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QUR'ANIC BOTANIC GARDEN
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'Ghars' Tree Planting Ceremony Brings Qatari And Turkish Communities Together

Doha, Qatar, 21 March, 2016: The Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), collaborated with the Turkish Embassy in Doha in a recent planting ceremony to highlight the importance of green conservation initiatives in Qatar.

The ceremony, which was inspired by QBG's 'Ghars' campaign, took place in the courtyard of the Turkish Embassy in Doha, and brought together representatives from Qatar Foundation and other local institutions, along with Qatari and Turkish diplomats, businessmen, community leaders and executives.

The 'Ghars' campaign provides diverse year-round awareness activities which engage the local community in an effort to increase awareness about environmental sustainability and green issues.

The event encouraged cross-cultural engagement and raised awareness of the importance of trees and the preservation of Qatar's natural resources, supporting QF's endeavours to help build a sustainable future for the nation in line with the Environmental Development Pillar of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

The ceremony was attended by His Excellency Mr Ahmet Demirok, Ambassador of the Turkish Republic in Qatar, and Ms Fatima Saleh Al-Khulaifi, Project Manager of QBG, who marked the event by planting olive, fig and Sidra trees.

HE Mr Demirok said: "Islam expresses great concern for the environment and we should endeavor to preserve natural resources, especially trees, within their natural habitats in accordance with instructions of our religion. I would like to express my gratitude to the Qur'anic Botanic Garden, and Ms Fatima Saleh Al-Khulaifi, for organizing the 'Ghars' event in the Turkish Embassy."

During the event, a variety of plants and trees mentioned in Islamic culture were displayed, demonstrating the affiliation between flora, botanic terms, and conservation principles mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, Hadith and Sunnah.

In addition to the ceremony, QBG presented an exhibition of tools traditionally used to cultivate the date palm tree, illuminating part of the rich horticultural history of the Qatari community.



Ms Fatima Saleh Al-Khulaifi said: “We consider the ‘Ghars’ campaign as a literal translation of efforts made by the Qur’anic Botanic Garden towards the environment by caring, protecting and planting trees in order to rehabilitate and conserve plant life.”

QBG continues to identify and work alongside national institutions in Qatar which conserve and support sustainable development frameworks to ensure the environmental wellbeing of the nation.

Photo Captions:

Image 1: The Qur’anic Botanic Garden (QBG) jointly hosted a planting ceremony with the Turkish Embassy in Doha.

Image 2: The Qatari and Turkish communities came together to raise awareness about environmental consciousness and cross cultural co-operation.

Image 3: The Qur’anic Botanic Garden (QBG) collaborated with the Turkish Embassy in Doha to highlight the importance of green conservation initiatives in Qatar.

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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 concept comes from a region-wide UNESCO. 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.

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by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Amir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Qatar Foundation's Chairperson. QF's work encompasses education, research and community development. World-class universities are brought to Qatar to help create an education sector in which young people can develop the attitudes and skills required for a knowledge economy. At the same time, QF builds Qatar's innovation and technology capacity by developing and commercialising solutions through key sciences. The Foundation also works to foster a progressive society while enhancing cultural life, protecting Qatar's heritage and addressing immediate social needs in the community.

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