

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For information contact:

Lesley Kriewald  
Texas A&M University at Qatar  
Lesley.Kriewald@qatar.tamu.edu  
+974.4423.0424

1 March 2017

### **Texas A&M at Qatar students host high schoolers for two-day engineering conference**

Students from Texas A&M University at Qatar hosted about 45 high school students from across Qatar for a two-day engineering extravaganza in the Texas A&M Engineering Building in Education City.

Organized by the Student Engineers' Council (SEC) and sponsored by Dolphin Energy, FAME (Future A&M Engineers) aimed to introduce potential Aggie engineering students to the world-class, accredited engineering programs offered by Texas A&M at Qatar and welcome them to the Aggie family.

The students participated in a variety of hands-on workshops and team-building activities, including a design competition so attendees could learn what engineering looks like in real life. Participants also learned about the ever-growing importance and need for engineers, especially in Qatar, and listened to presentations from practicing engineers from industry – Abdullah Al Hajri and Ghader Al Eshaq of Dolphin Energy.

“SECQ hosts this event to increase the awareness of engineering to high school students in particular by engaging them in various activities which requires critical thinking,” said Lokesh Loganathan, a Class of 2017 chemical engineering major who chaired the event. “Furthermore, having it on campus allows us to share the Texas A&M culture and traditions. FAME has once again been a success this year and the feedback that we have received from the schools have been positive, which will push SECQ to keep hosting this conference in the future.”

Attendees also learned about leadership development and extracurricular opportunities offered by Texas A&M at Qatar — opportunities that shape Aggie engineers into engineering leaders that are so sought after worldwide.

Mohammed Jaffrin, SEC president, said, “FAME attempts to explain how Aggie Core Values and Traditions along with world class programs offered at Texas A&M at Qatar shapes the ideal engineers of the future. FAME also focuses on giving the

students a taste of the extra-curricular opportunities offered at Texas A&M at Qatar to show off the complete education offered.”

In addressing the future A&M engineers, Texas A&M at Qatar dean Dr. César O. Malavé said, “Texas A&M University is recognized all around the world as a leader in engineering education and our branch campus here in Doha is part of that tradition. Engineers are needed for Qatar’s future success, and our Student Engineers’ Council has put together this great event to give you a taste of what engineering is and how Texas A&M can prepare you for a career in engineering.”

# # #

#### About Texas A&M University at Qatar

Texas A&M University, recognized as having one of the premier engineering programs in the world, has offered undergraduate degrees in chemical engineering, electrical and computer engineering, mechanical engineering and petroleum engineering at Qatar Foundation’s Education City campus since 2003, and graduate degrees in chemical engineering since fall 2011. Texas A&M at Qatar has awarded more than 750 degrees since 2007. In addition to engineering courses, Texas A&M at Qatar provides classes in science, mathematics, liberal arts and the humanities. All four of the engineering programs offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET. The curricula offered at Texas A&M at Qatar are materially the same as those offered at the main campus in College Station, Texas, and the courses in Doha are taught in English in a co-educational setting. The reputation for excellence is the same, as is the commitment to equip engineers to lead the next generation of engineering advancement. Faculty from around the world are attracted to Texas A&M at Qatar to provide this educational experience and to participate in research activities now valued at more than \$236.4 million, and that address issues important to the State of Qatar. Visit [www.qatar.tamu.edu](http://www.qatar.tamu.edu).