

Memorandum

To: Members of the Board of the FMPM

Re: Meeting Report

Meeting with: H.E. Mamdouh El Damaty, Minister of Antiquities
Minister's Assistant, Dr. Yasmin El Shazly

Venue: Ministry of Antiquities, Zamalek

Date: 7 May 2015

FMPM: Suzan Awad, Nawal Hassan, Mohamed Hassouna, Abbas Hilmi

- The Minister accepted our advice to open the Carpet Museum after the appointment of a competent Director, probably from the Museum of Islamic Art.

- The Minister also accepted our advice regarding the opening of the Calligraphy collection of the Private Museum, this also requiring the appointment of a Director.

- The Minister was interested in the organizing of a Calligraphy exhibition, including Chinese, European and the various Egyptian scripts.

- The Minister agreed that we should assist in holding a photographic exhibition in the available halls of the Private Museum.

- The Minister said that they had started giving the courses proposed by the Egyptian Heritage Rescue Foundation and that the FMPM need not be concerned with that anymore.



- The Minister said that his office would look into the workshop offered by ICCROM in China and noted that the FMPM offered to pay for the airfare of one Manial Palace Museum officer to China and back.
- The Minister approved that Dr. Ahmed Moustafa should launch his book "The Cosmic Script" in the Golden Hall on Wednesday 10 June 2015.
- The Minister instructed Dr. Yasmin El Shazly to follow up on the translation of information labels into Spanish and to ensure that both the Arabic and the English versions are correct.
- Dr. Yasmin El Shazly is to help the Ministry to launch a Website which will carry information on each Museum under its supervision.
- The Minister informed us that the General Manager of the Manial Palace Museum has been suspended for having failed in his duties. A new General Manager will be appointed shortly.
- The Minister informed us that the Socialist Union Building next to the Egyptian Museum, should be demolished and that work should start shortly.
- He is trying to regain access to the Nile at Manial.
- He has ordered that three boats, currently in Luxor should be moved to Cairo and provide the link between the Antiquities Museum, Manial and Helwan. Later on, he intends to have boats going to the Shoubra Palace and القناطر الخيرية.
- The Minister is forming a holding company to manage museum related commercial activities. That company will be able to form joint ventures with private sector partners for specific projects. This will apply to the Manial where we hope to make his a proposal.