

Your Excellency Dr Hussein Kamel Baha'a El-Din.

Minister of Education

It gives me pleasure to congratulate your Excellency on the advent of a new academic year, full of hope that it will be a year of success in light of your Excellency's ambitious plan that targets upgrading and developing education.

I'm pleased to inform you that a computer laboratory has already been installed at **Dr. Nader Riad** Prep School, Ayat Educational Zone, Giza Governorate.

It has been installed to address your Excellency's plan and its orientation, in the field of development of educational services, and the approval of teaching computer sciences in the secondary stage.

I took the initiation, though the preparatory stage hasn't taught the computer sciences yet.

We coordinated with Mr.Mahmoud Metwally, Manager of the Educational Directorate in Giza and Assistant to the Minister of Education targeting the installation of a computer laboratory that works according to the qualifications defined by the Ministry of Education.

In this way our school has become the first on the level of the Ministry of Education schools to teach computer sciences in the preparatory stage. We consider this step as a two year experimental one.

The academic year didn't start on 19/9/1998 until all equipments had been available. The total coast of this installation is L.E 45000 (forty five thousand Egyptian pounds) including air-conditioning, furniture, ten computers and two printers.

According to the preliminary plan agreed upon with the Ministry of Education the laboratory will be provided with three teachers from the Ministry of Education.

The purpose is teaching all the school students, whose total number is 562 boys and girls, how to operate and use the computer and to acquire the needed skills.

Now there is coordination with the Giza Educational Zone concerning the formulation of curriculums for the three years of the preparatory stage.

The target is making the students have a good access to the computer and empowering them to deal with the computer in full confidence.

This ambitious computer training plan is experimental on the level of village schools for the time being; therefore the matter involves the ministry's approval to go ahead with this experiment according to the following suggestion, which could be subject to amendment according to the vision of the Ministry of Education, in order to start it immediately.

My suggestions are as follows:

- 1) Creating a child with early access to the age of the computer, which would contribute to the child's character building
- 2) Empowering a prep school student to have good access to the computer which would qualify him/her, depending on the acquired computer skills, to get a good job in case he/she finds difficulty in joining secondary education. This is a success in terms of human development and future industry in this vital stage of the modern age's individual.

In addition to this, we will need in a near stage to ask the Ministry of Education for directions in respect to the Computer Sciences Examinations for the different stages. We will also need the Ministry's directions concerning awarding the certificates to the students who pass the computer examinations.

MANY THANKS AND BEST WISHES

The school's Patron and head of Board of Trustees

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