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Celebrating the Solar Alignment in Abu Simbel on A Special Date 22.02.2022



On February 22, 2022, at dawn, the Minister and Governor of Aswan witnessed the phenomenon of solar alignment on Abu Simbel Temple. The date of this phenomena this year is a special date, 22.02.2022.

To celebrate this occasion, the Ministry, in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, organized an artistic performance in front of Abu Simbel Temples, on the evening of February 21st. Lanterns were released to light the sky of Abu Simbel, sending a message of love to the world. The Ministry of Culture gave an artistic performance titled "Sing for the Sun".



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The Cabinet Approves a Draft Law of Hajj Regulations, and Continuing the Initiative of the Ministry of Finance to Support the Tourism Sector



On February 23, the Cabinet approved a draft law on the regulations of Hajj and the establishment of the Unified Egyptian portal of Hajj. The draft law stipulates that relevant authority distribute visas granted by Saudi Arabian authorities among Hajj organizers. The data of pilgrims must be included on the unified Egyptian portal for Hajj before their travel, in accord with the executive regulations of the law.

In a related context, the Cabinet agreed to extend the guarantee provided by the Ministry of Finance to the Central Bank of Egypt, at a value of L.E. 3 billion, with a reduced interest rate of 5%, for the purpose of financing workers' salaries and operating expenses in the tourism sector, until October 31, 2022.

Discussing the Repercussions of the "Russian-Ukrainian" Crisis on the Tourism Sector in Egypt

On February 23, during Cabinet meeting, the Prime Minister discussed the repercussions of the Russian-Ukrainian crisis on the Egyptian tourism sector.

In the same context, the Minister held extensive meetings with the relevant authorities on February 24 and 27 to discuss the repercussions of this crisis on the tourism sector in Egypt, and the situation of tourists stranded in Egypt due to the crisis.

The outcome of the meetings stipulated that tourists remain in their hotels, until their safe return to their countries, and that tourists from all over the world in Egypt are provided with all means of comfort.

Following-up on Preparations to Host COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh

On February 1, the Prime Minister headed the third meeting of the Supreme Committee of Egypt's hosting the COP27 conference on climate change in Sharm El-Sheikh, in November.

The meeting discussed increasing the number of natural gas refueling stations and electric charging stations in Sharm El-Sheikh, as well as the initiative to convert taxis in the city to electrically powered vehicles. An estimate of the expected number of attendees and their categorization, the mechanisms of reservation and accommodations in hotels, and the launching the website dedicated to reservation, all were presented and discussed. The Prime Minister urged the concerned ministers to reinforce the speedy implementation of projects proposed in Sharm El-Sheikh. He also stressed the completion of Sharm El-Sheikh Airport development project by the end of next July.

Following-up on Problems of Distressed Tourism Investors in Sharm El-Sheikh



On February 22, the Prime Minister held a meeting with a number of ministers and officials to follow up on the current status of the investors in Sharm El-Sheikh for the purpose of helping them complete their tourism projects before the COP27 conference. In the same context, the Minister, on February 3, met with members of the committee in charge of preparations in the tourism sector for the COP27 conference. The meeting discussed the latest developments in tourism preparations to host the event, and to ensure the preparedness of hotels and tourist facilities in Sharm El-Sheikh to receive guests.

The Minister and the Governor of South Sinai, also met with a group of investors in Sharm El-Sheikh, to discuss ways of supporting distressed tourism projects to complete before the conference. The meeting also discussed, ways to benefit from the initiatives of the Central Bank of Egypt to support the tourism sector to transform hotels into green, and to raise the efficiency of the internet service.

The Minister and the Ministers of Transport, Electricity, Environment, the State for Military Production and the Governor of South Sinai held a meeting to coordinate the process of transferring participating delegations within the city of Sharm El-Sheikh during the activities of the conference.

A Ministerial Decree Obligating All Hotel Establishments to Raise Their Minimum Internet Speed

On February 27, the Minister issued a ministerial decree obligating all hotels to raise the minimum Internet speed within a period of one month from the date on which Telecom Egypt delivers optical fiber cables. Moreover, the decree also obliges hotels to provide the minimum standard specifications and technical equipment necessary for their internal networks, within a period not exceeding six months from the date of enforcement of the decree in Sharm El-Sheikh, and until 31 December, 2022 for the rest of the governorates.

The Minister had held a meeting with the Minister of Communications and Information Technology and the President of the Egyptian Tourism Federation (ETF), to follow-up on the progress in the project of raising the efficiency of Internet speed in hotels in all governorates, especially in Sharm El-Sheikh, as a first stage, in preparedness for hosting COP27 conference.

A Workshop titled "Together to Deploy Small Solar Panels in Sharm El Sheikh"

On February 12, the Minister, Minister of Environment and Governor of South Sinai attended, in Sharm El-Sheikh, the opening session of the workshop organized by the Ministry of Environment under the title "Together to deploy small solar panels in Sharm El- Sheikh", within the framework of transforming the city into a green city, in light of the preparations for hosting COP27 conference.

The Prime Minister Follows-Up on efforts to Develop and Revive Esna



The Prime Minister in a meeting held on 8 February, followed-up on the efforts to develop and revive the historic city of Esna. The meeting also discussed Nile cruises between Luxor and Aswan.

In the same context, the Minister and the Minister of Local Development held a meeting, with Luxor Governor to discuss the development project of the city that will be presented to the Prime Minister for approval.

On February 8, the Prime Minister chaired the meeting of the Supreme Council for Urban Planning and Development, in the presence of the Minister and a number of ministers and officials, during which the Council agreed to allocate areas of land in Luxor and Sohag to establish the new cities of Esna and Gerga.

