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Arabick Roots, 1001 Inventions expos attract 85,000 visitors

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DOHA THE ongoing Arabick Roots attract the interest of inquisitive minds with the show and the recently concluded 1001 Inventions exhibitions have attracted over 85,000 visitors at the Museum of Islamic Art (MIA).

The exhibition was opened by Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Qatar Museum Authority (QMA) Her Excellency Sheikha Al Mayassa bint Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani on October 16.

Arabick Roots, an international exhibition which traces the untold story of how knowledge from Muslim civilisation inspired the scientific revolution in Europe, has already welcomed an unprecedented 13,000 visitors with three weeks still left for viewing.

The exhibition, especially produced for Qatari audiences by 1001 Inventions in collaboration with MIA, is brought to Doha through a partnership between MIA, QMA, 1001 Inventions and Qatar Shell.

MIA Director Aisha al Khater said, "The recordbreaking number of children who visited this exhibition has been a great source of pride and also a lesson to us on the substance and design that our young audiences respond to.

"I am also pleased with the success of the educational outreach programme and the number of schools the museum has engaged." The 1001 Inventions, which closed last month after attracting 72,000 visitors, was visited by the Emir of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani, who met with the young scientists working inside the speciallybuilt marquee that housed the award-winning exhibition.

Producer and Director of 1001 Inventions Ahmed Salim said, "We're amazed by the success of 1001 Inventions in Doha. We are also honoured that that HH the Emir endorsed the good work that was done here.

We're particularly pleased to note that this has been the most popular science show ever launched in Qatar.

"Independent research demonstrates that 1001 Inventions has engendered pride and enthusiasm in the hidden history of scientific excellence of the Muslim civilisation." Chairman and Managing Director of Qatar Shell Wael Sawan said, "We are proud of the great achievement of 1001 Inventions exhibition and the new country record of 72,000 visitors. This achievement is the result of the solid partnership that we have established with QMA, MIA and 1001 Inventions."