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Carnegie Mellon Qatar formally installs Dean Michael Trick *Operations research expert takes helm as third dean in school's history*

Doha—Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q) formally welcomed its new dean, Michael Trick, in an installation ceremony at its Education City campus. He is the third dean since CMU-Q opened in 2004.

Trick has been a faculty member at Carnegie Mellon University's main U.S. campus Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, since 1989, and holds a Ph.D. in industrial engineering. He is a researcher and educator in the field of operations research, with a specialization in computational methods in optimization. He also has consulted with professional sports leagues on scheduling.

"I am honored to be named dean of this remarkable institution," Trick said. "University is a transformative time for young people, and I look forward to building an educational experience at CMU-Q that is enriching, enlightening and inspiring."

Hessa Al Jaber, a member of CMU-Q's Joint Advisory Board, welcomed Trick on behalf of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF).

"Dean Trick is in a unique position to lead this institution through its second decade. He is an esteemed educator who will provide the guidance and leadership to fulfill the educational mission of CMU-Q. He is an internationally recognized researcher, who will bring a new perspective to the research efforts of CMU-Q. He is a strategic thinker, who will help us ensure that CMU-Q is contributing to the community in ways that matter," Al Jaber said.

Carnegie Mellon interim president Farnam Jahanian spoke at the ceremony: "Carnegie Mellon is proud to be a part of this community to deliver educational and research programs that will support and contribute to the long-term development of Qatar's knowledge-based economy. The leader we have chosen to build on this success is Michael Trick.

"Under Dean Trick's leadership, I am confident that CMU-Q will continue its development as an integral part of the Qatar landscape, representing CMU's dynamic global capacity," he added.

Laurie Weingart, CMU's interim provost and a close colleague of Trick's for many years, spoke about his dedication to supporting students.

"I can attest to Michael Trick's long-standing commitment to a nurturing research and learning environment," Weingart said. "His commitment is driven by excellence and his belief in the power of collaboration to motivate and inspire others. These are values that will serve him well in this role."

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Trick is the author of more than 50 professional publications and the editor of six volumes of refereed articles. He has consulted extensively with the United States Postal Service on supply chain design, Major League Baseball and various college basketball conferences on scheduling issues, and telecommunications organizations such as Sony and Motorola on bandwidth allocation.

The installation ceremony was capped by the presentation of a ceremonial Quaich, a Scottish vessel traditionally symbolizing friendship, trust and new ventures.

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About Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar

For more than a century, Carnegie Mellon University has challenged the curious and passionate to imagine and deliver work that matters. A private, top-ranked and global university, Carnegie Mellon sets its own course with programs that inspire creativity and collaboration.

In 2004, Carnegie Mellon and Qatar Foundation began a partnership to deliver select programs that will contribute to the long-term development of Qatar. Today, Carnegie Mellon Qatar offers undergraduate programs in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science, and information systems. Nearly 400 students from 35 countries call Carnegie Mellon Qatar home.

Graduates from CMU-Q are highly sought-after. Most choose careers in top organizations in Qatar and around the world, and many have pursued graduate studies. With ten graduating classes, the total number of alumni is nearly 700.

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