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QUR'ANIC BOTANIC GARDEN HOSTS TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF QATAR STUDENTS

Students Attended 'Plants and Islamic Heritage' Course

Doha, Qatar, 20 October 2015: The Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), recently hosted a training programme for more than 130 students from the Community College of Qatar (CCQ) as part of the organisation's aim to promote cultural awareness among university students.

Held last week, the training included a number of interactive courses on 'Plants and Islamic Heritage', supporting QF on its mission to transfer knowledge to a society that interacts with the future and is aware of its Arab and Islamic heritage and culture.

The programme included a number of theoretical lectures in addition to field trips and a visit to a laboratory. The course began with a lecture explaining to students the concept of QBG's role and why the garden was created to promote knowledge of the plants, botanical terms, and conservation principles mentioned in the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah.

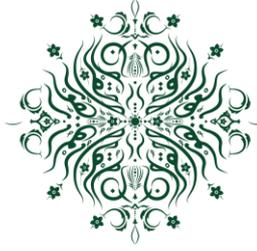
Fatima Al Khulaifi, QBG's Project Manager, said: "By holding an interactive educational programme for students of the Community College of Qatar, the Qur'anic Botanic Garden is extending its bridges of communication with national institutions in Qatar. By doing this, we hope to spread knowledge about plants in the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah, as well as Islamic heritage in order to discuss the issues surrounding the preservation of plants and Islamic gardens."

Students who attended the course visited a greenhouse where they had the opportunity to take a closer look at the nature of the growth and cultivation of such plants in different geographical areas. A lecture was also given on the concept of conservation and its significance in Islam, with a brief explanation about some of the conservation tools used by QBG the garden when taking care of the plants.

The programme also discussed the role a garden's Seed Bank and Herbarium play in protecting a plant growing outside its natural habitat.

Students who attended the course were awarded a certificate of attendance from QBG.

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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 idea of the Qur'anic Botanic Garden was started since it was inaugurated by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, 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.

About Qatar Foundation - Unlocking human potential.

Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development is a private non-profit organization supporting the State of Qatar in the process of turning carbon-based economy to a knowledge economy by unlocking human capabilities, including the benefit of the State of Qatar and the entire world. Qatar Foundation was founded in 1995 on the initiative of a His Highness the Father Amir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, and is chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Qatar Foundation is committed to achieving its mission overall strategy for education, science, and community development through the establishment of the education sector that attracts world-class universities to Qatar to enable young people to acquire the skills and behaviours necessary for the knowledge-based economy. It also supports innovation and technology through innovative solutions derived from the basic scientific fields. The Foundation is also contributing to the creation of a developed society and the promotion of cultural life and the preservation of heritage and to meet the immediate needs of the community.

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