The Paliament Approves the "Hotel and Tourism Establishments Law"

During the plenary session, on February 8, the Parliament approved the draft law of the "Hotel and Tourism Establishments Law", which aims to organize and facilitate the licensing procedures for hotels and tourism establishments to encourage investment in the tourism sector. According to this new law, the Ministry has become the sole entity to issue hotel and tourism establishments' licenses, but in a manner that does not affect the right of other entities to collect the fees stipulated in their laws and decrees.

The Tourism and Aviation Committee of the Parliament discusses the Ministry's Plan to Promote Egyptian Tourism

The Tourism and Aviation Committee of the Parliament held a meeting on February 9, attended by the CEO of the Egyptian Tourism Promotion Board ETPB, and the assistant minister for tourism promotion. This meeting was held to discuss the efforts and plans of the Ministry to promote Egyptian tourism.

Disbursing the 10th and 11th Payments for Workers of distressed Tourism Establishments

The Board of the Workers' Emergency Fund, headed by the Minister of Manpower, agreed to disburse the tenth and the eleventh payments, for workers of the tourism sector establishments in Egypt. This monetary support come within the framework of supporting the sector, in coordination with the ETF. The amounts disbursed from the fund of the Ministry of Manpower amounted to around L.E. 63million. 419,726 employees in 3,937 facilities benefited from this fund until the end of December 2021.

Re-evaluating 716 Hotels in Various Governorates

The Ministry has re-evaluated 716 hotels in the governorates of Luxor, Aswan, the Red Sea and South Sinai and the cities of Ras Sidr and Ain Sukhna. This evaluation is according to the new Hospitality criteria "HC". The re-evaluation led to degrading the rank of 44 hotels, canceling touristic licenses for 20 hotels, and 306 hotels were given a warning and a period of three months to reconcile.

Opening and Operating New Hotels in 2021 and the Beginning of 2022



In compliance with the objectives of the Ministry's Sustainable Development Strategy and Egypt's Vision 2030, to raise the competitiveness of the Egyptian tourism destination, 19 new hotel facilities were opened and operated in 2021, with a capacity of 3000 rooms in the Red Sea and South Sinai Governorates, Giza, Suez, Damietta, Mansoura, and the North Coast. These establishments provided about 2,500 direct new job opportunities. Moreover, a new hotel was opened in Cairo this month. In addition, four new hotels are due to open during the next two months in South Sinai, the Red Sea and Cairo, with a capacity of 600 rooms.

Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy Visits Egypt



The former French President in the NMEC



.. and to the Pyramids of Giza

Former French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, his family and friends visited Egypt in February. They visited archaeological sites in Cairo, Luxor and Aswan. They visited the temples of Luxor and Karnak, Abu Simbel and Philae. They also visited the Pyramids of Giza, the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Fustat, and Al-Muizz Street.

The President of the Senate of Kazakhstan Visits the Pyramids of Giza and Al Zaher Baibars Mosque in Historic Cairo



The President of the Senate of Kazakhstan, during his visit to Egypt in February, visited the Pyramids of Giza, Al Zaher Baibars Mosque in Historic Old Cairo where he saw the on-going restoration work of the mosque which is carried out in cooperation with the government of Kazakhstan.

Hosting A delegation of Media and Influencers from Bosnia and Herzegovina



The ETPB hosted a delegation of representatives of popular media and influencers in Bosnia and Herzegovina for a week. They visited Hurghada and Sharm EL-Sheikh, in addition to making a one-day trip to Luxor.

"Sunny January" Promotion Campaign Succeeds on Social Media "Platforms"

The promotional campaign launched by the ETPB of the Ministry, in the beginning of the year under the title "Sunny Christmas" and later continued under the title "Sunny January" has achieved notable success on social media platforms in Egypt, UK, Germany, Ukraine, Italy, France, Russia and USA.

This campaign was launched to promote Egyptian tourism destinations in winter season, and encourage inbound tourism. The Ministry also encourages Egyptians to spend the New Year and Christmas Holidays in the Egyptian tourist cities.

The campaign succeeded in reaching 107 million users, raising electronic search rates for Egypt in target markets by 95 % compared to last year.



Great Turnout at The Ministry's Pavilion at The Cairo International Book Fair

The Ministry's pavilion in the 53rd Cairo International Book Fair witnessed a great turnout from the exhibition's visitors from different age groups. Many visitors participated in the daily competitions and the "Know Your Country" competition organized by the pavilion. Participants won daily prizes, 30 won trips to Salah al-Din al-Ayubi Citadel in Cairo and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Fustat.

Organizing the First Edition of Saqqara Marathon under the Auspices of the Ministry



