

Qatar, Turkey plan cultural centres; work on for Turkish school in Doha

RAMY SALAMA

DOHA

A TURKISH Cultural Centre is planned for Doha, according to the Ambassador of Turkey HE Ahmet Demirok.

Speaking to Qatar Tribune recently, the ambassador noted that this initiative was intended to meet the growing demand in the country for an exposure to Turkish culture.

The ambassador said, "Many Qatari people are visiting Turkey today. In 2011, the number of visitors was 7,000, and in 2012, it was double that, 14,000. Also, Turkish TV series are very popular in Qatar. Besides, people here are buying houses in Turkey. So, people would like to learn more about Turkish culture."

Elaborating on this point, the envoy said, "Qataris want to know about Turkey, and this is why we are planning to build a Turkish Cultural Centre in Doha. The Centre will seek to promote Turkish language and Turkish culture. I hope I can give the

good news on this soon as we would like to open this centre as soon as possible."

While the centre remains in the planning stages for now, the ambassador said that it was approved by the Prime Minister of Turkey during his visit to the country last year.

The cultural exchange initiatives are mutual, as the ambassador also noted that there are similar plans for a Qatari cultural centre in Turkey. "I had a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar HE Dr Khalid bin Mohammed al Atiyah recently, and he informed me that they were planning to open Qatar House, a cultural centre of the country in Turkey," he said.

The Turkish envoy said that work on a Turkish school in Doha is also on. "The Turkish school will admit around 500 students. The medium of language will be Turkish and will follow the Turkish national curriculum," the envoy added.

Other cultural events are in the planning stage, and the

Culture minister meets Turkish ambassador

MINISTER of Culture, Arts and Heritage Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al Kuwari met with Turkish Ambassador to Qatar HE Ahmet Demirok in Doha on Tuesday. During the meeting, they reviewed preparations for the Turkish cultural events due to be held in Qatar and the Qatari ones that will be held in Turkey. They also discussed the forthcoming visit of Turkish Minister of Culture and Tourism Omer Celik to Doha. (QNA)



Ambassador of Turkey HE Ahmet Demirok.

ambassador visited Katara on Monday to discuss the opportunity for a Turkish Festival on the lines of other international festivals hosted by the Cultural Village in the past. Demirok has obtained an

ENVOYSPEAK

Qataris want to know about Turkey, and this is why we are planning to build a Turkish Cultural Centre in Doha. The Centre will seek to promote Turkish language, and Turkish culture

Work on a Turkish school in Doha is also on. The Turkish school will admit around 500 students. The medium of language will be Turkish and will follow the Turkish national curriculum

I had a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar HE Dr Khalid bin Mohammed al Atiyah recently, and he informed me that they were planning to open Qatar House, a cultural centre of the country in Turkey

The senior diplomat has served as political advisor to two Turkish ministers of foreign affairs, Ali Babacan and Prof Ahmet Davutoglu. His diplomatic career spans more than 20 years.

Culture minister meets Turkish, Greek envoys

MINISTER of Culture, Arts and Heritage HE Dr Hamad bin Abdulaziz al Kuwari on Tuesday met separately with Turkish Ambassador to Qatar HE Ahmet Demirok and Greek Ambassador HE Ioannis Metaxas. During the meetings, they reviewed preparations for the Turkish cultural events due to be held in Qatar and the Qatari ones to be held in Turkey. They also discussed the upcoming visit of Turkish Minister of Culture and Tourism Omer Celik to Doha. In addition, aspects of cultural cooperation between Qatar and Greece and means of boosting it were also reviewed. (QNA)