



Qur'anic Botanic Garden Concluded Its Summer Educational Program

Event organised in collaboration with Eid Charity

Doha, Qatar, XX September 2016 – The Qur'anic Botanic Garden (QBG), member of Qatar Foundation, concluded its 'Fun & Learn' summer educational program to primary school students in Qatar as part of its summer activities, which continued during August and September 2016 in collaboration with the women's branch of Eid Charity.

The 'Fun & Learn' summer workshops were held at Hamad bin Khalifa University's (HBKU) Student Centre in Education City, where over 150 girls of various primary school stages enjoyed a series of engaging activities and educational interactive games such as colouring, puzzles, quizzes and contests that introduced the students to the plant's life and different age stages starting from the germination through the greenery up till the seed production and then germination again. Students, also, explored some planting activities, which helped them identify the plant's parts and each part's role.

The 'Fun & Learn' program is aimed at primary school students aged 6 to 11, and has been delivered till now to 20 schools working in Qatar. The 'Fun & Learn' initiative highlights the plant life and the environment through providing the scientific information in a very simple and easy way to ensure being understood. The program, also, introduces the children to the importance of agriculture, environment and conservation through submitting a series of fun and interactive activities

QBG is a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF). Through its educational initiative, QBG aims to encourage student engagement and strengthen agricultural awareness in Qatar, supporting QF's dedication to sustainable development and environmental responsibility.

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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 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.



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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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