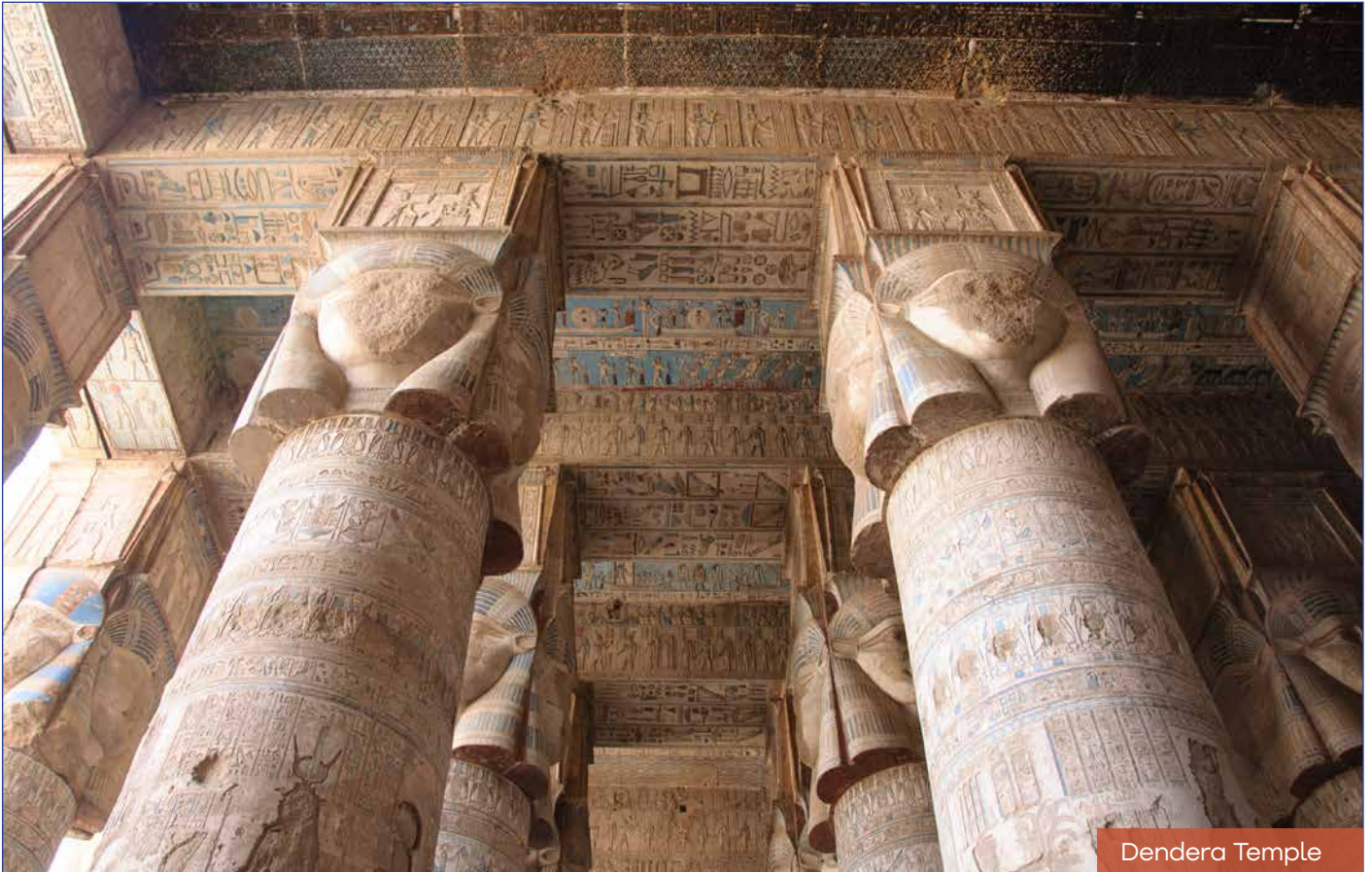
Under the auspices of the ETPB of the Ministry, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth on February 25, the "Try Factory Company" organized the first edition of Saqqara Marathon. About 1000 competitors from 30 countries participated in the 5 km race, and 50 children participated in the 1 km race.

The Ministry Sponsors A Number of Events and Activities

Participation in various events and activities are part of the new branding strategy of the Ministry. In February, the ETPB, of the Ministry, co-sponsored a number of important events, namely: Aswan International Women Film Festival in its sixth edition, February 23 to 28, and the eighth session of Alexandria Festival for Short Films, February 16- 10. The Ministry also sponsored a young woman named Reham Abu Bakr, who recorded a Guinness World Record for walking from Aswan to Marsa Matruh that started February 22.



Hosting Cultural Events in Archaeological Sites



Dendera Temple

The Minister and the Minister of Culture met to discuss the necessary preparations for organizing a number of artistic performances and cultural events in archaeological sites. This is to maximize the role of soft power in supporting tourism.

The two ministers agreed to participate in organizing a number of cultural and touristic events and festivals in Egyptian governorates to raise tourism and cultural awareness, and encourage domestic tourism. A festival will take place in Dendera Temple in Qena, and another in Abydos Temple in Sohag. Other performances are planned to take place in the month of Ramadan. This comes along with the occasion of choosing Cairo as the capital of culture for the Islamic world.

Meeting with the New Director of UNESCO Regional Office for Science in the Arab States

The Minister met with the Director of UNESCO Regional Office for Science in the Arab States who assumed his has recently assumed this position. In this meeting, they discussed ways to enhance cooperation during the coming period between Egypt and UNESCO in the field of preserving heritage and antiquities. The Minister referred to a number of projects implemented in cooperation between the Ministry and UNESCO; among these projects are: the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Fustat, the Nubian Museum in Aswan.

Meeting with the Director of USAID in Egypt for Discussing Further Cooperation

On February 7, the Minister met with the new Director of USAID in Egypt, to discuss aspects of cooperation to develop tourist and archaeological sites; including those located in Esna, Luxor.

Promoting Qanater Al-Khaireya as a Tourism Destination



The Minister and the Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation met to discuss ways to promote Al-Qanater Al-Khaireya area as a tourism destination, especially after the major developments carried out by the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation in Qanater Khaireyah Gardens.

The meeting also discussed continuing coordination between the two ministries to facilitate licensing procedures for hotels, whether those overlooking the Nile River or the Mediterranean and Red Seas and facilitating procedures for licensing floating hotels and restaurants.

Egypt's Participation as A guest of Honor in the 25th Session of St. Petersburg International Forum

On February 8, the Minister, Minister of Trade and Industry and Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research held a meeting to prepare for the Egyptian participation as a guest of honor at the 25th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, which will be held in Russia next June.

Meeting the TSA Unit

The Minister held a meeting with the Tourism Satellite Accounts Unit (TSA), in order to follow-up on outputs of the second report issued by the unit, which the minister received last month. The unit had been discontinued since 2017 and was resumed by the Minister's decree. The unit provides a framework for organizing tourism statistical data on a sound scientific basis.

Cooperation with Switzerland and the "EU" in Tourism and Antiquities

On February 1, the Minister received the Swiss Ambassador in Cairo, who has recently assumed her post. The Minister discussed ways to strengthen joint cooperation between the two countries in the field of tourism and antiquities; in training, hotel management, restoration, museum management, raising tourism and archaeological awareness, and developing visitor services in museums and archaeological sites.

