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## 1001 inventions exhibition 'a success'

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The 1001 inventions exhibition, a major attraction at the inaugural Abu Dhabi Science Festival (ADSF), was declared a success after its first showing in the Middle East concluded recently with more than 50,000 visitors attending.

The festival was organised by the Technology Development Committee (TDC).

Professor Salim Al Hassani, chairman of 1001 inventions, said: "This is the first 1001 Inventions show in Arabic. It unveils the cultural roots of modern science and inspires the new generation to innovate and contribute towards the betterment of society. The visitor numbers, their variety and the positive feedback we have received demonstrate a resounding success. We gratified that through the 1001 inventions exhibition was able to contribute to the Abu Dhabi government's efforts in instilling a passion for science, technology, and innovation (STI) in the hearts of the Emirate's youth."

In addition to visitors from the general public, around 9,000 children attended through school tours from across Abu Dhabi. The school tours were organised in partnership with Abu Dhabi Education Council (Adec), ADSF's education partner.

Ahmed Al Calily, director general of Technology Development Committee (TDC), organisers of the event, said: "We hope this will help develop a life-long interest in STI among the youth of Abu Dhabi and inspire them to become the scientists of tomorrow."

"We are pleased with the success of the first Abu Dhabi Science Festival, which attracted more than 100,000 people. The excellent reviews we had from visitors to the 1001 inventions exhibition is a strong endorsement of the festival's content, and the approach we took in delivering it," he added.

In organising the Abu Dhabi Science Festival, the Abu Dhabi Technology Development Committee (TDC) partnered with Abu Dhabi Education Council (Adec) as its education partner.

It was presented by TDC and Tawazun in association with Dolphin Energy and in partnership with the Edinburgh International Science Festival (EISF) and 1001 Inventions and as programming partners. The festival was also sponsored by Total and GHC. - TradeArabia News Service