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## Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser

### Commemorates Carnegie Mellon Qatar's 10-year anniversary

**DOHA, QATAR** –Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, attended Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations on Tuesday evening, alongside leadership from Carnegie Mellon, Qatar Foundation, and members of the university and community.

The ceremony at the Carnegie Mellon Qatar campus began with a performance from a lone bagpiper, reflecting the Scottish heritage of the university's founder, philanthropist and steel magnate Andrew Carnegie. Throughout the evening, videos and speeches featuring alumni and students transported the audience from Andrew Carnegie's humble beginnings in Scotland to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he established Carnegie Mellon University in 1900. The evening also reflected on the growth of Carnegie Mellon's branch campus in Qatar and highlighted milestone achievements throughout the last decade.

As part of the landmark celebrations, Sheikha Moza bint Nasser also toured the exclusive exhibition 'Travelling Through Arts and Times,' showcasing the richness of Qatari and Islamic culture, heritage and civilization through more than 160 rare artifacts from Sheikh Faisal bin Qassim Al Thani's private collection.

As a global leader in education, Carnegie Mellon is known for its creativity, collaboration across disciplines and top programs in business, technology and the arts. The university has been home to some of the world's most important thinkers, among them 19 Nobel Laureates and 11 Turing Award winners.

Engineer Saad Al Muhannadi, president of Qatar Foundation, said: "Carnegie Mellon Qatar's success as a global branch campus at the heart of Education City can be attributed to the institution's ability to balance between maintaining the home campus' high standards and ethos while meeting the needs of the local community. In line with Qatar National Vision 2030, Carnegie Mellon Qatar continues to be an integral part of Qatar Foundation and the country's capacity building and development as a whole."

During the official ceremony, Mark Kamlet, Carnegie Mellon provost and executive vice president, highlighted key accomplishments in Qatar, including the growth of the student body from 41 to 400 students with a Qatari enrollment of almost 40 percent.

"Time and time again, we hear how pleased employers are with their Carnegie Mellon hires. They praise them for their hard work, their creativity, and their team-above-self approach. These are the hallmarks of a Carnegie Mellon education and that is what we have achieved on our Qatar campus," Kamlet said.

Almost 300 young men and women have graduated from the university's branch campus and are now playing integral roles in the knowledge-creation community in Qatar and across the world. More than 100 alumni returned to campus for the 10-year celebration.

Carnegie Mellon Qatar's student body president Tarek Al Hariri addressed the audience on behalf of current students: "Our vibrant student body represents the collaborative ethos our campus in Qatar is consolidating. Every class builds upon this growing integrated community, and we continue to embrace these cultural differences to enhance our overall experience. We are unified through our shared Tartan values, which strengthens us beyond our differences in nationalities, experiences and interests," Al Hariri said.

Consistently top ranked, Carnegie Mellon has more than 12,000 students, 95,000 alumni and 5,000 faculty and staff globally. Carnegie Mellon University worldwide believes that through the encouragement of scientific inquiry and the promotion of practical preparedness, the university can provide a generation of thinkers, business leaders, researchers and scientists that will change the world.

The evening's 10-year anniversary entertainment also included performances from a traditional Arabic oud player and Carnegie Mellon's Matisse Quartet.

To learn more about Carnegie Mellon Qatar's 10-year anniversary, visit [www.qatar.cmu.edu/10](http://www.qatar.cmu.edu/10), and engage with us on:

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### About Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

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In 2004, Qatar Foundation invited Carnegie Mellon to join Education City, a groundbreaking center for scholarship and research. As Carnegie Mellon Qatar celebrates its 10th anniversary, the campus continues to grow, providing a prestigious education to 400 students from 42 countries. The university offers five undergraduate degree programs in Biological Sciences, Business Administration, Computational Biology, Computer Science and Information Systems.

Students in Qatar join more than 12,000 Carnegie Mellon students across the globe, who will become the next generation of leaders tackling tomorrow's challenges. The university's 95,000 alumni are recruited by some of the world's most innovative organizations.

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# Carnegie Mellon University Qatar

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF) is a private, non-profit organization 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. Founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, QF is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser.

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 commercializing 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.

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