



Doha Bank CEO R Seetharaman receiving award from UAE Economy Minister Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri.

## Doha Bank CEO gets ABLF economist award

**DOHA:** Doha Bank CEO Dr R Seetharaman was honoured with “The ABLF Business Economist award” on December 13 for his outstanding contribution in financial media in areas such as economics, financial markets, banking, finance and sustainable development through commentaries and opinions and for promoting bilateral trade and investment relationships between various countries.

He received the award from the UAE Minister of Economy, Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri.

The ABLF (Asia Business Leadership Forum) Leadership Weekend 2014 was held on December 13 and 14, in Dubai.

Seetharaman also participated in the panel session “Asian Economic Zeitgeist: A focus on risks and opportunities” yesterday.

The other members in the panel

include “P Chidambaram, Former Union Minister of Finance Minister, India, Dr Hatem Samman, Chief Economist and Economic Advisor, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Naina Lal Kidwai, Executive Director on the Board of HSBC Asia-Pacific and Chairman of HSBC India.

Speaking in the panel, Seetharaman gave insight on Asian economies.

Seetharaman highlighted how global governance has emphasised on financial inclusion.

He also gave insight on financial inclusion trends in Asia.

Seetharaman highlighted on Asia financial integration.

He said: “Asian economies tend to be more financially integrated with economies outside the region than inside, particularly with regard to portfolio investment.”

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