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 Book fair banners displayed near the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.

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COST FAIR PRICE

Juma'a Al Qubasi, general manager of ADIBF, said, "The fair is not competing with book shops which provide public with books all over the year; book prices in the fair will not be more than usual and visitors are requested to report to the organisers desk in case of extraordinary prices".

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fairs in the world, according to Mohammad Khalifa Al Mazroui, General Manager of the authority. "Some 637 publishers from 52 countries are taking part this year while there were only 25 countries in 2006," Al Mazroui said.

This year the international publishers grew by 32 per cent from last year. Foreign publishers comprise 35 per cent of total participants.

The exhibition space was expanded by 50 per cent, according to Al Mazroui.

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INVITED GUEST LIST

Some guest authors who confirmed their visit to the fair are:

- Raja AlSanea
- Hoda Barakat
- Bas Boettcher
- Assia Djebar
- Amirav Gosh
- Simon Kuper
- Henning Mankell
- Shashi Tharoor
- Laura Lehmann
- Mohammad Khalifa

historic artifacts and showcased by knowledgeable antiquarian experts" said Kaiser.

Authors from the region and elsewhere will be taking part in discussion forums and signing copies of their works.

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