research entity like the National Research Foundation of Korea. We are glad to further our relationships with the Republic of Korea in order to strengthen our portfolio of international collaboration. I am confident that this MoU will open doors for important mutual benefits for our organisations in the near future."

"This meeting is an excellent opportunity to initiate a fruitful and constructive collaboration with Qatar. We are very excited to start a long term relationship, working together on joint programmes and activities, and exchanging ideas," said Professor Min Keun Chung, NRF President.

Alongside representatives from QNRF, a large delegation from Qatar attended the meeting, including officials from Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D), Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP), Qatar University, and the Hamad bin Khalifa University research institutes.

Attendees from the Republic of Korea included the NRF President, a delegation from NRF Korea, the Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT), and Korea Internet & Security Agency (KISA).

QNRF is a member of QF R&D, and, through this agreement, demonstrates its commitment to positioning Qatar as a hub of research excellence. For more information about QNRF, please visit: www.qnrf.org

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technology innovation and commercialization, as well as Qatar National Research Fund, a globally renowned scientific research funding organization.

About Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF)

Driven by the aim of fostering a culture of research in Qatar, QNRF was established in 2006 to advance knowledge and education by acting as a support system for researchers. It is a member within the Research & Development establishment at Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development.

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