

## HER EXCELLENCY SHEIKHA HIND BINT HAMAD AL THANI APPOINTED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF QATAR FOUNDATION

**Doha, Qatar, 29 February 2016:** The Board of Directors of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) has appointed Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad Al Thani as Chief Executive Officer of Qatar Foundation. Additionally, Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad will continue in her current role as Vice Chairperson.

Through her appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Her Excellency will lead a unified executive team, responsible for enhancing and implementing strategy and budget, driving performance, and strengthening the relationships with QF's various partners and stakeholders.

Stressing the important role that QF will play in the future, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser said: "Due to our rapid growth and success, we are now at a key juncture in our history. In order to build QF's continued success and impact into the future, we must now ensure that we are ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow. With this in mind, the Board of Directors has agreed to a new governance structure for the Foundation."

The Executive Team will be effective from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016, and will comprise Faisal Mohammed Al Suwaidi, President of Qatar Foundation Research and Development (QF R&D); Dr Ahmad M. Hasnah, President of Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU); Buthaina Al Nuaimi, President of Pre-University Education; Fahad Saad Al Qahtani, President of Community Development; Sheikh Salman Bin Hassan Al-Thani, Chief Financial Officer; Mayan Zebeib, Chief Communications Officer; Mohammed Abdulaziz Al Naimi, Chief Operations Officer; Michael Mitchell, General Counsel; Engineer Jassim Telefat, Executive Director Capital Projects; and Omran Hamad Al-Kuwari, Executive Director CEO Office.

Additionally, Engineer Saad Ibrahim Al Muhannadi, who has served as Qatar Foundation's President since 2013, has been appointed as a Lifetime Member of the Board of Directors, in addition to his current role as Member of the Board of Trustees. As a founding member of QF in 1995, he has led the development of Qatar Foundation's infrastructure in line with Qatar's goal of transforming itself from a carbon-based to a knowledge-based economy.

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## **Qatar Foundation - Unlocking Human Potential**

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organisation that is supporting Qatar on its journey from carbon economy to knowledge economy by unlocking human potential, for the benefit of not only Qatar, but the world. QF was co-founded in 1995



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by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Qatar Foundation's Chairperson. QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

For a complete list of QF's initiatives and projects, visit <a href="http://www.qf.org.qa">http://www.qf.org.qa</a>