

Meetings and Visits

•Invited by the British Museum Board of Trustees, H.E the Minister of Antiquities participated in a welcoming celebration at the British Museum in London. During the celebration, there were discussions of cooperation between the Ministry of Antiquities and the British Museum, especially with regards to the on-going projects (30 October).



•H.E the Minister of Antiquities and H.E the Minister of Art, Heritage, and Tourism met in United Kingdom, with H.E the Ambassador of Egypt in London. This meeting took place during H.E the Minister of Antiquities' trip to inaugurate the Tutankhamun exhibition (31 October).



•H.E the Minister of Antiquities participated in a general session at the parliament in which an agreement was reached regarding the reorganisation of the Grand Egyptian Museum committee and creating a committee for the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (4 November).



• Following the invitation from the president of the Suez Canal Organization, H.E the Minister of Antiquities participated in the celebrations of Suez Canal 150th opening for maritime navigation "1869-2019". This took place in the new port east of the Canal, in the province of Ismailia (17 November).

•H.E the President of A.R.E. honoured The Investing in Africa Forum which took place in the new administrative capital. H.E the Minister of Antiquities also participated in the forum (22 November).

•**H.E the Minister of Antiquities carried out several investigation tours:**

- Grand Egyptian Museum (6-23 November), Saqqara (14 November), Kafr al-Sheikh Museum (20 November), Hurghada Museum (16 November), Ismailia Museum (17 November), Salah El-Din Citadel in Cairo (24 November).

•H.E the Minister of Antiquities welcomed the Chairmen of the Cultural, Media and Antiquities Committee in Baron Empain's Palace, Heliopolis (26 November).

•H.E. the Minister of Antiquities traveled to China to represent Egypt at the third meeting of the Forum of Ancient Civilizations in Beijing. The Minister of Antiquities held bilateral meetings with the Greek Minister of Culture and Sports and the Chinese Minister of Culture and Tourism, to discuss how to fight illegal antiquities trafficking. He also mentioned the need for an international conference addressing the theft of antiquities and ways to prevent it. On the sidelines of this visit, he gave a lecture which reviewed the most important archaeological discoveries at the Egyptian Embassy in Beijing (29 November). (→)



•**H.E the Minister of Antiquities received several people:** Chief of the Chinese advisory board as well as a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (12 November), H.E Ambassador of Angola in Egypt (19 November), Ministers of Trade, Exterior, and Tourism of Peru (21 November), H.E Ambassador of Poland (24 November), and H.E Ambassador of Portugal (27 November).



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- In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Suez Canal, the Palace of Mohamed Ali in Manial organised a temporary exhibition entitled «The Khedive and the Canal». The exhibition included historical objects that commemorate the canal's inauguration, such as coins and a rare painting showing the opening ceremony itself (17 November- 31 December).

Cultural Programs and Social Outreach

• In celebration of the birth of the Prophet Mohamed:

-The Malawi Museum organised a number of initiatives for school children, such as guided tours inside the museum, art functions, and different workshops (8 November). (→)

-The Museum of Islamic Art organised a temporary display under the title of “Wolida al-Hoda – Birthday of the Prophet”, which included several pieces accounting for the Prophet's life. The museum also carried out a workshop to teach children how to make the traditional muwliid doll (9-20 November).



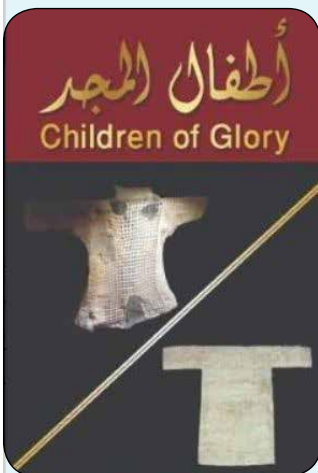
-The National Museum of Egyptian Civilization in Fustat held several workshops for children and a musical ensemble was organised by the Ministry of Culture. The museum provided two lectures discussing the development of the muwliid celebrations and its different forms across Islamic history (10 November).

- The Organization for Archaeological Awareness and Social Outreach organised a series of lectures for the residents of Cairo. The lectures discussed Egyptian identity and its relationship with Africa, fire prevention methods, and general diet and family health (13 November).

• In the context of celebrating childhood festivities :

-The Coptic Museum launched an exhibition called «The Story of an Egyptian game». This included a collection of historical children's toys, such as a figure of a knight and a few musical instruments. Several activities were arranged, such as a shadow play, in cooperation with the Cultural Development Fund (20 November- 20 December).

(←) - The Textile Museum is holding a temporary exhibition titled «Children of Glory», which is displaying for the first time, children's fashion across the ages (24 November- 21 January).



- H.E the Minister of Antiquities and H.E the Minister of Social Solidarity participated in school children's celebrations at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. The Ministry of Antiquities, in cooperation with the Italian Embassy, organised the «Journey to Discover the Treasures of the Museum» Initiative. H.E the Italian Ambassador also attended. The initiative introduced children to Egyptian history through interactive workshops and a museum route. It introduces them to different Egyptian cities and their archaeological sites and missions located there. At the end of the event the children received certificates and books about Ancient Egyptian history (21 November). (→)



- Swiss Minister of Foreign Affairs visits to Saqqara (16 November).

