



IB Schools in Egypt Association (IBSEA) ConnectED 2023

MES Cairo hosts another successful professional development event to connect Egypt's IB educators

In the realm of education, the International Baccalaureate stands tall, known for its comprehensive and globally-minded approach to learning. At the heart of this system are the dedicated educators who champion its principles, and among them shines our very own MES Cairo Managing Director, Ms Ghada Dajani, a beacon of inspiration and innovation within the IB Schools in Egypt (IBSEA) community. As President of IBSEA, Ms Ghada Dajani, a seasoned educator with a passion for nurturing student agency, spearheaded another highly successful networking event for Egypt's IB educators.

Hosted with exceptional generosity and supported by our guest speaker, Dr Kawther Saa'd AIDin (Recognition and Development Manager, IB) this event has grown over the past few years to become a powerful nexus of knowledge-sharing and professional growth for over 650 teachers and school leaders in attendance. Meticulously organised under Ms Dajani's guidance, the event brought together educators from all over Egypt. Passionately committed to the ethos of the IB, they gathered together to explore and share their understanding of student agency; a concept intrinsic to the IB philosophy.

What sets this event apart is its emphasis on teacher leadership. Through workshops and collaborative discussions about innovative teaching methods, teachers became both learners and mentors as they exchanged insights and experiences.

Supported by the IBSEA Executive Committee and MES Cairo's own IB Leadership Team, Ms Ghada Dajani's vision became reality, as we all worked together to enable and empower educators to lead sessions and workshops, fostering an environment of peer-to-peer learning and growth. Teachers took centre-stage, sharing best practice, innovative pedagogical approaches, and successful strategies to cultivate student agency effectively. The impact of cascading knowledge left educators invigorated, armed with fresh insights and practical tools to use in their classrooms.

Here at MES Cairo we are excited in the knowledge that the impact of ConnectED will reverberate beyond the confines of any one classroom or school, transforming many more of Egypt's classrooms into vibrant hubs where students assume greater ownership of their learning journeys.



The success of the event served as the perfect birthday present for Ms Ghada and as the curtains closed on IB ConnectedED 2023, the legacy of her leadership shone brightly. The participation and contribution of every single member of IBSEA network stands as a testament to the power of dedicated and collaborative leadership. Educators from IB Schools across Egypt are proud to share their steadfast commitment to professional development, as we nurture the next generation of global citizens through the lens of the inspiring IB Mission.



IBSEA AGM hosted at MES Cairo by Kawther Saa'd Aldin (Recognition and Development Manager, IBO) and Ghada Dajani, (IBSEA President and MES Cairo Managing Director)

The IB Schools in Egypt Association (IBSEA) General Meeting was held at MES Cairo on 4th December 2023. It was led by Dr Kawther Saa'd Aldin (IB Development and Recognition Manager) and hosted by Ms Ghada Dajani (IBSEA President).

The meeting was well attended by IB Heads and Coordinators from 46 IB schools. At this meeting, the collective aspirations and concerns of members converged in a unified spirit of progress for all IB Schools in Egypt.

A notable highlight of the AGM was a discussion focussed on IB fees. Attendees also acknowledged the good news that two Heads from member schools have been nominated for election onto the IBAEM Heads Council, a first for Egypt. Their candidacies speak volumes about the calibre and dedication prevalent within the Association, reflecting a commitment to steering the collective towards greater excellence. IBSEA meetings are greatly important as they provide fertile ground for united progress and for exploring collaboration opportunities for member schools.

The AGM's proceedings encapsulated the essence of collaboration, unity, and a shared vision among the IB schools in Egypt Association.

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