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### **Texas A&M at Qatar symposium addresses renewable energy technologies**

More than 80 professionals working in the area of renewable energy attended a recent symposium held by Texas A&M University at Qatar in Education City.

The daylong symposium, “Recent Advances in Renewable Energy Technologies,” featured leading experts from Qatar and Germany who presented their work in the area of renewable energy.

According to Qatar National Vision 2030, Qatar aims to be at the forefront of the development of renewable energy technologies, with solar energy as the main source of renewable energy in the country’s electricity mix by 2030.

The symposium brought together experts who specialize in science, technology, business and policy related to renewable energy. The Bavarian Energy Campus Nuremberg and Texas A&M at Qatar organized the event, with additional presentations by experts from other Qatar-based universities, research centers and industry, including Qatar Foundation, Hamad bin Khalifa University and the Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute.

“This symposium is important and timely,” said Dr. César O. Malavé, dean of Texas A&M at Qatar. “Texas A&M at Qatar is proud to work with academic and industry collaborators such as our friends from Germany and our partners here in Qatar. Through these partnerships, we can help realize sustainable solutions to real-world challenges and encourage the exchange of knowledge, ideas and expertise that is essential to fuel innovation and new thinking.”

The day concluded with a roundtable discussion that aimed to identify priority areas for future collaborative research related to renewable energy technologies.

Dr. Ioannis G. Economou, professor in the Chemical Engineering Program at Texas A&M at Qatar and the symposium’s organizer, said, “The symposium exceeded our initial expectations, especially with respect to the number of participants from local

industry. This is a clear message that industry-academia collaborations can have beneficial results for this country. Bavaria is one of the most socially and technologically advanced regions in Europe. We aim to develop long-term collaboration with them in research and education through joint R&D activities, exchange of students and faculty and other initiatives.”

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#### 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).