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Siemens signs MoU with Qatar University and KAHRAMAA for energy efficiency R&D

Siemens, the global powerhouse in electronics and electrical engineering operating in the energy, infrastructure, industry and healthcare sectors, yesterday signed an agreement with Qatar University and KAHRAMAA to carry out joint efforts on researching and developing energy-efficient systems and solutions to support the rapid development of Qatar's infrastructure.

The memorandum of understanding is a two-year agreement that will draw on the key skills and strengths of each of the parties. As a leading manufacturer in the field of electrical equipment for power generation, transmission and distribution, Siemens will cooperate with Qatar University and KAHRAMAA on a case-by-case basis in carrying out R&D activities in the field of energy efficiency.

KAHRAMAA, the local utility for electricity and water, will bring expertise in the development of energy efficient systems for power generation, transmission and distribution systems. Specialists from Qatar University will work in tandem with KAHRAMAA, using their knowledge and expertise to assist in the development of new efficient systems.

The latest partnership highlights Siemens continued support of Qatar's National Vision 2030, which aims to develop a solid foundation built on education, scientific research, technology transfer, and community development.

Discussing the MoU, Martin á Porta, CEO of Siemens WLL, the Qatari unit of Siemens AG, said: "I believe in strong cooperation with our local partners and offering our expertise to develop long-term relationships; this is part of our commitment to support Qatar's infrastructure plans."

He added: "As Qatar continues to enjoy rapid population and industry growth, it is important for us as a responsible corporation to make the effort of strengthening the local competence by encouraging and enabling research, development and knowledge transfer."

Qatar is currently beginning preparations for the 2022 World Cup, which will see the country investing some \$60 billion in infrastructure upgrades, including projects for the developments of clean power supplies.

Siemens continued dedication of its resources follows its partnership with Qatar Foundation, signed in 2011, which focuses on the advancement of Qatar's infrastructure capability and competence, including establishing a service headquarters in Qatar for the company's regional power transmission and distribution business.

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