

## **HEC Paris salutes new graduates of Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU)**

**Doha, Qatar – May 5, 2015:** HEC Paris, ranked number one in the world for Executive Education by the Financial Times in 2014, hailed the new graduates of the Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) for having successfully hurdled the tough and rigorous educational programs offered by the school.

The HBKU Celebration, which was conducted in honor of the new graduates, was held on 5 May 2015, at the Qatar national Convention Centre (QNCC).

This year's cohort includes 45 Executive MBA and 49 Specialized Master in Strategic Business Unit Management participants of HEC Paris in Qatar, along with those from other degree programs offered by HBKU in affiliation with its partners.

"HEC Paris, along with its faculty, staff and participants in Qatar, congratulate this year's cohort of graduates," said Prof. Laoucine Kerbache, Dean & CEO of HEC Paris in Qatar. "This marks the culmination of all the hard work, dedication and commitment that the graduating participants put in into their chosen courses and programs. Such efforts were aimed at maximizing the opportunity for knowledge acquisition that will serve as essential tools toward the fulfilment of their professional aspirations.

"I also wish to specifically honor this year's cohort of graduates of our EMBA and SBUM programs for a job well done," he added. "I am extremely confident that all our 94 graduating participants now count among the well-rounded, future leaders of tomorrow, whose knowledge determines the freedom and entrepreneurship required for the further growth and development of their respective organizations and for a better world in general."

As a reflection of the growing popularity among locals and women of the EMBA and SBUM programs offered by HEC Paris in Qatar, this year's cohort comprises 38 Qataris out of 49 participants in the SBUM program and 32 Qataris out of 45 participants in the EMBA program. There were also 13 and 20 female participants in the EMBA and SBUM programs respectively.

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**Notes to Editors**

**HEC Paris**

A leader in Europe, HEC Paris specializes in management education and research. Founded in 1881, HEC Paris offers a full, unique range of courses to the leaders of tomorrow, including: Masters Degrees, MBA, PhD, Executive MBA and TRIUM Global Executive MBA. In June 2010, HEC Paris joined Qatar Foundation and brought world-class Executive Education programs and research activity to Doha and the region. By February 2011, HEC Paris launched Qatar's first international EMBA. The HEC Executive MBA (EMBA) is a part-time program which provides executives with a set of fundamental skills to expand their knowledge and leadership capabilities. In addition to the EMBA, HEC Paris provides in Qatar a Specialized Master Degree in Strategic Business Unit Management. The institution also offers non-degree management programs for executives, in the form of open enrolment programs as well as custom-designed programs for individual companies. The programs and research activities of HEC Paris in Qatar build corporate competitiveness within the global economy and are fully aligned with Qatar National Vision 2030 to support the transformation of Qatar into an advanced, competitive and knowledge-based economy. HEC Paris was ranked number one in the world for Executive Education in 2014 by the influential UK-based Financial Times media group.

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