



QUR'ANIC BOTANIC GARDEN CELEBRATES QATAR ENVIRONMENT DAY 2017

Students and QF Officials Plant Trees in Education City

Doha, Qatar, March 1, 2017 – Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG) recently celebrated Qatar Environment Day 2017 by planting Sidra and Ghaf trees in Education City. Held as part of its year-round 'Ghars' campaign, a number of senior Qatar Foundation officials, along with dozens of QF and independent school students, participated.

Mrs. Machaille Al-Naimi, President of Community Development, QF, and Ms. Fatma Saleh Al-Khulaifi, Project Manager, QBG, took part in the tree planting event. They were joined by Dr. Abdul Ghafour Al Heeti, Director, Qatar Music Academy, and Mrs. Buthaina Al Nuaimi, President of Pre-University Education, QF.

Commenting on the event, Mrs. Machaille Al-Naimi said: "The Qur'anic Botanic Garden's 'Ghars' Campaign is a wonderful initiative, it serves as a platform to demonstrate the center's dedication to promoting sustainable development, and to highlighting the importance of environmental responsibility, especially among young people. Indeed, today we saw nearly 50 children from across the country plant trees in Education City."

Students of different ages from Qatar Academy Doha, Qatar Academy Wakra, Qatar Academy Sidra, Qatar Academy Msheireb, Awsaj Academy, and Qatar Leadership Academy took part in the initiative, while students from Hassan Bin Thabit Secondary Independent School for Boys, Ali Bin Jassim Bin Mohammed Al Thani Secondary Independent School for Boys, Ibn Khaldoun Preparatory Independent School for Boys, and the Nomas Center also participated.

Commenting on the event, Ms. Fatma Saleh Al-Khulaifi said: "Qur'anic Botanic Garden is committed to raising community awareness around the importance of trees, especially in dry-land environments, through its 'Ghars' campaign launched in 2011. I am pleased today to see so many students and QF officials planting trees together."

QBG, a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF), aims to encourage social engagement and strengthen agricultural awareness in Qatar, supporting QF's commitment to promoting environmental sustainability within the wider community.

Image Captions:

Image 1: Students planting trees in Education City as part of Qur'anic Botanic Garden's (QBG) Qatar Environment Day 2017 celebrations.



Image 2: Students participate in Qur'anic Botanic Garden's (QBG) Qatar Environment Day 2017 festivities.

Image 3: The Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG) hosts a tree planting ceremony as part of its 'Ghars' campaign.

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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 announced to exhibit 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 Qur'anic Botanic Garden 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. 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.

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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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