



إطلاق قدرات الإنسان - Unlocking human potential

OMRAN AL KUWARI

After joining the world's largest Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) supplier Qatargas in 1999, Omran worked for several joint ventures, Qatar Petroleum affiliates and ExxonMobil in Doha and the United Kingdom. Positions held include roles in Information Systems, Marketing, Negotiations and Management with experience working with Japanese, European and North American customers and partners. He was the founding General Manager and Director of South Hook Gas Company in London 2009, Qatar Petroleum's first LNG trading venture abroad and the UK's largest LNG importer (supplying more than 10% of the UK gas demand). In 2009, Omran became co-founder and CEO of GreenGulf, a leading clean technology advisory and development business based in Qatar with a presence in the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Omran served as Managing Director of Bin Omran Trading & Contracting, one of Qatar's largest infrastructure construction companies from Jan March 2012 to May 2014, and recently managed the sale of his family's stake in the business (April 2015).

In 2014, Omran was appointed CEO of Enterprise Qatar, a semi-public entity whose mission is to provide a gateway to growth for SMEs in Qatar and fosters entrepreneurship. After Enterprise Qatar's merger with the Qatar Development Bank, he was appointed Economic Advisor to the Minister of Economy & Trade, Sheikh Ahmed bin Jassim Al-Thani, in January 2015. Omran joined Qatar Foundation in September 2015 as the Executive Director of the CEO's office, Her Excellency Sheikha Hind bint Hamad.

Omran graduated from George Washington University in Washington D.C. in 1999 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration (BA) and obtained a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) at City University London, Cass Business School, with a thesis titled "Renewable Energy in Qatar" in 2010. In 2011, he was a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and "Middle East Clean Tech CEO of the Year" in 2012's New Economy. He was also recognized in 2014 by MESIA (Middle East Solar Association) and PWC as a "Solar Pioneer" during the World Future Energy Summit in Abu Dhabi.

He frequently lectures in topics related to entrepreneurship, energy economics and renewable energy including talks in Tedx, the World Bank, Harvard University and Georgetown University throughout the years.

Omran is fluent in French, English and Arabic and proficient in Spanish.

Background information: Qatar's Education City

A flagship initiative of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (Qatar Foundation) and located on the western edge of Doha, Education City is a campus that spreads over 1,000 hectares, or 2,500 acres.

Supported by ample residential and recreational facilities, the Education Section of Qatar Foundation is a community of institutions serving the whole citizen, from early childhood education to post-graduate study.

Education City is a hub for the generation of knowledge, provides researchers with world-class facilities and opportunities for international collaboration, while preparing future graduates to become leaders in Qatar and the region. There are many organizations within Education City such as:

- The Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts
- Weill Cornell Medical College
- Texas A&M University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Georgetown University School of Foreign Service
- Northwestern University School of Journalism and Communication
- University College London Qatar
- Al Jazeera Children's Channel
- Al Shaqab Equestrian Academy
- The Qatar Science and Technology Park

Background information: CMU-Qatar:

Student body:

- There are currently 414 students from 37 nationalities studying at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar.
- The student body is 60% female and 40% male.
- 41% of students are from Qatar, while 59% are non-Qatari.

The program:

- CMU-Qatar offers undergraduate programs in biological sciences, business administration, computational biology, computer science, and information systems.
- Carnegie Mellon is firmly committed to Qatar's National Vision 2030 by developing people, society, the economy and the environment.
- All graduates of CMU-Q receive their degrees from Carnegie Mellon University. Graduates at the Qatar campus receive the same diploma awarded to graduates at CMU's main campus in Pittsburgh.
- CMU-Q is led by the dean and CEO, who reports directly to the provost of Carnegie Mellon University. All faculty and staff members are employees of Carnegie Mellon University under the leadership of the dean.

Other Pittsburgh/Qatar connections:

Qatar Airways, the State of Qatar's world-class national airline, recently announced that it will begin a twice-weekly cargo service to and from Pittsburgh on October 11th. As the *Post-Gazette* reported, this puts Pittsburgh "in elite company ... giving it a key tool to spur more development around the airport by hauling products like heavy electronics, high-value manufactured goods, and pharmaceuticals."

Separately, UPMC signed a \$100 million contract with Qatar in 2006 to provide the country's Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) with medical training and technical support. HMC and UPMC formed this partnership to evaluate, improve, and achieve excellence in emergency care for the citizens and residents of the State of Qatar. While the four-year partnership ended in 2010, UPMC also helped launch trauma services at Hamad General Hospital in Qatar, which is now one of the busiest trauma centers in the world, admitting 3,500 patients annually. UPMC physicians and nurses provided hands-on training in emergency medicine and worked side-by-side with their local counterparts to provide world-class emergency care. The full UPMC-Qatar case study is available here.