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On the Launch of the Saudi Aramco Master of Science in Information Security

Please accept my enthusiastic congratulations and that of the Georgia Institute of Technology community upon the happy occasion of the launch of the Saudi Aramco Master of Science in Information Security. One of our high values at Georgia Tech is a passionate support for lifelong learning that has practical application in our graduates' working lives. The timing of this launch is significant, as we've come to realize how deeply modern societies depend upon information security to function safely and productively.

Cybersecurity is of great importance to citizens, companies and even nations. Georgia Tech recognized this early and its center in this area, the Georgia Tech Information Security Center, is a leader in education and research in this field.

To address the sophisticated cyberthreats we all face, professionals need to master the foundations of the field and also develop proficiency with advanced tools that can help them detect and counter cyberattacks. Georgia Tech has been offering a graduate degree designed to meet these goals since 2002. We are delighted to offer this at Aramco and welcome as members of the Georgia Tech family those Aramco employees who have been accepted into this program.

The program's graduates will be able to play a leading role in safeguarding online information and information technology-enabled systems. They will play an important role in securing our online world at Aramco, the Kingdom and beyond.

This is our second hosted program with Aramco and is indicative of the growing and deeper engagement between the two organizations. We look forward to growing it even further in the future.

Sincerely,

G.P. "Bud" Peterson