

Progress at Yanbu tourist project reviewed

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JEDDAH: Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Thunayan, chairman of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu, was on Sunday briefed on the progress at the sea front tourist project of Yanbu Industrial City by the commission's CEO Ala bin Abdullah Naseef.

The project, that seeks to lure more tourists to the region, occupies an area of 380 hectares and will be implemented in four phases, including the draining of seawater to make room for the shores.

The construction of two islands, Al-Jar and Al-Nuras, has already finished, according to project engineers. The scheme is considered one of the mega entertainment and investment projects on the Red Sea. It is also considered an economic scheme that encourages investments and ensures the participation of the private sector.

"The project strikes a balance between public entertainment and private sector investment," a Saudi engineer said.

The seafront to be developed will be 11 km long and consist of green areas, beaches, hotels, restaurants and other facilities. The chairman also toured the Yanbu Technical Institute, which will accommodate about 1,500 students. The institute is composed of six main buildings including administration offices and classrooms for commercial and catering studies, and tourism.

In addition, Prince Saud inspected the housing project for teachers and students of the institute and of the Yanbu Industrial College.

The institute has four buildings comprising 416 rooms, while the college has 10 buildings with 1,040 rooms, extending over an area of 40,000 square meters.

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