



FAMILIES ENJOY QATAR FOUNDATION'S GARANGAO CELEBRATIONS

Children Take Part in Traditional Garangao Fun and Games at Al Shaqab

Doha, Qatar, June 10, 2017 – Families from across the country enjoyed a fun and festive atmosphere at Qatar Foundation's (QF) Garangao celebrations at Al Shaqab on Thursday evening.

QF's Garangao activities this year featured a range of traditional games and cultural activities, including 'gaiss' and 'dahroui', specially designed for the whole family to enjoy. Visitors were also able to sample some of the region's most popular dishes, including 'harees', 'khanfarroosh', and 'luqaimat'.

QF's popular National Reading Campaign hosted a series of interactive games for children including scrabble and jigsaw puzzles, while the campaign's innovative Reading Truck was on hand to provide favorite books and stories for children and families.

Young visitors also had the chance to meet Rashid and Noura, their favorite characters from 'Siraj', QF's animated educational TV series that aims to instill a love of the Arabic language from an early age.

Khalifa E. Al Kubaisi, Head of Press Office, QF, said: "Qatar Foundation's annual Garangao activities provide a wonderful opportunity for community members of all ages and backgrounds to come together to honor a beloved regional tradition. Throughout the year, we provide a range of initiatives designed to foster social engagement and encourage people to learn more about Qatar's culture and traditions, and our Garangao event is just one example."

A number of QF centers took part in this year's Garangao celebrations with activities including a planetarium show organized by Qatar Environment and Energy Research Institute (QEERI); puzzle and wheel games by Qatar Biobank; and planting activities hosted by Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG). Additionally, Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar (WCM-Q) gave visitors the opportunity to learn more about medicine through role-playing as doctors in the activity 'Annie'.

Eman Ibrahim, a Qatari mother who took part in the activities, said: "I'm here with my three children. They really liked the games, and they're very excited about getting henna done."



She added: “It’s very important that Qatar Foundation organizes activities like this. To have all these people here tonight learn more about our culture and see all our traditional games and wonderful facilities, it’s great. Both children and adults alike can learn so much about our rich heritage through these celebrations.”

Garangao is a popular children’s festival held annually across the Gulf region following the breaking of fast on the 14th night of Ramadan. QF’s Garangao celebrations are part of its commitment to preserving Qatari traditions, and, this year, the activities reflected its overarching Ramadan themes – mercy, honesty, generosity, and tolerance – which are aligned with QF’s recently-announced Akhlaquna Award.

For more information on QF’s Ramadan activities, please visit <http://www.qf.org.qa>

Photo Captions

Image 1: Families enjoy Qatar Foundation’s Garangao celebrations at Al Shaqab on Thursday night.

Image 2: Children take part in a traditional game during Qatar Foundation’s Garangao celebrations at Al Shaqab.

Image 3: Children enjoy a sack race as part of Qatar Foundation’s Garangao celebrations at Al Shaqab.

Image 4: Children test their medical skills in a giant ‘Operation’ game organized by Weill Cornell Medicine – Qatar (WCM-Q), as part of Qatar Foundation’s Garangao celebrations.

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QF was founded in 1995 by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the Father Emir, and Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, who shared the vision to provide Qatar with quality education. Today, QF’s world-class education system offers lifelong learning opportunities to community members as young as six months through to doctoral level,



enabling graduates to thrive in a global environment and contribute to the nation's development.

QF is also creating a multidisciplinary innovation hub in Qatar, where homegrown researchers are working to address local and global research and development challenges. By promoting a culture of lifelong learning and fostering social engagement through programs that embody Qatari culture, QF is committed to empowering the local community and contributing to a better world for all.

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