



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN YOUNG BOTANIST PROGRAMME

Qur'anic Botanic Garden Teaches Students About Plant Conservation

Doha, Qatar, 19 June 2016: The Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG) recently received a delegation of school boys as part of its 'Young Botanist' educational program, which aims to teach high school students about plant physiology and scientific study.

The students, from Ali bin Jassim bin Mohammed Al-Thani Secondary Independent School for Boys, visited the QBG Herbarium and explored the QF Nursery where researchers explained the biological processes that take place inside greenhouses and how QBG conserves their plants. While in the Herbarium, students performed a laboratory study on the safflower plant and inspected different seeds using microscopes.

Through its 'Young Botanist' program, QBG, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and the Community Development (QF), aims to teach high school students about different plant life found in the desert. In addition, the initiative aims to raise awareness of plant conservation and enhance the scientific and practical research skills of students.

Image Captions:

Image 1: The Qur'anic Botanic Garden's 'Young Botanist' program aims to teach high school students about plant life in the desert.

Image 2: Students from Ali bin Jassim bin Mohammed Al-Thani Secondary Independent School for Boys visit the QF Nursery.

Image 3: Ali bin Jassim bin Mohammed Al-Thani Secondary Independent School students use a microscope to inspect plant seeds.

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About Qur'anic Botanic Garden:

The Qur'anic Botanic Garden, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development, the first of its kind in the world, exhibits all the plant species mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, and those in the Hadith and *Sunnah* (Sayings & traditions of the Prophet Muhammad PBUH). The Garden exhibits the botanical terms mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, explaining the significance of their mention in the Holy Qur'an, as well as the scientific explanations of composition, application and usefulness to man. It inspires appreciation of nature by encouraging respect and responsibility for our environment. The Qur'anic Botanic Garden was inaugurated by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser,

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Chairperson of Qatar Foundation, on 17 September 2008. To mark the event, she planted the Garden's very first tree, the Sidra (*Ziziphus spina-christi* Willd, Sidr), which is also the symbol of the Foundation.

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QF carries out its mission through three strategic pillars: education, science and research, and community development. QF's education pillar brings world-class universities to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. Meanwhile, its science and research pillar builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. Finally, its community development pillar helps foster a progressive society while also enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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