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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



By Ben Garcia

Fintas Park is an oasis in the middle of the desert, with huge trees and a playground where people walk, jog and enjoy the greenery. Mia, a Japanese woman who lives down the lane, walks daily to the park to pick up trash, facemasks and gloves discarded by visitors. She said she is not doing a favor to anyone, as this is part of her culture.

"This is a small way of giving back to the community where I have lived for years - this place gives me happiness and to many people around here. Keeping it neat and clean is not hard work - it's a normal thing to do," Mia, who is in her early 50s, told Kuwait Times.

Mia said she cannot leave the place until she is able to contribute something. Along with picking up the trash, Mia also feeds stray and abandoned cats foraging for food. "In the morning, I bring canned food to give to the cute cats in the park. Now I have several babies expecting me every day - the cats! My happiness is unmatched in seeing these cats happy and enjoying the food. They need to live too," she said.

*Japanese expat cleans
public park, feeds stray cats*