

PRESS RELEASE

Hamad bin Khalifa University and its partners welcome students to the first joint Education City Career Fair

Doha, 2nd February 2015 – Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation (QF) for Education, Science, and Community Development, in collaboration with its partner universities, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Northwestern University in Qatar, HEC Paris in Qatar, and UCL Qatar hosted the first joint Education City Career Fair on February 1st and 2nd at the HBKU Student Center.

The career fair, sponsored by Qatar Shell, enabled students and alumni from universities across Education City to connect with representatives from more than 90 Qatar-based companies and organizations in order to obtain information on internship and employment opportunities. Many of the companies in attendance invited students to take part in on-site interviews and company sessions. The inaugural event presented students with the perfect opportunity to explore the many ways through which they can develop their post-university careers while at the same time learn how they could play a valuable part in contributing to Qatar’s vibrant and growing economy.

Dr. Khalid Al Khanji, Vice President of Student Affairs for HBKU, noted: “Education City has developed rapidly and remarkably since its foundation, producing highly capable alumni from HBKU and its partner universities who are ready to contribute to Qatar’s future. The Education City Career Fair provided these enthusiastic students and alumni the opportunity to connect with local employers to help these young professionals identify and embark on an exciting and rewarding career path.”

Rob Sherwin, Deputy Country Chairman of Qatar Shell said “We are very proud to be the lead sponsor of the First Education City Career Fair, which coincides with Qatar Foundation’s 20th anniversary. As the largest international investor in Qatar, Shell aims to become the employer of choice for Qatari nationals, helping enable the delivery and operation of our current and future projects in the country. This is in line with our commitment to developing Qatari talent, in support of the Qatar National Vision 2030. The Education City universities

have been a fantastic source of graduate talent for us, and I hope that students will be able to hone in on the career of their choice by engaging with employers at this event. ”

Mohamed Habib Soliman, a senior from Texas A&M University at Qatar, majoring in chemical engineering, stated, “We’ve never had a joint career fair before, and it’s a big event for everyone in Education City. For more than 90 companies to be in one place together – engineering, media, business, journalism – it’s great practice for future career opportunities to meet these people. You get to talk to them, get to know what they want, what they are looking for in an employee. Especially as I’m a senior, I think it’s a good experience to speak to people from a variety of fields and to not restrict oneself to one person or company.”

Noor Al-Thani, an alumna from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service in Qatar, who majored in international economics, mentioned the benefit of a multi-sector fair. “It’s great that there is one fair this year, unlike other years, because there is space for different types of students in different companies. For example, I personally thought oil and gas companies would only look for engineering students, but in reality, they are looking for a diversity of students from a variety of backgrounds.”

In excess of 800 students and alumni attended the Education City Career Fair. Organizations taking part represented both the public and the private sectors. Among them were oil and gas companies, financial services companies, technology specialists, media specialists, and education and research organizations. The extent of the support shown by local companies through their participation in the event demonstrates a growing demand for a highly trained and talented workforce in Qatar.

In addition to sponsoring the event, Qatar Shell played an active part in hosting two sessions per day for all students. Some sessions aimed to develop the students’ technical capabilities and business writing skills, while other sessions gave the students the opportunity to gain insight on the daily lives of QF Alumni who now work for Qatar Shell.

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About Hamad bin Khalifa University

Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is an emerging research university building upon unique

collaborations with local and international partners. Located in Education City, HBKU seeks to provide unparalleled opportunities for scholarship, teaching, discovery, and learning for all of its students through an array of interdisciplinary programs.

HBKU's partners are Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Northwestern University in Qatar, HEC Paris in Qatar, and UCL Qatar.

About Qatar Shell

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The Qatargas 4 Liquefied Natural Gas project (QP (70%) and Shell (30%)) combines Shell's global leadership in LNG with Qatar's position as the world's largest LNG supplier.

Shell has established a world-class research and development facility and a learning centre, the Qatar Shell Research & Technology Centre, at the Qatar Science & Technology Park. Shell has a financial commitment to invest up to \$100 million on programmes at the Centre over a 10-year period.

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