

QATAR FOUNDATION HOSTS INNOVATIVE ART EXHIBITION

Local Artist Combines Recycled Materials And Highlights The Importance Of Sustainability

Doha, 12 November 2014: An innovative new art exhibition featuring work made from recycled materials by Qatari artist, Essa Al-Mulla, has opened at Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF).

Entitled 'Found Objects & Creativity', the display was inaugurated by Engineer Jassim Telefat, Group Executive Director of Qatar Foundation Capital Projects and Facilities Management, and Mohammed Al Naimi, Director, Community Affairs, QF Support Services.

The exhibition demonstrates Qatar Foundation's on-going commitment to promoting local arts, culture and community development, in alignment with the Qatar National Vision 2030 (QNV2030) to increase awareness of the country's national heritage.

Furthermore, by drawing inspiration from, and including recycled materials such as iron, wood, and cloth in his work, the innovative artist successfully highlights the importance of environmental sustainability, which is another integral principle behind the QNV2030.

Commenting on his particular style, Essa Al-Mulla said: "I started to convert used materials into art about ten years ago and since then have gradually evolved to this stage. I believe that this concept is worth the additional effort.

I hope the idea of converting used materials into art will eventually be taught in schools and universities. There are a lot of items that can be transformed, and we should take advantage of these instead of throwing them away."

Faisal Al-Dosari, Acting Community Services Manager for QF Support Services, who also attended the event, observed: "Staging an art exhibition that features recycled pieces is a first for Qatar Foundation. It supports QF's goal of promoting environmental preservation, whilst inspiring a spirit of creativity and innovation."

The launch was open to the community, and attracted large numbers of the public.

The 'Found Objects & Creativity' exhibition by artist Essa Al-Mulla is open to the public and entrance is free of charge. It will run until 23rd November in the Recreation Centre in Education City.

Photo Caption

Image 1: Qatari artist Essa Al-Mulla standing alongside his work at the 'Found Objects & Creativity' exhibition at Qatar Foundation

Image 2: Qatari artist Essa Al-Mulla standing alongside one of his canvases at the 'Found Objects & Creativity' exhibition at Qatar Foundation

Image 3: Artist Essa Al-Mulla, whose work is on display at Qatar Foundation (QF), discussing his latest pieces with QF representatives (from left): Ameera Mohammed Al Aji, Community Services Supervisor at Qatar Foundation Support Services; Faisal Al-Dosari, Acting Community Services Manager at Qatar Foundation Support Services; Engineer Jassim Telefat, Group Executive Director of Qatar Foundation Capital Projects and Facilities Management; and Mohammed Al Naimi, Director, Community Affairs, Qatar Foundation Support Services.

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