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Subject: Joint leadership of the UNESCO Chair on Governance & Social Responsibility in Sport

Dear Dr. Sobhi Tawil,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to support the prospect of the College of Science and Engineering (CSE) at Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU) to formally become part of the UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs Program's global network.

Since the appointment of Dr Christos Anagnostopoulos, a world-renowned scholar in sport management, we have been in constant dialogue with UCLan Cyprus in exploring ways of how the **UNESCO Chair on Governance & Social Responsibility in Sport** can be the vehicle that not only connects the two institutions, but crucially, serves as the common denominator towards strengthening connections between research, teaching and practice at country, regional and global levels.

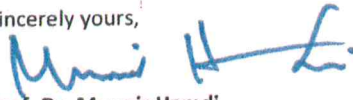
The CSE currently offers the largest selection of programs within HBKU. As with all other programs in our college, the Master of Science in Sport and Entertainment Management involves collaboration with HBKU's prestigious research institutes, utilizing the skills of expert scientists, and with external world-renowned academics and industrial partners strengthening the link between education and societal and economic needs and maximizing students' employability. Within this environment, Dr Anagnostopoulos' expertise and profile can further enhance the Chair's scope and objectives.

Thus, it is with great enthusiasm that I welcome and fully support the joint leadership structure that has been agreed between the host institution and our college here at HBKU. Under this joint leadership, the Founder of the Chair, Dr Christos Anagnostopoulos, will continue to serve as the Director of the Chair and one of the two co-chairholders.

As per the aim of the Chair, we will collaboratively seek to inspire the wider 'sport movement' towards raising the quality of its governance practices as well as embracing socially responsible designs for programs and interventions that have sport at their core. All this will perfectly complement the status of Qatar as a global sports hub.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



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