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Ooredoo and Carnegie Mellon Qatar Announce Research Partnership

Collaboration Enhances Qatar's Educational, Scientific and Community Development through Research, Workshops and Scholarships

Doha, Qatar

Ooredoo and Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMU-Q) have announced a trailblazing new partnership to enhance the country's educational, scientific and community development.

Sheikh Saud Bin Nasser Al Thani, CEO, Ooredoo, and Ilker Baybars, Dean and CEO, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, formally announced the partnership at a signing ceremony in Ooredoo Tower.

Through this partnership, Ooredoo and CMU-Q will collaborate on scientific research, and offer workshops, seminars and conferences on topics of science and technology related to CMU-Q's degrees in Biological Science, Business Administration, Computational Biology, Computer Science and Information Systems.

Ooredoo will also provide scholarships and training for CMU-Q students, and encourage them to volunteer for community service projects in the country, in line with Ooredoo's corporate social responsibility strategy.

As a result, CMU-Q students can discover a more enriching educational experience with real world hands-on opportunities. In turn, Ooredoo will enhance its research capabilities in developing the next generation of technology, and aid the company in recruiting potential employees.

Sheikh Saud Bin Nasser Al Thani, CEO, Ooredoo, said: "Ooredoo has supported technological research for more than three decades, and this unique public-private partnership with Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar will enhance our ability to develop digital futures in the rapidly-changing field of communications technology. We also look forward to offering students educational real-world experiences that go beyond the classroom."

The public-private partnership model is increasingly important for nations that are looking to develop their knowledge-based economy, with universities able to support original and development research work, and communication leaders like Ooredoo able to apply real-world experience and cutting-edge technology. Together, the two organisations are looking to drive real innovations in Qatar.

Ilker Baybars, Dean and CEO, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, said: "By partnering with Ooredoo on a wide variety of educational activities, we will be able to better prepare

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our students to meet the changing needs of Qatar's rapidly growing knowledge-based economy. This partnership also continues our tradition of innovation, problem solving and providing interdisciplinary education."

This partnership between Ooredoo and CMU-Q also supports Qatar National Vision 2030's goals of establishing a modern, world-class educational system, by providing students with training and opportunities to develop their full potential in an increasingly complex world.

CMU-Q joined Education City in 2004 on invitation from the Qatar Foundation, and is one of more than a dozen degree-granting locations of Carnegie Mellon University, based in Pittsburgh, the United States.

Ooredoo is committed to supporting a wide variety of educational initiatives in Qatar, from grade school through university.

In Education City, Ooredoo also supported the development of the Qatar Mobility Innovations Centre (formerly the Qatar University Wireless Innovations Centre), which fosters local innovation in the fields of mobility and wireless technologies.

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About Ooredoo

Ooredoo, formerly known as Qtel, is Qatar's leading communications company, delivering mobile, fixed, broadband internet and corporate managed services tailored to the needs of consumers and businesses. As a community-focused company, Ooredoo is guided by its vision of enriching people's lives and its belief that it can stimulate human growth by leveraging communications to help people achieve their full potential.

About Carnegie Mellon:

For more than a century, Carnegie Mellon University has been inspiring innovations that change the world. Consistently top ranked, Carnegie Mellon has more than 12,000 students, 90,000 alumni and 5,000 faculty and staff globally.

In 2004, Qatar Foundation invited Carnegie Mellon to join Education City, a groundbreaking center for scholarship and research. Students from more than 40 different countries enroll at our world-class facilities in Education City.

Carnegie Mellon Qatar offers undergraduate programs in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science and information systems. Carnegie Mellon is firmly committed to Qatar's National Vision 2030 by developing people, society, the economy and the environment.

Learn more at www.qatar.cmu.edu.