



Farmers' market opens celebrating healthy diet

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- Separate sections for farmers, nurseries, agricultural companies, productive families, dates and honey
- This year's theme is "Our Food... Our Health."
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- Special exhibitions showcase Bahrain's agricultural heritage

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Celebrating the need for a green, fresh and healthy diet, amid the threats posed by COVID-19 variants, the ninth edition of Farmers' market opened doors yesterday at Budaiya Botanical Garden.

The market, which returns after a year-long hiatus, showcases produce from 37 framers and four farming companies.

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In pictures, the farmers' market at Budaiya Botanical Garden

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opened the market, which highlights healthy diets as a source of sustainability.

"Bahraini Farmers' market is an important platform for marketing the products of Bahraini farmers," the minister said, adding, "The ministry is committed to providing all kinds of support to Bahraini farmers."

The Undersecretary for Agriculture and Marine Resources at the Work Ministry, Ibrahim Al-Hawaj, Secretary-General of the National Initiative for Agricultural Development (NIAD), Shaikha Maram bint Isa Al Khalifa, and officials were present.

The market is as per the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

The event follows all health requirements set by the National Medical Taskforce for Combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shaikha Maram expressed delight at the resumption of the Bahraini Farmers' market.

"The market will act as a catalyst for Bahraini farmers to increase their products and compete with top producers," she said.

For the first time, the market has also opened a special exhibi-

tion showcasing Bahrain's agricultural heritage and agricultural machines used in the past for cultivation, ploughing, planting and harvesting.

The event also opened a photo exhibition in honour of those who contributed to making Bahrain a green paradise of one million palm trees.



First introduced in 2012, the Farmer's Market was an initiative to develop the agriculture sector in Bahrain to support more sustainable food production and the promote the sale of products produced sustainably.

Permanent Farmer's Market

Due to its huge success of the seasonal farmers' market, a permanent destination for locally grown fresh produce have been established. The permanent farmers market is open 6 days a week Monday to Saturday, from 8 am to 3 pm in A'ali.

Farmers' market is for:

- Fresh local food
- Supporting local economy
- Enhancing food security

The Farmers Markets gives local producers a retail outlet that enables them to sell directly to the public and to strengthen the links between producer and consumer. It contributes in achieving food security in the Kingdom and Promote sustainable agriculture.

'Khalifia Mobile Library' spreads the joy of reading in Bahrain

- Route of the bus is available on the Instagram account @CultureBah.

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"Khalifia Mobile Library", inaugurated last week by the



Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, as part of National Day celebrations, is eliciting beaming smiles from people as it journeys through the streets of Bahrain.

On Friday, the bus chugged through the Al-Shorouk neighbourhood in Diyar Al-Muharraq in Muharraq, attracting a huge crowd. Yesterday, the bus was with the people at Al Noor neighbourhood in Diyar Al Muharraq.

The bus will continue to criss-cross Bahrain for a year, and its next stop will be Bab Al Bahrain in Manama, where it will stay for three days.

The library will welcome readers in Manama from Tues-

day to Thursday.

Route of the bus is available on the Instagram account @CultureBah.

Welcoming the moving library on Friday at Diyar Al-Muharraq was Shaikha Hala bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Director-General of Culture and Arts in the Authority and Dr Fatima Al Balushi, the Chairperson of the Board Trustees of the Bahrain Trust Foundation, and several top officials.

The literary journey is part of the Culture Authority's celebrations of the National Days.

Khalifiya Library is one of the oldest public libraries in Bahrain and the first public library in Muharraq. The history of the



establishment of Al Khalifiyah Library dates back to 1954, and in 2017 the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities reopened it to the people of Muharraq after reviving the original building of the library. The library is now providing the public with cultural programmes and specialized workshops throughout the year.

The authority said they are now moving this historic library to all parts of the Kingdom to create a reading culture among various segments of the society.

