

## SINGAPORE MEDICAL DELEGATION VISITS QATAR BIOBANK

*Researchers to obtain invaluable insights into Qatar Biobank's data storage systems*

**Doha, Qatar, 27 February 2016:** Qatar Biobank, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) welcomed a senior delegation from the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMedicine) from the Nanyang Technological University and the school's primary clinical partner, National Healthcare Group based in Singapore.

During the visit, the delegation was able to attain valuable insights into the world-class information technology (IT) systems and efficient approaches to data collection and processing of samples currently housed at Qatar Biobank. The delegation studied how Qatar Biobank collects and measures its biometric data in addition to how it delivers results to participants.

Qatar Biobank supports QF's mission to enhance national innovation and technology through medical research regarding prevalent health issues in Qatar. Through its collection of samples and information on the health and lifestyles of a large percentage of the national population, Qatar Biobank is making vital medical research possible for scientists in Qatar, the region, and the world.

In 2015, Qatar Biobank cemented their position within the biomedical industry by receiving two International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) certifications from the British Standards Institute Middle East (BSI); ISO 9001 for Quality Management Systems and ISO 27001 for Information Security Management.

For more information about Qatar Biobank, please visit: [www.qatarbiobank.org.qa/home](http://www.qatarbiobank.org.qa/home)

### **Image Caption:**

**Image 1:** Senior delegation from the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine from the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore visits Qatar Biobank to obtain invaluable insights about their world-class information technology (IT) systems

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### **About Qatar Biobank**

Qatar Biobank, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, is a population-based platform where biological samples are provided by participants. Through the collection of samples and



information on the health and lifestyles of Qatari citizens and long-term residents, Qatar Biobank aims to make vital medical research possible for scientists in Qatar, the region and the world.

Launched in 2012 in collaboration with the Supreme Council of Health, Hamad Medical Corporation and supported by expert scientists from Imperial College London, Qatar Biobank completed the two-year operational pilot phase in 2014 marked by the official inauguration of the state-of-the-art facility by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Chairperson of Qatar Foundation and Vice Chairperson of the Supreme Council of Health.

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