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Families throng Summer Fun Park

MOUSHUMI DAS CHAUDHURY
DOHA

FAMILY friendly activities, food and shopping are the key attractions that have been luring families and friends to the Doha Summer Fun Park.

There are long queues for every ride and although most of them cost QR15 for five minutes or 10 minutes, children and teenagers all enjoy them and wait for their turn. The most popular among the kids are the mini train and jumping stage.

An employee of Freij Entertainment told *Qatar Tribune* that the bumper cars, the carousel, crazy wave, musik express are the favourites among teenagers. Although most of them are costly, the youngsters keep coming back again and again. Parents can also sit in the carousel along with their children.

Pony adventure, the newest ride, is also popular. Video games and skillful activities are very popular among kids of all age groups, the staff of Freij Entertainment said.

Maheshwari Kumar, who came to Doha four months ago, visited the Fun Park with her two boys, aged six and ten years. She said, "We are very happy to be here. My sons have enjoyed since the last two hours and are not willing to go home. They liked the bumper cars and pony rides very much. The arrangements made by the organisers are good and almost all the rides are safe for children. I am happy to spend QR300 for my children's fun and happiness."

Regarding food, she said: "Food is very fresh and all the varieties are available. Chicken nuggets and popcorn are the favourites among my children. I liked Costa coffee and Indian chaat."

The Jungle food court was crowded and there was no place to sit. People were all excited and eager to savour the various delicious dishes.



Visitors at the Summer Fun Park, in Doha, on Friday. (MANEESH BAKSHI)



Children enjoy a ride at the Summer Fun Park.

The other main attraction at the fun park is the market area which has more than 50

stalls selling various items of merchandise.

Children's garments, ladies'

handbags and artificial jewellery are selling like hot cakes. The handbags are

mostly made in China and the price range in from QR50 to QR350. Their attractive

colours and designs make them favourites among the ladies and people from Indian and Pakistan.

One Pakistani salesman

said, "We are selling dress material mostly in cotton and chiffon and the demand is mostly from young Asian girls. We are doing good business. Our price starts from QR65 to QR130 for the dress materials which are available in bright colours. We participated at this event last year and made good profit. We are very optimistic about this year as more and more people are coming to our shop."

One new item from China called magic towels are being sold in the range of QR20 to QR100. They are said to be good for children as the special materials used for making them are different from the usual material.

There are also children's garments with cartoon characters from Syria. Young children force their parents to buy for them.

Shops selling artificial jewellery and cosmetics are also fascinating.

Young girls, particularly local spend more on jewellery, especially bangles which mostly come from Gujarat and Mumbai in India.

One shopkeeper said, "We are offering a wide range, starting from QR10 to QR50 for bangles and QR100 to QR2,000 for jewellery sets which are made in silver and polished in gold. Our bangles are selling fast and we are planning to bring more stocks."

One new thing which is being launched in Qatar for the first time is the 'Mini Chef Electric Tandoor' from India. It can make chapatis in two minutes, cake in five minutes and biscuits in five minutes and pizza in two minutes without pre-heating.

Harpreet Singh, who sells the product, said, "We are selling it at affordable price with 12 months guarantee. It is shock proof and ideal for Tandoori and grilled items."

20 QAC graduates get certificates

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DOHA

THE Qatar Aeronautical College (QAC) presented certificates to its students at a graduation ceremony on Thursday.

Ambassador of Eritrea to Qatar HE Ali Ibrahim Ahmed handed over the certificates to students who had completed their courses in air traffic control, meteorology and radio operations.

The graduates included 10 air traffic controllers, four meteorologists from Eritrea and six security officers from Qatar Petroleum.

All the air traffic controllers and meteorologists were sponsored by the Eritrean government and would be returning to Eritrea to work at the country's two major airports.

The QAC recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Reading University, UK, to offer a one-and-a-half-year top up BSc



Eritrean Ambassador HE Ali Ibrahim Ahmed with QAC officials and graduates, in Doha, on Thursday. (JALAL PATHIYOOR)

degree programme in meteorology for QAC graduates. QAC is expected to be confirmed soon by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) as the regional training centre for Middle East and Asia.

According to QAC Director General Ali Ibrahim al Malki, the demand for air traffic controllers and meteorologists worldwide exceeds supply.

He said QAC is the major

training institute in the region that helps in meeting the demand.

The training syllabus meets the standards of the International Civil Authority (ICAO) and World WMO.

Speaking to *Qatar Tribune*, al Malki said that that most of the graduates were already in the industry and came to refresh their knowledge.

"We are happy to train these people. Apart from air

traffic control and meteorology, we also offer training for pilots, aircraft maintenance engineering, airport operations and English language," he said.

He added that the trend in the aviation industry was changing with 25 percent of the 700 students at the college being females. Not long ago, the industry was a male dominated field, he added.

Director of Academic

Affairs/Registration Dr Saeed al Sulaiman said that the WMO had done a great deal for students who could now acquire their degrees in England in 18 months.

"We are now emphasising on setting up more labs, especially for meteorology. I wish the students the best. They will be valuable assets to the country," he said.

In his opening remarks, Edwin Muzame Eboy, head of

department air traffic control management and meteorology said, "This college has a long history of friendship and cooperation with the Eritrean government and we are confident that the graduates we produce meet international standards."

Registration for September intake is continuing at QAC and interested applicants can contact the college administration directly.

QSA receives GIS award

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THE Qatar Statistics Authority (QSA) received a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) award at the 30th annual ESRI International User Conference (ESRI UC), which was held in San Diego, USA, recently.

The QSA was honoured from among 150 other organisations. It got the award for using GIS technology in statistical operations, particularly in general census of population, housing and establishments. The award is given to user sites around the world to recognise outstanding work with GIS technology. QSA GIS stood out among all other 100,000 authorities.

The International GIS Conference is organised annually by ESRI. It was attended by more than 13,000 people from 134 countries.

This recognition for QSA includes recognition for the nationwide GIS system established under the supervision of the Centre for GIS (CGIS), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning Development.