

جمعية أصدقاء متحف قصر المنيل
Friends of Manial Palace Museum
المشهرة برقم 6339 - القاهرة

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Dear Friends and members,

The last FMPM trip to Istanbul , Edirne and Kavala was by all accounts an unmitigated success. We thank in particular Professor Baha Tanman, Prof. Heath W. Lowry, Dr. Mohamed Awad and Dr. Ahmed Moustafa for their wonderful lectures.

We also thank the organizers, Mrs. Lale Deniz in Istanbul and Mrs. Gloria Missirian in Kavala for their tireless efforts in providing everything that we asked for and much more.

We are particularly grateful to the great musician, Julien Jelaeddin Weiss who delighted us with an unforgettable Kanun recital in spite of his painful and difficult health condition.

We are providing all participants with a dropbox so that we might share the photographs which were taken during this trip. The dropbox is opened on:

www.dropbox.com/home

User name: FMPM@friendsmanial.com

Password: p@ssw0rd

Folder: Istanbul & Kavala Trip

To add photos right click on the mouse and press upload.

Mr. Samir Raafat has kindly agreed to select a few photographs in order to update the FMPM website.

In spite of the difficult conditions which prevail currently in the world, this trip has shown that cultural exchanges are not only possible, but absolutely necessary. Let us hope that Mrs. Anna Missirian, Dr. Mohamed Awad and Dr. Ahmed Moustafa in particular will be able to take this attempt much further and we wish them every success in the future for the ambitious projects they have in mind.

Let us not forget the spiritual side of this trip and we are grateful to Mr. Omar Said and Dr. Ahmed Moustafa who lead the Zikr in the Nakshebendi tradition as well as the Eid prayers. All the participants felt the warmth of our Eid dinner with local villagers and students.

Each and every participant in this trip contributed to its success and we all share even today, this comforting feeling of sharing a happy and enriching occasion.

We are going to try and organize a lecture by Mr. Amr Talat and a Gala concert before the end of this year, and will keep you in touch.

Best regards to everyone,

Yours sincerely,
Abbas Hilmi