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GE to set up Qatar tech park facility next year, says official



Nicoletti with CMUQ students, faculty, and staff during his visit.

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THE General Electric Company (GE), which has Qatar as one focus area of its expansion, would open its facility at the Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP) in late 2009, GE Oil and Gas chief information officer Bernardo Nicoletti said.

He was addressing a gathering of faculty, students and staff at Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (CMUQ) the other day about GE's mission to open more hubs worldwide in order to be closer to its customers.

Discussing opportunities with the global organisation, Nicoletti observed that business administration students could be valuable all over GE companies and those with specific computer science skills excel in leadership positions.

"Students with strengths in technology are beneficial to any organisation, especially in this part of the world," maintained Nicoletti, a graduate of CMU in Pittsburgh, who has been GE's executive sponsor of Carnegie Mellon for three years.

In this capacity, he recruits students from CMU in Pittsburgh and stated that he hopes to have the same relationship with students in Qatar.

GE's upcoming major new technology facility at QSTP is known as the GE Technology and Learning Centre. GE had earlier announced an initial five-year investment in research and training of \$50m in QSTP.

Several GE divisions are to participate in the proposed facility, the focus of which would be technical training for customers of GE's Aviation and Energy businesses in the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Asia.

In addition, GE's Global Research Centre, Oil and Gas,