



H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Mohammed bin Khaled Al Nahyan's sons share their creations with local children

The sons of H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Mohammed bin Khaled Al Nahyan arrived at the ADIBF yesterday to read and promote the children's books that they have published.

The 10 story books were masterminded by H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Mohammed bin Khaled Al Nahyan's 3 sons, 11-year-old Tahnoon bin Khalifa Al Nahyan, 13-year-old Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Nahyan and 14-year-old Khalid bin Khalifa Al Nahyan.

Produced with the help of tutors, their books have proved extremely popular with local children. "Some 1,000 copies of the four original titles were privately published, while 3,500 of the six latest books have been printed," said children's coordinator Rajaa Al Amir.

Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Nahyan said he had plenty of story ideas, but eventually chose an army theme. "The army has always really interested me. I really



like the idea of representing your country, which is why I chose to focus my book on this topic." In addition to creating stories, the young author has a passion for

reading novels in both Arabic and English. "At the moment I'm reading *Twilight* by Stephenie Myers. I'm really enjoying it.

Spice journey at the Book Fair



Popular Malaysian TV personality Chef Wan entertained an excited young audience at yesterday's 'Cooking for Children' display. "We want to take the children on a spice journey," explained Wan. "There has been a crossroads of culture, particularly in Asia, and it has developed over many, many years. We've accumulated so many different flavours and I wanted these to be tasted by the children."

During the morning session, Wan revealed his recipe for *ayam panggang sri menanti*, which is chicken braised in spices and grilled with fresh pineapple. In the afternoon, the popular chef prepared a 'Malaysian breakfast' for the children. The dish, which was made from coconut wrapped in banana leaf and served with a spicy *nasi lemak* sauce, delighted youngsters.

"We really wanted to present the breadth of recipes that we've acquired from all over the world. I've observed that children appreciate learning about the origins of food and often enjoy sampling the variety of foods from different corners of the world," he said.

Yalla... let's party!

Multimedia producer Hosni Mojahed has been promoting his latest CD at the ADIBF's Children's Corner this week. The original Arabic songs for children will be performed at the daily evening parties, sponsored by the Abu Dhabi Media Company (ADMC) and hosted by *Majed Magazine*, the popular children's magazine. "I've worked with a professional composer who knows what kind of music kids will like," Mojahed explained. "Meanwhile I've chosen a variety of humorous lyrics that I feel will make the songs more popular."

Wednesday evening's performance attracted 30 excited youngsters. The session gave them a chance to let off steam and, above all, have fun. "As well as live music we've organised games and competitions such as musical chairs and animal statues," said Mojahed. "Every day is different and we look forward to welcoming each new audience."