- On their visit to Egypt, the President of Hungary and the First Lady visited some archaeological sites: Salah El-Din Citadel, the Pyramids and Saqqara sites (28-29 November). (→)



(←) • Sharm al-Sheikh museum received the first three objects that will be displayed in it. These consist of a head of a Hathor statue made of pink granite, a lion statue made of red granite, and a Hathor column made of shist stone, dating to the 26th Dynasty. The column contained the cartouche of the king. (30 November).

Exhibitions

- In a grand celebration attended by a thousand of invitees composed of British public figures, H.E the Minister of Antiquities inaugurated the exhibition «Tutankhamun: Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh». The exhibition is now at its third stop in the Saatchi Gallery in London. The collection displays more than 150 objects belonging to the young king. The inauguration was attended by the H.E the Ambassador of Egypt in London, Egyptologist Dr. Zahi Hawass, and the eighth granddaughter of Lord Carnarvon, who funded Howard Carter's excavations that ultimately led to the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. H.E the Minister of Antiquities invited all attendees to visit Egypt, to take advantage of the resumed flights between London and Sharm el-Sheikh to visit the soon-to-be opened museum of Sharm el-Sheikh. H.E also mentioned the upcoming opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum, describing it as Egypt's gift to the humanity (1 November 2019). (→)



(←) • The Mohamed Ali Palace Museum in Manial organised an art exhibition titled «From the Heart», in cooperation with the Faculty of Arts of Helwan University. The exhibition included 74 art pieces from 34 artists. This took place in the great hall of

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•The Grand Egyptian Museum received more than 140 artifacts coming from the Egyptian Museum in Cairo (November 1). It also received the coffins of the Asasif cachette, which were discovered last October by the Egyptian Mission in the Asasif Necropolis. Restoration work and studies will begin on the coffins in preparation for their display in a special hall at the Museum upon its opening at the end of 2020. The Asasif cachette contained thirty colourful wooden anthropoid and well preserved coffins belonging to men, women, and children and well preserved (10 November).

•The Ministry of Antiquities organised the Twelfth International Congress of Egyptologists, which hosted 600 scholars from thirty countries. The conference included 370 scientific lectures, a tour of the Grand Egyptian Museum, dinners at Giza Plateau, Mohamed Ali Palace, as well as a farewell dinner at Salah El-Din Citadel. The Closing ceremony was attended by H.E the Prime Minister and several Ministers and ambassadors. At the ceremony, H.E the Minister of Antiquities honoured four archaeologists from four different continents (3-8 November).



• H.E the Minister of Antiquities welcomed the president of the Egyptian Parliament as well as members of the Cultural, Media and Antiquities Committee at the Grand Egyptian Museum, where he led them on a tour of the museum (6 November). (→)



(←)•The Giza Plateau Archaeological site welcomed the Chief of the Chinese advisory board as well as a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and his accompanying staff (12 November).

•The Celebration in honour of the 117th anniversary of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo was attended by H.E the Minister of Antiquities, H.E Advisor to the President of the Republic Abd al-Aziz Seif, Governor of Cairo, and several current and previous ministers, forty Arab and foreign ambassadors, public figures, and a large group of notable media reporters. At the beginning of the celebrations, H.E the Minister of Antiquities announced the launching of the “Egyptian Antiquities” website, from the Ministry of Antiquities with the aim of displaying Egypt’s many archaeological sites and antiquities. The celebrations included a large number of initiatives, such as the inauguration of two temporary exhibitions. The first was entitled “Mummy Cachettes”, which included a selection of mummies from four different cachettes discovered in 1881, 1891, 1898, and 2019. The second had the title “Education in Ancient Egypt”, and it displayed a unique collection of objects that illustrated education in Ancient Egypt and its different forms, all of which ultimately contributed to the formation of the Ancient Egyptian civilization. The ceremony was concluded by a musical recital by El-Nour wa Al amal. this event was sponsored by INERTIA (14 November-14 January). (→)



Inaugurations



•The two tombs of Kar and Idu in the Eastern Cemetery, East of the Great Pyramid, were reopened for visits in Giza Plateau. The tombs are reopened after the completion of restoration. These two tombs date to the Sixth Dynasty

Discoveries

•H.E the Minister of Antiquities announced in a worldwide press-conference a new archaeological discovery at Saqqara. The press-conference was attended by more than forty Arab and foreign ambassadors in Egypt, public figures, members of parliament, and a large group of local and international reporters. The discovery includes: a large collection of cat statues of different shapes and sizes made of wood and bronze, 25 wooden boxes with decorated lids containing cat mummies, mongoose mummies, wooden statues of two women and different animals, such as mongoose, crocodiles, and ibises, as well as a large collection of scarabs made of decorated wood and stone. The discovery also includes a hundred varied statues, made of wood, bronze, and faience, depicting different deities, such as Osiris, Ptah, Neith, and Horus, and a stela containing the Horus name of Psamtek I of the 26th Dynasty. This event was sponsored by CERAMICA CLEOPATRA GROUP, SADA ELBALAD, SAMSUNG (23 November). (→)



(←)•The Strasbourg University and IFAO French archaeological mission in Asasif necropolis-Luxor discovered three wooden coffins, in the exterior court of TT 33. The first coffin belongs to a woman called Ti-Abu, and was colourfully decorated and inscribed. The second was painted yellow and lined with white vertical registers containing hieroglyphic writing, and it belonged to a woman called Rau.



The third had a layer of white stucco decorated with brown columns, without any writing (27 November).



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