On February 20, the Minister met the Ambassador of the European Union (EU) in Cairo, to discuss boosting inbound tourism to Egypt from EU countries. They also talked about the development of the archaeological projects that are being implemented in cooperation between the Supreme Council of Antiquities and the EU, among them is the second phase of the restoration project Al Tinbugha Al-Maridani Mosque in Cairo.

Meeting with the Resident Representative of the UNDP in Egypt

On February 7, the Minister received the Resident Representative of United Nations Development Program, UNDP in Egypt, who has recently assumed his post. The Minister discussed the possibility of organizing an awareness campaign to increase tourism and archaeological awareness among Egyptians, especially children and those who deal with tourist, in addition to cooperation in the field of Ecotourism. Furthermore, they discussed cooperation in Accessible tourism, developing the efficiency of services provided to visitors, starting with a city in Upper Egypt and another in Delta.



Discussing Investment in the Hotel Sector with the Chairman of Accor Group

The Minister met with the chairman of the international group "Accor" for hotels, to discuss investment opportunities in the tourism sector and expansion in the hotel sector. Accor is a French hotel company which operates 35 fixed and floating hotels in various Egyptian governorates. During the coming period, Accor will open 22 new hotels with a capacity up to 9500 rooms.

Launching the International Conference of the Faculty of Tourism and Hotels under the Auspices of the Ministry

On February 25, the Minister and the Acting President of Helwan University and the Dean of the Faculty of Tourism and Hotels in the University inaugurated the international conference of the faculty. It was held under the auspices of the Ministry and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Germany, UK, Ireland, Spain, USA, Malaysia, India, Russia, France, KSA and Libya were among the participants.

Participation in the Egyptian-Canadian Business Council Seminar "The Future of Egyptian Tourism"

The Egyptian-Canadian Business Council, invited the Minister as a keynote speaker, on February 16, in a seminar organized by the Council under the title "The future of Egyptian tourism amid the current challenges". The seminar highlighted what the Egyptian tourism sector has achieved in the last period, the strategies and plans adopted by the Ministry to confront the repercussions of COVID - 19, and the resumption of inbound tourism to Egypt.



Signing Ceremony of "Egypt's Workforce" Memorandum of Understanding

The minister attended the signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding "Egypt's Workforce". It was signed by the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and USAID which funded "Egypt's Workforce" project.

Participating in the High-Level National Consultative Meeting for Partnership between Egypt and the UN in Sustainable Development

The Minister participated in the high-level national consultative meeting organized to discuss the strategic framework of the partnership between Egypt and the United Nations, UN, for cooperation to promote Sustainable Development – 2027 2023, prepared by Ministry of International Cooperation on behalf of the Egyptian Government in partnership with the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Egypt. The meeting discussed the progress in this partnership so far and the steps moving forward this year.

Activating the Executive Program for Cooperation in the Field of Tourism between Egypt and Jordan

The Vice Minister for Tourism Affairs met the Secretary General of the Jordanian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities to discuss ways to activate the cooperation in the field of tourism, which was signed between Egypt and Jordan last November. It was agreed to link the points of the path of the Holy Family in the two countries through joint tourism programs.

Participating in the Red Sea Conference on Maritime Transport and Logistics

The Vice Minister for Tourism Affairs participated in the Red Sea Maritime Transport and Logistics Conference "RSM TL". This conference was held under the auspices of the Ministries of Transport, Higher Education and Scientific Research and organized by Galala University.

Domestic Visits

A Visit to Assiut to Follow-up on the Progress in the Development of Monastery Durunka and Deir Al Muharraq

The Vice Minister for Tourism Affairs visited Assiut Governorate, to follow-up on the progress in the development of Deir(monastery) Durunka and Deir Al Muharraq. These two monasteries are points of the Holy Family's journey in Egypt. The aim of the visit was to ensure the readiness of tourism services there.

A Visit to "Pottery Village" to Showcase Investment Opportunities

The Vice Minister for Tourism Affairs and the Deputy Governor of Cairo for Southern District visited the Pottery village in Fustat to showcase the investment opportunities in it, especially after its development. They were accompanied by the President of the Chamber of Tourism Establishments and Restaurants, the Head of the Steering Committee managing of the Egyptian Travel Agents Associatio, in addition to a number of managers of some famous restaurants.



Pottery Village

A Visit to Amadah and Al-Seboua in Aswan

The CEO of the NMEC Authority and the Supervisor of the Nubian Antiquities Fund, visited the areas of Amadah and Al-Seboua in Aswan to follow up the progress in the project of developing the two ancient temples and the efficiency of visitor services.

Opening of the Section of Education in the Nubian Museum

The CEO of the NMEC and the Supervisor of the Nubian Antiquities Fund inaugurated the section of museum education in the Nubian Antiquities Museum in Aswan, which was completed in cooperation with the UNESCO office in Cairo. This department was dubbed in the name of the late Dr. Hosni Abdel Rahim, former director of the Nubian Museum in appreciation and gratitude for his prominent role in raising the status of the department and the museum during his tenure as its director.

News Highlights

Revealing the Southern Side of Khufu Pyramid for the First time in Decades



Khufu Pyramid after removing the museum of the first Khufu boat

The Ministry removed the museum of the first Khufu boat, which was built by the Southern side of the Great Pyramid of Khufu, where it was discovered in 1954. This museum remained for decades distorting the aesthetic view of the Great Pyramid which is the only surviving wonder of the ancient world.

The first Khufu boat was transferred, last August, from this museum, to the Khufu Boat Museum at the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) which is equipped with the latest scientific and technological museum display.



View before removing the museum of the first Khufu boat

Muhammad Ali Palace in Shubra Receives Khedive Ismail's Piano



In preparation for its imminent opening, after the completion of its restoration and development project, the Palace of Muhammad Ali in Shubra received a number of artifacts among them us the piano made of ebony inlaid with bronze, which was specially manufactured for Khedive Ismail in 1865 and then its ownership was transferred to his son, Prince Hassan.

