
Katara Opens 'Bisht House' to Showcase Traditional Craftsmanship



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Doha, December 23 (QNA)– Qatar’s Katara Cultural Village has opened ‘Bisht House’ – a new heritage space dedicated to preserving and promoting the traditional craft of bisht-making.

Katara’s general manager, Dr Khalid bin Ibrahim Al Sulaiti attended the opening, along with officials and heritage enthusiasts.

The venue offers visitors an insight into the various stages of producing the bisht, from selecting fabrics to intricate embroidery using gold and silver zari threads.

The bisht is a traditional, luxurious men's cloak worn over a thobe in the Arab world, symbolizing high status, royalty, and prestige.

Bisht House aims to highlight one of the region's most refined traditional crafts, known for its precision and artistic detail, and to reinforce its cultural and historical significance.

Founder Sami Al Hawaj said the bisht was not merely a garment but a work of art that reflects Gulf identity, elegance and heritage.

He added that the centre also displays historic bishts dating back more than 50 years, alongside traditional Qatari garments.