

New projects in Yanbu to boost tourism



Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Thunayan, chairman of the Royal Commission, is briefed Tuesday on new projects being implemented in Yanbu. (SPA)

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JEDDAH: The Royal Commission (RC) for Jubail and Yanbu is currently implementing new projects worth SR1.4 billion in the industrial city of Yanbu, including a seafront project, college buildings for girls, and infrastructure projects such as main and subsidiary roads.

Prince Saud bin Abdullah bin Thunayan, chairman of the Royal Commission, inspected the projects on Tuesday, including the home ownership program for RC employees in Jabiriya District where 693 housing units have been completed at a cost of SR727 million.

Covering an area of 11 km, the seafront project will boost tourism in Yanbu and create more jobs for Saudis, an official statement said. "The Royal Commission will take into consideration the environmental aspects while providing recreational facilities," it added.

The commission said the seafront project was aimed at attracting more tourists to the city and providing them with all required facilities such as recreation centers, hotels and restaurants and greenery.

Prince Saud commended the progress of work on the projects. "We in the Royal Commission are very concerned with the welfare and comfort of employees as well as other residents of the industrial city. We'll do our best to improve their living facilities," he said.

Prince Saud opened the Huzam Al-Akhdar project that is spread over an area of nine kilometers along King Abdul Aziz Road. Aqeeli Khawaji, CEO of the commission in Yanbu, said as many as 22,000 trees and 200,000 flowers had been planted in the area, which has greenery on 70,000 square meters. In addition to pathways for joggers, the area has resting places, recreational facilities for children, a prayer area for 200 people and parking for 600 vehicles.

The RC chief also opened the Fairouz Gardens, said to be the most beautiful garden in Yanbu, which covers an area of 72,300 square meters. Apart from recreational facilities for children, the garden has a large map of the Kingdom covering 1,200 square meters. He also opened the newly developed Yanbu Industrial Lake.

"These projects are aimed at making Yanbu one of the Kingdom's major tourist attractions," said Hamid bin Khidr Sabeeh, director for operations and maintenance at the Royal Commission. He said the seafront project would provide more investment opportunities for Saudis in the tourism sector.

Meanwhile, Prince Sultan bin Salman, chairman of Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities (SCTA) will launch the first phase of the seafront project north of Yanbu. "This is an important project, which aims at developing historical ports in the north of Yanbu," Prince Sultan said in a statement. Yousuf Al-Muzaini, executive director of tourism development, said the seafront project would attract at least 500,000 tourists

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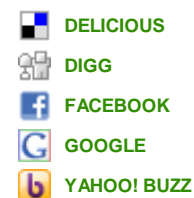
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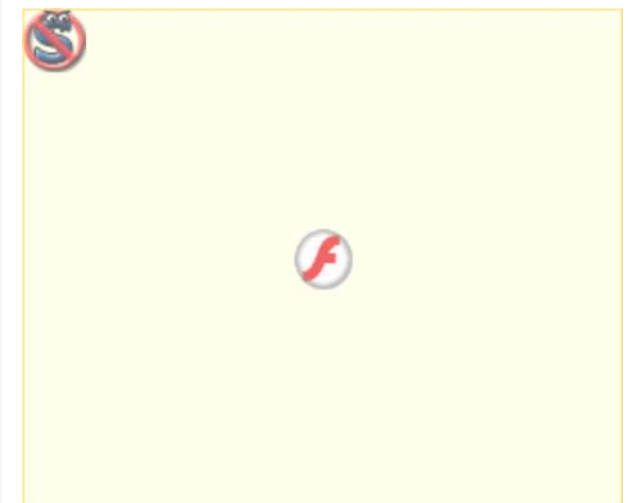
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