Activities of the Reference Genome Project for Egyptians and Ancient Egyptians Showcasing at Expo Dubai

Under the title "The Reference Genome of the Egyptians and the Ancient Egyptians", the Assistant Minister for Archaeological Affairs of the GEM participated at this event organized by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research within the activities of Expo Dubai 2020. This project aims to study the genome of the ancient Egyptians, allowing the availability of genetic information dating back to thousands years, which in turn will serve genetics in Egypt.

The Implementation of the "Visual Identity" Project for Aswan

As part of the implementation of the Aswan Governorate's visual identity project, working groups of students and staff members of the faculty of Applied Arts, Aswan University, applied the project according to the planned designs, on walls, streets and government building. The project is run in coordination between the Engineering Authority of the Armed Forces and the German University in Cairo (GUC).

Life Guardian Showcases five “Must Visit” Egyptian Museums



Under the title “Five wonderful Egyptian museums to add to your list of tourist experiences that you would like to experience”, Life Guardian showcased in a report five of the most famous Egyptian museums that you must visit; the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir, the Great Egyptian Museum, the Mummification Museum in Luxor, and the Luxor Museum and the Museum of Islamic Art in Bab Al-Khalq, Cairo.

The Travel Choses Egypt among 10 Countries with Extra Ordinary Tourism Sites and Highlights 10 Unique Places you Must Visit

The famous tourism website “The Travel” chose Egypt among its top 10 countries with extra ordinary tourism sites.

In another report, the site chose the Pyramids of Giza, Siwa Oasis, Valley of the Kings, and Abu Simbel Temples, among the top places that must be visited.

Nile Cruises are Among the 50 Best Places to Travel in 2022, and Road Trips Tourism in Egypt Ranks 27 out of 118 Countries



The famous “Travel and Leisure” site chose Nile cruises in Egypt among the top 50 recommended trips to enjoy in 2022. Egypt ranked 27th out of 118 countries for cross-country road trips tourism according to statistics of the tourist destination search engine “The Holidu”.

The Discovery of A Cache of Mummification Material in Abu Sir



The Czech archaeological mission of the Czech Institute of Egyptology discovered a cache of unique mummification material, during archaeological excavations inside a number of burial shafts, dating back to the 26th Dynasty in the western part of Abu Sir Necropolis. This cache was found inside a huge shaft and it consists of 370 large size pottery jars divided into 14 groups. Each group contains from 7 to 52 jars, that contain the remains of materials that were used during the mummification process.

Discovery of A group of Water Wells of Lost Horus Road, North Sinai

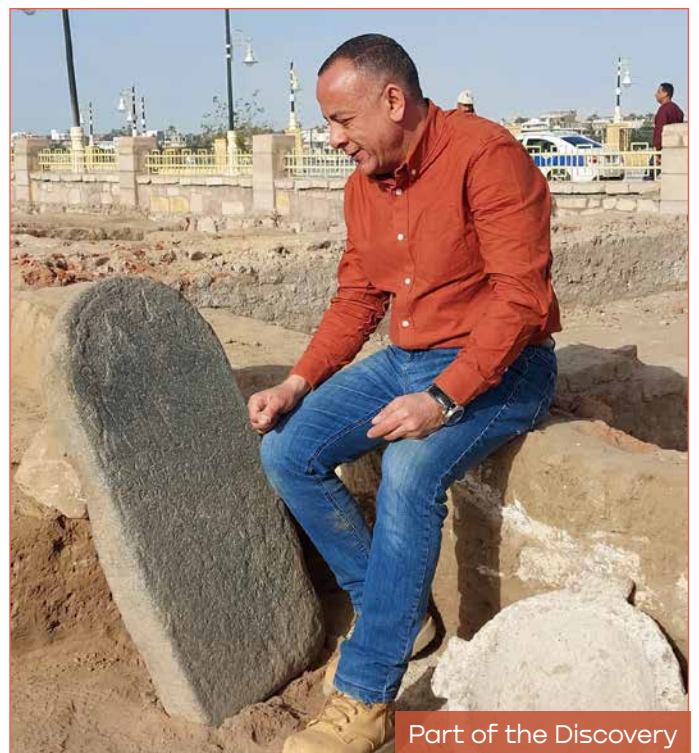
The Egyptian archaeological mission working in the area of Tel Al Kidwa, discovered a group of water wells of the lost Horus Road dating back to Pharaonic times, as part of the Sinai Development Project 2022-2021, North Sinai. This is considered the first time to discover water wells in the region of Sinai since Pharaonic times.

Discovery of A group of Royal Antiquities in Luxor Temple

The Egyptian archaeological mission working in Luxor Temple discovered a number of important royal monuments. Among these monuments, is a black granite funerary plaque, dating back to the Modern Kingdom, and an offering table dating back to the Roman era.

This archaeological discovery took place after the demolition of the house of Tawfik Andraos adjacent to Luxor Temple.

The black granite funerary plaque, discovered depicts, for the first time, both king Thutmose IV and King Amenhotep II together presenting offerings to the God Amun, while he was seated on the throne. King Thutmose IV appears serving bread and King Amenhotep II holding incense in his right hand, and the other hand providing water.



