Khalid N. Sadiq Al-Hashmi Cyber Security-QCERT Ex. Director

Khalid Al-Hashimi has more than 18 years of experience in the Information Technology field, with particular expertise in cyber security, information infrastructure and ICT systems planning. In his role as Ex. Director for Cyber Security, Qatar's National Program that safeguards the country's information and communications systems. Khalid leads a team that works closely with government agencies, financial institutions, energy sector, businesses, and citizens to address cyber security risks, protect sensitive information, and ensure the safety of children on the Internet.

Khalid has been instrumental in the development of a national strategy for cyber security, focusing first on critical sector services within the country. Recognizing that cyber security is not confined to national boundaries, he has worked closely with many security teams worldwide to develop integrated response systems and a robust information network. Khalid played an imperative role to establish GCC CERT Committee and was appointed chairman for the 1st year; the committee addresses cyber security threats in the Gulf region.

Prior to joining ictQATAR, Khalid worked as the IT Operation & Support/Security Executive Manager for the 2006 Asian Games in Doha where he was in charge of the overall planning and execution of IT operations for the event. He is an active member of the Qatar Armed Forces and served as an IT Manager for the Armed Forces before being seconded to his government positions.

A Qatari citizen, Khalid holds a Master of Science in Software Engineering from the University of Michigan (Michigan, USA), a Bachelor of Computer Science from University of Findlay (Ohio, USA) in addition to domain certification in CISSP, CISM, and ITIL.