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Texas A&M at Qatar's Linke named inaugural holder of Qatar Shell Professorship

Dr. Patrick Linke, chair of the Chemical Engineering Program at Texas A&M University at Qatar, has been named holder of the Qatar Shell Professorship.

This new professorship is funded by Qatar Shell to foster greater understanding of Qatar's contemporary issues relating to energy and environment, and to encourage discussions about these topics with key stakeholders and the public in Qatar.

Youssif A. Saleh, Vice President of Qatar Shell Research and Technology Centre, Qatar Shell, said, "We are extremely proud to once again collaborate with Texas A&M at Qatar. Qatar Shell Research & Technology Centre (QSRTC) works closely with universities and schools to develop local talent and enhance technical capabilities, therefore delivering sustainable impact in support of the Qatar National Vision 2030."

Energy and its relationship with the environment has been the centerpiece of Linke's teaching and research since he joined Texas A&M at Qatar in 2007. In 2009, Linke co-founded the Qatar Sustainable Water and Energy Utilization Initiative (QWE), which continues to be instrumental in leading research in such vital areas for Qatar while strengthening collaboration with stakeholders throughout the country. He also was chief engineer and director of the water and energy sectors of the Qatar National Food Security Program from 2008 until 2014.

In addition to his faculty and program chair responsibilities, Linke is executive director of graduate studies at Texas A&M at Qatar. He has published five book chapters and more than 100 peer-reviewed scholarly articles. He has presented more than 100 conference papers and delivered more than 30 invited talks.

Linke was chosen by a panel chair and professorship holders from Texas A&M's main campus and Texas A&M at Qatar from a pool of very competitive nominees in recognition of his outstanding contributions in energy and environment.

Professorships help give universities a competitive edge by providing funds to attract top faculty, which in turn helps attract other top-notch faculty and students.

Texas A&M at Qatar has a long and rich history of partnering with industry such as Qatar Shell. Engaging with industry enriches Texas A&M at Qatar's core activities of teaching, research and service, and guides teaching, creates enrichment opportunities for students and faculty, and show areas in which the branch campus may be able to give back to the State of Qatar directly, such as outreach programs and resources for commercial innovation so vital to Qatar National Vision 2030.

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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 nearly 725 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 \$224 million, and that address issues important to the State of Qatar. Visit www.qatar.tamu.edu.