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## Foreword

The Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage is responsible for the protection, preservation, studying, and documentation of the antiquities. This is due to its great importance as a cultural heritage of ancestors, through which cultural values are passed from generation to generation and through which we can move from the past to the future, and vice versa.

The SCTH is keen on enhancing programs supporting scientific research and publications of scientific and specialized archaeological researches by the individuals and organizations. The SCTH believes that such approach shall contribute to the documentation of the national heritage, highlighting its cultural values, and enhancing scientific and educational research in archaeology.

This publication comes within the framework of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Cultural Heritage Program. The aim of this book is to raise awareness about the cultural and national heritage of the Kingdom; connecting its citizens with their national identity and history. The Arabian Peninsula is the origin of various human civilizations and Islam.

**SCTH President**

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## Preface

The Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage through its Antiquities and Museums Sector is keen in documenting and introducing the efforts exerted for the protection, raising awareness, and promotion of the national and cultural heritage under the patronage of the (Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Cultural Heritage Program).

This is done by implementation and enhancing the publication policy of the Antiquities and Museums Sector and in support of the goals and objective of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Cultural Heritage Program. The cultural heritage of the Kingdom is rich; it is the cradle of the Islam and bridge connecting the continents of the world since ancient times.

Vice President of Antiquities and Museums  
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