



Baltimore Delegation Visiting Egypt

The Baltimore-Luxor-Alexandria Sister City Committee (BLASCC) is sponsoring a business, art, and education delegation visit to its Sister Cities, Alexandria and Luxor, and to Cairo, the Capital, Arab Republic of Egypt, leaving Tuesday, April 20, and returning, Thursday, April 29, 2004.

Purpose:

To continue to foster international cooperation, understanding, and goodwill between the people of Alexandria and Luxor, and Egypt in general, and the people of Baltimore and the United States through the sharing of knowledge, ideas, culture, expertise, and resources, and through the sponsorship of philanthropic projects.

Delegation Goals:

1. Assist with harbor and port development, including developing a plan for an aquarium in Alexandria
2. Assist with urban planning and low-middle income housing
3. Help increase tourism, through chef's exchanges, service workers training, advertising, and BLASCC sponsored trips, etc.
4. Form links with US universities and training centers to enhance and expand educational programs within the Egyptian school system, particularly in the rural areas, including internships, teachers' training, and university level student and teacher exchanges; and in the employment sector through training programs for workers
5. Actively engage the children, especially in outlying areas, through art exchanges, essay and photo exhibits, E-mail pals, student and teacher exchanges, sports exchanges, internships; addressing medical needs, information technology needs, and providing essential services and goods
6. Identify medical needs and continue to assist the lower income population with services to address their needs, including medical education, screenings, treatment, provision of equipment, supplies, and personnel
7. Continue assistance in modernization of hospitals and clinics in rural areas; exchange medical personnel; establish links for telemedicine; procure equipment and supplies
8. Establish relationships between Baltimore museums and arts institutions and their Egyptian counterparts
9. Assist in developing Information Technology centers in rural areas
10. Pursue business and trade opportunities
11. Follow up on an established relationship with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in exploring children's programs; cultural and arts projects; the peace

- initiative initiated by the world wide Friends of the Library, and continue to assist the Library by helping enhance the information technology area and by adding to and building various Library collections
12. Explore a variety of opportunities to share and exchange programs in art, music, and culture
 13. Photograph extensively and describe our sister Cities, particularly through the routine activities of children, to exhibit in Baltimore's City Hall, museums, and art spaces and throughout the school system.
 14. Explore the establishment of volunteer committees comparable to the BLASCC

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