

Speech of Ms. Fatima Al-Khulaifi Manager – Qur'anic Botanic Garden

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"Peace be upon you"



I thank you for your participation and I am happy to welcome you all to this ceremony, through which we demonstrate the joint efforts of civil society and diplomacy in supporting the environmental issues, which we are leading through the "GHARS campaign" launched seven years ago in an effort to send a green message from Qatar to the entire world.



I would also like to express my pleasure to hold this ceremony in conjunction with the Russian Embassy to celebrate the Qatar Russia 2018 - Year of Culture, which translates into the cultural and civilizational cooperation between Qatar and Russia.



We are gathering today at this park in the Education City to emphasize the leading role of the Qur'anic Botanic Garden in protecting the environment commencing from the objectives of Qatar Foundation and in the light of broad guidelines of Qatar National Vision 2030 and in line with the United Nations goals of sustainable development.



In the spirit of our Islamic ethics, which encouraged all people -not only Muslimsto preserve the environment and protect its components, the Almighty God said: And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. And invoke Him in fear and aspiration. Indeed, the mercy of Allah is near to the doers of good.



As the Sharia law forbade the cutting of trees for causing corruption of the environment, God said in the Holy Qur'an: "And when he goes away, he strives throughout the land to cause corruption therein and destroy crops and animals. And Allah does not like corruption."



The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "If the Final Hour comes while you have a palm-cutting in your hands and it is possible to plant it before the Hour comes, you should plant it."



The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has recommended in many places to plant trees and consider it a door for charity that brings us closer to God. Anas reported Allah's Messenger(ﷺ) as saying Never does a Muslim plant trees or cultivate land and birds or a man or a beast eat out of them but that is a charity on his behalf.



And the planting of trees, is considered a door of sustainability in the work said (r) "If the hour and the hand of one of you, if he could not even to instill it Let him do."

Therefore, the conservation of trees and plants in general is a path of civilization, revival of religious heritage and good morals, and the sustainability of human life on earth.



Therefore, QBG as a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development has launched the Ghars Campaign to promote the environmental conservation in Qatar and to emphasize the Qatar National Vision 2030 in its fourth pillar of environmental conservation and protection,



including air, land, water and biodiversity. By building an environmentally conscious society that values environmental components not only in Qatar but also in the whole region and the world following the Prophet's Hadith.



Thank you again for your presence with us in our beautiful garden, which I hope you will like and invite you to visit again with your families and friends. It is open to you all the time.



Now I invite you to share with us the reward of planting trees, following the guidance of the Prophet (peace be upon him).