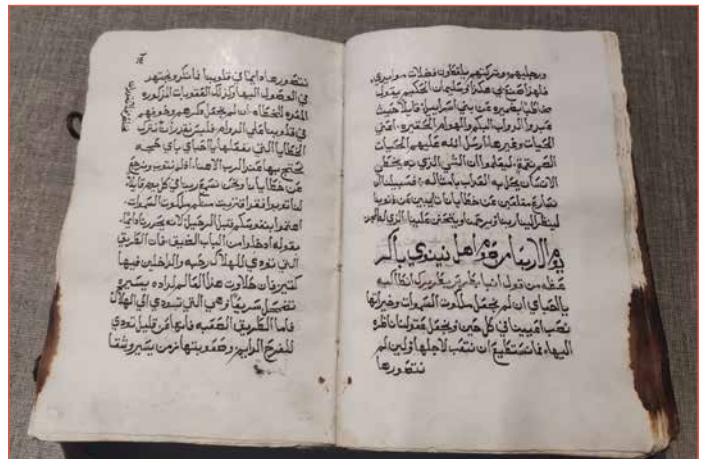
"In Love With Heliopolis" Art Exhibition at Baron Empain's Palace



The Head of the Islamic, Coptic and Jewish Antiquities Sector in the Supreme Council of Antiquities inaugurated an art exhibition at Baron Empain's Palace in Heliopolis under the title "In love with Heliopolis". This exhibition was a part of the Egyptian museums' Valentine's Day celebrations celebrated on the 14th of February every year. Various Egyptian museums have celebrated this occasion showcasing a number of artifacts that express the concept of love in the Egyptian civilization.

Two Archaeological Exhibitions to Celebrate the World's Interfaith Harmony Week

Celebrating the International Interfaith Harmony Week, The Coptic Museum and the Museum of Islamic Art organized two temporary archaeological exhibitions for a month, to display a group of rare archaeological artifacts that show the cultural and religious mixture in Egypt. In the same context, Rasheed National Museum organized an exhibition in cooperation with Beheira Governorate, under the title "The Heritage of Rasheed City, Creative Touches". This exhibition showcased the products of the artistic workshops organized by the museum's educational department.



Tourism and Archaeological Awareness

Launching an Animated Video to Raise Children's Awareness in Tourism and Archeology



The Ministry launched an animated video for children to educate them about the importance of tourism and archeology and the positive tourism practices that must be adopted with tourists. This animation video is part of the "Tourism Ambassador" campaign launched by the Ministry to develop awareness and was launched within the framework of the cooperation protocol between the ETPB and "Nahdet Masr" Publishing House. According to this protocol, a series of short awareness videos will be produced.

A Virtual Tour about Games in Ancient Egypt for Children



The Ministry, in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, and "Ibtikar" Foundation for Technical Solutions, organized a virtual tour for the museum "Open Air" in the Netherlands. It includes models of a number of electronic games, about games in ancient Egypt. Two workshops were also held on writing in Ancient Egypt and its history, and another on fashion in ancient Egypt.

A Program to Spread Tourism and Archaeological Awareness in Dakahlia Governorate

On the occasion of the National Day of Dakahlia Governorate, on February 8, the Archaeological Awareness Department in the Egyptian Antiquities Department in The Supreme Council of Antiquities launched a program to spread tourism and archaeological awareness among different age groups in the governorate. This program was organized in cooperation with the Directorate of Education, Faculties of Arts, Tourism and Hotels and Science at Mansoura University and Mansoura Culture Palace. Special workshops for children in cooperation with the Egyptian Public Library in the governorate were held there.

A Training program in cooperation with TVET

A capacity building program was organized by the Ministry, in cooperation with the TVET Egypt (Technical Vocational and Education Training) Support and Development Program, that was tailored in accord with Egypt's vision 2030, for 35 employees of the Ministry, the ETPB, the Supreme Council of Antiquities and the NMEC. The program was on budgeting, performance appraisal, planning, follow-up and assessment.

The second batch of the Tourism Guidance Program graduated, within the framework of the initiative launched by the Ministry, represented by Department of Archaeological Awareness and Community Outreach in Historic Cairo, and in cooperation with the department of cultural and community outreach in the Minister's office, under the title: "Friends of Historic Cairo".

Internal Affairs

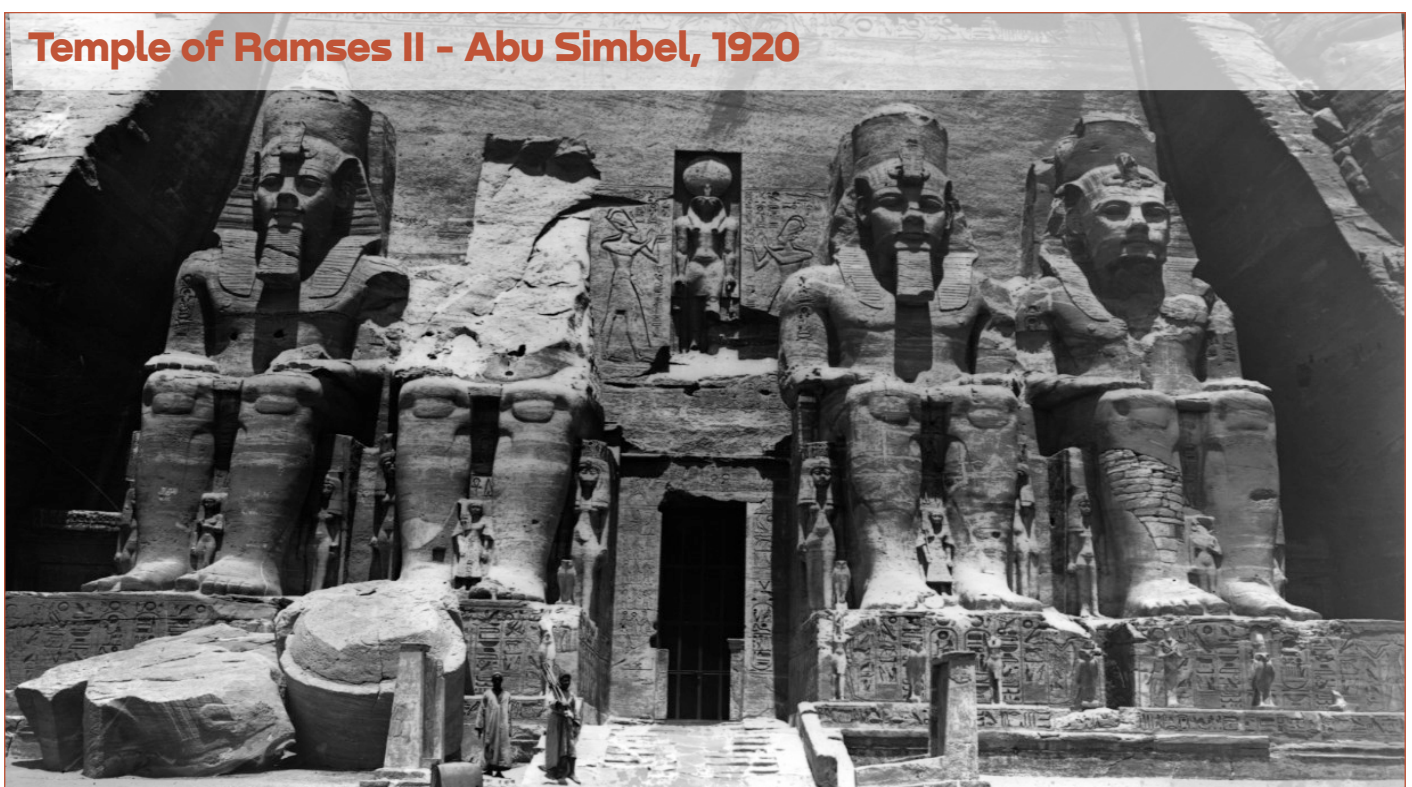
A New Manager for the Central Administration of Financial, Administrative Affairs and Human Resources at the ETPB

