



◆ QU President Remarks

Introduction

Qatar University

The academic year 2015-2016 was a year of preparation to transfer the University from the development phase to the transmission phase on the bases of a clear vision that reflects the directions of the wise leadership and QU Board of Regents chaired by H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Thani.

Qatar University achieved a development in regional and international rankings:

- ◆ Qatar University has been ranked No 1 in the Arab region in the Round University Rankings (RUR).
- ◆ Qatar University has been ranked no 1 in international outlook in THE World University Rankings.
- ◆ Qatar University placed among the top 500 universities in the world in the QS World University Rankings while last year it was placed among the top 600 universities.
- ◆ Qatar University campus is among the 23 world's most beautiful campuses according to 'Most Beautiful Universities in the World' book.

In regards of the University's Strategic Plan 2013-2016, the University continues executing the strategy that includes four Key Performance Areas (KPA's):

Maximizing students' success in becoming competent graduates by providing high quality education, advancing contemporary challenges and advancing knowledge through quality research, integrating Qatar University with the community to support social, economic and cultural development, and providing effective and efficient support environment and facilities to the University community. QU's units benefited from the results of the first and second year (2013-2014 and 2014-2015) and enhanced results of some objectives bearing in mind cutting the budget and the changing occurred in QU organizational structure. Upon the decision of the State in changing the fiscal year as to start at the beginning of each calendar year, QU strategic plan was modified in line with the fiscal year as four months were added to 2014-2015 to cover the entire year of 2015. Therefore, 2016 is the last year of QU strategic plan 2013-2016. The annual report of QU strategic plan was delivered to QU administrative executive committee. Upon its approval on the report, the office follows up the modifications made on some strategies.

The Strategy's achievements:

- ◆ 85% of QU programs contributed directly to building knowledge-based economy.
- ◆ QU supports learning using technologies in three courses (two courses were taught in 2013-2014). The university also adopts the 'reversed classroom teaching method' as in Cyber Security Course in CENG and Principles of Administration Course, Principles of Marketing Course, Principles of International Marketing Course and Strategic Administration Course in CBE.
- ◆ During the last three years, students' satisfaction rate about the services provided by the Student Learning Support Center, Student Counseling Center, QU Library, QU labs and IT exceeds 70%.
- ◆ Number of Qatari students who are in scholarships are 108 students during 2014/2015.
- ◆ Researchers published 757 indexed scientific researches in different disciplines. The productivity rate is increased 35% comparing to the last year.
- ◆ The University signed 31 MoUs with other universities, companies, associations, councils, and ministries.
- ◆ The University recorded achievements in international rankings comparing to the last year.
- ◆ The Office of Continuing Education organized and conducted 163 seminars, courses and workshops during the academic year 2014/2015.
- ◆ 74 faculty members taught courses in the Office of Continuing Education.

The University starts drafting the Strategic Plan 2017-2022. The amended QU vision was approved by the Board of Regents and the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents initially approved the objectives, strategies and initiatives.

This report highlights QU's most important achievements and challenges during the academic year 2015-2016.

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