

QFC REGULATORY AUTHORITY FIRST IN QATAR TO PARTNER WITH CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL AND DEVELOPMENT (CIPD)

Doha, Qatar, 29 January 2017: The Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority (QFC Regulatory Authority) and the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) have entered into an agreement to promote human resource development and to create access to the highest levels of accreditation for HR professionals.

Founded in 1913, CIPD is the leading UK-based professional organisation for HR professionals, and the QFC Regulatory Authority is the first organisation in Qatar to formally partner with CIPD. The agreement was signed by Mr Eisa Ahmed Abdulla, Chief Operating Officer of the QFC Regulatory Authority, and Mr Matthew Mee, Middle East Managing Director of CIPD.

The partnership with CIPD exposes staff at the QFC Regulatory Authority to the latest thought leadership in HR to support their ongoing professional development and enables them to pursue individual CIPD certifications to achieve Associate, Chartered Member, or Chartered Fellow levels. The partnership gives them access to the best international practices in the areas of HR strategies, effective talent management, and result-oriented learning and development.

Reaching chartered membership of CIPD is a significant career milestone for HR professionals and it is widely recognised by employers as a statement of the highest level of expertise and professionalism in the areas of human resources and learning and development.

Eisa Ahmed Abdulla said: "At the QFC Regulatory Authority, our people are our greatest asset and this strategic partnership with CIPD underscores our desire to continue the focussed development of our staff and to ensure that our organisation reflects best international practice in human resources and learning and development. Achieving CIPD accreditation for our staff will not only improve our organisation but create significant additional career opportunities for them. The partnership with CIPD highlights our commitment to the continuous improvement of our human capital capabilities and we are delighted to lead this initiative in Qatar."

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CIPD's Matthew Mee said: "The CIPD's aspiration is to develop long-term partnerships with human resource functions to help raise professional standards in HR and People Development in Qatar and across the region. We are very excited to be working in partnership with the QFC Regulatory Authority and this demonstrates their commitment to improve business performance by shaping thinking, strengthening human resource capabilities and developing their in-house team."

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Photo caption: Matthew Mee, Middle East Managing Director, CIPD, left, and Haddal Al-Dosari, Director, Human Resources, the QFC Regulatory Authority, at a workshop for the Human Resources team at the Regulatory Authority on 29 January 2017.

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About the QFC Regulatory Authority

The QFC Regulatory Authority is an independent regulatory body established by Article 8 of the QFC Law. It regulates firms that conduct financial services in or from the QFC. It has a broad range of regulatory powers to authorise, supervise and, when necessary, discipline firms and individuals. The QFC Regulatory Authority regulates firms using principle-based legislation of international standard, modelled closely on that used in major financial centres. Further details are available on the website www.qfcra.com

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