The Minister issued a ministerial decree appointing Mr. Nader Al-Shaer from the Tourism Development Authority at the Ministry of Housing and Utilities and Urban Communities, to carry out the duties and tasks of the head of the central administration of financial, administrative and human resources at ETPB for one year. In addition, to that the Minister appointed Mr. Nader to carry out the duties and tasks of the Secretary General of the Tourism Fund beside his original work.

Meeting with A group of Ministry Employees Who Achieved a Master's Degree in Governmental Business Administration

The Minister, on February 24, met with a group of the employees who achieved master's degree in governmental business administration from ESLSCA University, to explore the knowledge they learnt and their suggestions that can improve business performance.

From the Center of Documentation Archive



Archaeological Museums Celebrate Their Anniversary in February

Hurghada Museum Celebrates the Second Anniversary of its Opening



Hurghada Museum celebrated the second anniversary of its opening, which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister in the presence of the Minister on February 29, 2020. It is the first museum of antiquities in the Red Sea Governorate, and the first museum to be implemented in partnership with the private sector. On this occasion, the Museum held a temporary exhibition of a statue, borrowed from the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir, for two months, from March 1, 2022. It is a statue of a prominent figure in the history of Egyptian civilization, the engineer "Amenhotep bin Habo", the most famous Egyptian architect (1430 - 1350) BC. It is meant to be Egypt's message to the world to express its appreciation of the scientists and innovators who had cultural impact.



The 29th Anniversary of the New Valley Archeology Museum

On its 29th anniversary, the New Valley Museum, held a temporary archaeological exhibition under the title "The Royal Exhibits of Oasis Rulers in the Old Kingdom". The exhibition showcased a number of artifacts that shed light on the oases' old rulers.

..And the 5th Anniversary of Aswan Archaeological Museum

On the fifth anniversary of the renovation of the annex of Aswan Archaeological Museum, on the island Elephantine, the museum organized a lecture for people of Aswan on the history of the museum and its artifacts, in addition to guided tours for schools, and honored a number of its former workers.

This annex showcases 1,788 artifacts; the most notable of them are: a pink granite statue of King Tuthmosis II, the marriage papyrus in hieratic script dating back to the reign of King Neptu II, a painting of King Seti I with the Elephantine Trinity, the pillar of King Amenhotep II with the Elephantine Triad, and adornment tools used by ancient Egyptians.

The Museum Receives Thousands of Visitors



On the first day of the mid-year vacation, on February 4, the museum received more than 4,700 visitors; Egyptians, Arab and foreign. It also received the largest number of visitors on Fridays and Saturdays since its opening last April.

The Museum Receives a Number of Official Visits

In continuation of the turnout of guests and official visits, the museum received, in February, the former Yemeni president, the Secretary General of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries «OPEC», a high-level delegation of members of the UAE Parliament headed by Chairman of the Federal National Council, a high-level delegation from the Central Auditing Organization of KSA, the Speaker of the Shura Council in Bahrain, and the Korean Minister of Transport and Infrastructure.

Paintings by its Students 40 A Spanish School Gives the Museum for Tourist Attractions and Archaeological Sites in Egypt

The Museum received, from a school in Spain, a commemorative flag and 40 paintings of tourist attractions and archaeological sites in Egypt. These paintings were drawn by 40 students in the primary stage, as part of the Cultural initiative launched by the school under the title "Touring the Museums of the World", celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the discovery the tomb of the Golden king Tutankhamun.



One of the Paintings

The Prime Minister Follows-Up on the Implementation of the Museum and the Development of the Surrounding Area



On February 6, the Prime Minister held a meeting to follow-up on the progress of work in the GEM, the development of the surrounding area, the development of the Sphinx Airport and the two metro stations in the region.

The Museum Project Management Seeks Accreditation as a Green Building

Within the framework of the objectives of the Ministry's strategy for Sustainable Development and Egypt's vision 2030, the museum project management in cooperation with the National Center for Housing and Building Research are working on transforming all buildings of the museum as green buildings. In that respect, the GEM will be the first museum in Egypt to be accredited as a green building.

Following-Up on the Progress of Work in the Museum

The Minister and the Head of the Engineering Authority of the Armed Forces held an expanded meeting to follow-up on the progress of work in the museum, and the building dedicated to Khufu boats. The meeting was followed by a visit inside the museum to follow-up on the artifact display at the atrium, the Grand Staircase, King Tutankhamun's Hall.

