## **Smile! You are in Luxor City**

When I walked along the streets of Luxor City, and noticed that the shops were closed, with the empty streets engulfing the city, I was unable to smile or feel happy.

But suddenly the silence was broken by the noise coming from a dozen children ridding in a donkey driven cart each pressing the Egyptian flag to her heart.

A song broke the air, a song dear to all our hearts. (Luxor is our city, the city of tourists, where foreigners enjoy themselves)

A strong feeling overflowed from my heart, hope was rising in my chest a new, flowers were budding in answer to dew drops .

I saw the same bunch of kids once more on the decks of boats; they were every where, In Hatshepsut's Temple, In the Temple of Karnack, all the while waving the flags of Egypt and distributing them to tourists and locals alike.

I enquired who these small Egyptian buds were, the information came back, these where children, students from **Dr. Nader Riad's** Preparatory school in Ayat, who had taken the initiative to organize this trip, giving the children the chance to fly by airplane, plus accommodation for the one hundred student's and accompanying personnel in one of Luxor's best Hotels. With the children came supervisors together with employees from Bavaria Egypt.

This amalgamation reflected positively on the occupants of the city who participated in this pleasant occasion.

Dr. Eng. **Nader Riad** 

I attended general Salmi Selim meeting with the group and I listened to their frank questions vouched to his Excellency, and the answers of a father who was amazed by the children's awareness and readily answered their queries convincingly but simply.

His Excellency presented the Shield of the City to the school as a present, and to **Dr. Nader Riad**, chairman of Bavaria Egypt as an appreciation and encouragement for his nationalistic initiative

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