



Ethics summit sparks discussion of global responsibilities

Texas A&M University at Qatar (Tamuq) hosted its three-day International Ethics Summit at the Hamad Bin Khalifa University student centre at Education City.

The event sponsored by Ras-Gas brought together leading ethics scholars from around the world to discuss professional and cultural ethics, globalisation of higher education and Islamic approaches to modern ethics challenges.

The intercultural and interdisciplinary discussions, roundtables and panels featured world-class theorists and practitioners who discussed professional ethics in a rapidly changing society and offered approaches and solutions to challenging dilemmas in practice.

Dr Marwan al-Musleh, general counsel and corporate secretary, RasGas, said the commitment to internation-

ally recognised business ethics stands at the foundation of corporate responsibility.

"A strong ethical commitment, compliance with corporate governance, competence, and effective business practices are strongly intertwined. An ethical organisational culture coupled with fit-for-purpose controls and appropriate levels of corporate governance brings significant benefits to organisation's successful business decisions while safeguarding leaders and employees at large."

Dr César O Malavé, dean Tamuq, observed that as Qatar continues its transition toward a technology- and knowledge-based economy, these ethical issues will take a larger role. We are proud to be part of this focus on the human side of engineering and to partner with industry leaders in Qatar so that we can grow into a national and

international leader in ethics research and education."

Topics discussed include ethical responsibility and risk in an age of globalisation, ethics in research and development, modern humanitarianism, and how institutional structures can shape ethical cultures. Several presentations considered challenges unique to the Gulf and address the emergence of western education in the region and its effects on society and institutions.

Keynote addresses feature discussions of moral responsibilities in a global era, 21st century ethical challenges to the humanities, and the role humility in politics and literature considering western and eastern traditions recommending humility in leadership. Dr Hassan Bashir, Tamuq associate professor in political science, was the event organising committee chair.



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