Investigating Investment Opportunities in the Museum

The Minister held meetings to follow up the latest progress in the museum's visitor services and investment opportunities. Two meetings were held on February 28, to follow-up on the latest developments in the work of the Khufu Boat Museum, and the techniques of the display techniques.

Arrival of 13 Huge Artifacts from the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir

On February 28, the Grand Egyptian Museum received 13 huge artifacts transferred from the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir to be displayed at the museum.





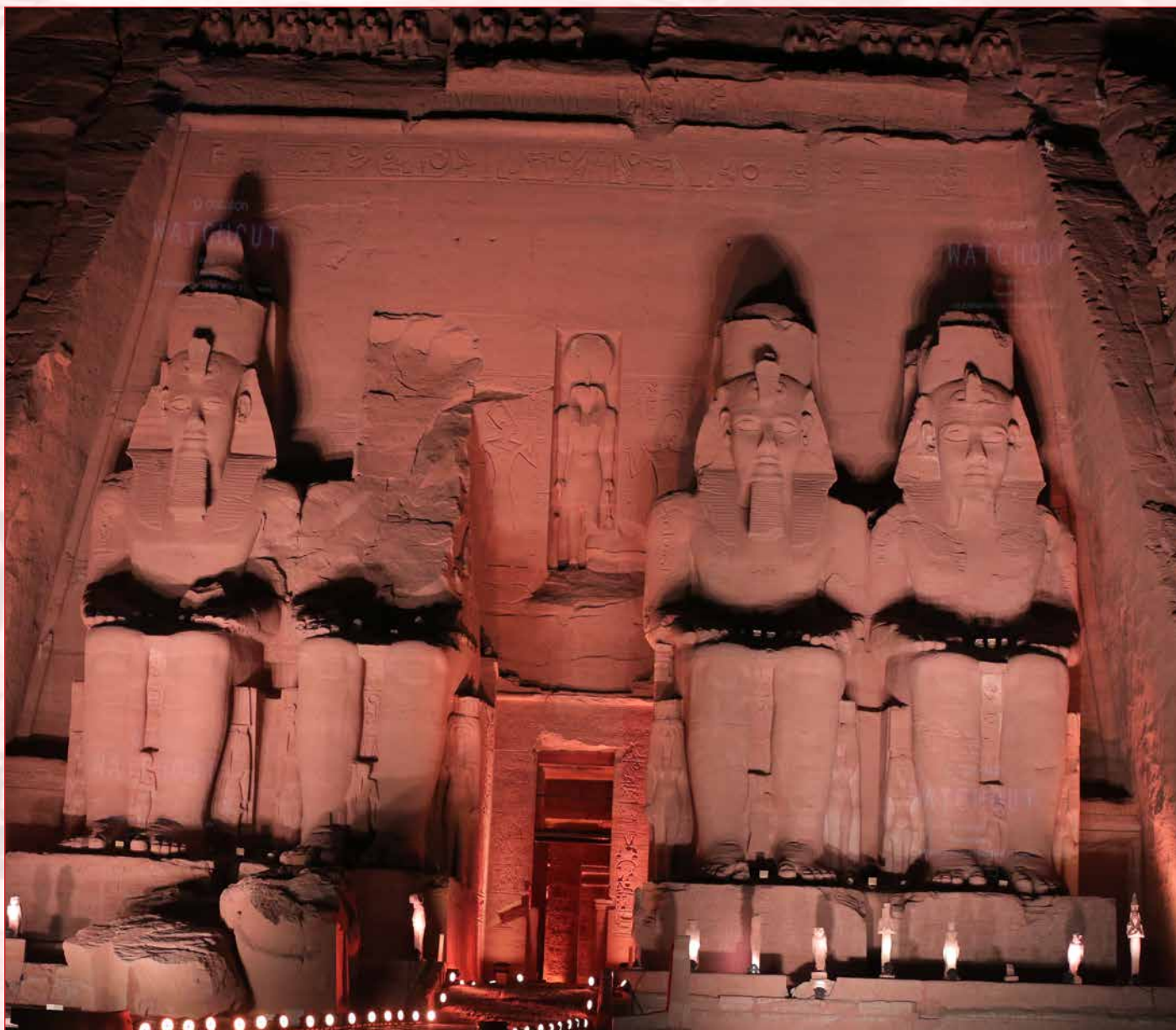
Around 6000 Egyptians and Foreigners Witness the Solar Alignment on the Temple of Abu Simbel



At dawn on February 22, about 6000 Egyptians and foreigners visited the two temples of Abu Simbel to watch the solar alignment on the Temple of Ramses II. A large display screen was installed in front of the temple to show this unique phenomenon to the audience. This phenomenon is repeated twice a year on October 22 and February 22.

In conjunction with this celebration, the Ministry completed the installation and operation of the electronic gates system in the Abu Simbel temples archeological sites. In addition to that, the site for electronic booking of temple tickets was launched, which is: <https://egymonuments.com/abusimbel>.





On the evening of February 21, the Ministry organized an artistic performance in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, in front of Abu Simbel Temples. The sky was illuminated with many luminous flying lanterns in a message of love and peace to the world. The Ministry of Culture presented an artistic performance titled "Sing for the Sun".





Abu Simbel Celebration





Fayoum .. The Heart-Shaped Oasis



In coincidence with Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14 each year, the scientific website "Live Science" republished a report of NASA under the title "astronauts highlight an ancient heart-shaped oasis in Egypt" and attached a wonderful photo of the Fayoum Oasis.

NASA's report explained that the oasis has preserved human life for approximately 8000 years and was a starting point for some important engineering works in ancient Egypt. The report presented information about Fayoum and water channels that connect it with the River Nile. The report said that the engineering, water and agricultural projects carried out by the ancient Egyptians are considered the oldest and largest national projects in the world.



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