

General Directorate of Traffic opens office at QU

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DOHA: Qatar University (QU) President Dr Hassan Al Derham and General Directorate of Traffic (GDT) Director Brigadier Mohammed Saad Al Kharji yesterday performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony to inaugurate GDT Office at QU.

The event was attended by General-Secretary of the National Traffic Safety Committee Brigadier Mohamed Al Malki, QU College of Engineering (CENG) Dean Dr Khalifa Al Khalifa, CENG Qatar Transportation and Traffic Safety Center (QTTSC) Acting Director Prof Faris Tarlochan, and representatives from the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and the National Traffic Safety Committee, as well as QU officials, faculty and staff.

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areas of collaboration include joint research projects in areas of transportation and traffic safety. Following the inauguration ceremony, QTTSC and GDT held a workshop on "The change in drivers behavior and its effect on traffic safety".

Dr Khalifa Al Khalifa said: "The inauguration of the new office is part of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) which was signed between QU and GDT last year. The MoU aimed to establish collaboration between both institutions to reduce road traffic crashes and to develop a safe road transportation system in line with the National Road Safety Strategy."

Brigadier Mohammed Saad Al-Kharji said: "I would like to express my gratitude to QU for its progressive efforts to launch the GDT Office, and for providing



A group picture of officials at the opening of the General Directorate of Traffic office at Qatar University.

studies, research and surveys that help find solutions for

Qatar's traffic safety challenges and that add value to our

collaboration efforts to overcome these challenges."