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Friends of Manial Palace Museum
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Half Yearly Report The activities of the Friends of Manial Palace Museum

- 1- We were pleased to receive Princes Dana Firas and organized a full program in which many of our members participated.
- 2- We visited the Grand Egyptian Museum at the Pyramids where we were all extremely impressed and then Dr. Shahira Mehrez organized a lunch at the house of Mrs. Nazli Kazrouni on the Sakkara Road which was built by the great architect Hassan Fathy.
- 3- We also visited El Moez Lidin Illah Street with Dr. Shahira Mehrez and had lunch at El Sehemy House.
- 4- Our Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Petra National Trust, represented by its Vice Chairman, Princess Dana Firas and attended by H.E. Dr. Mamdouh El Damaty, Minister of Antiquities.
- 5- We participated in the re-opening of the Manial Palace attended by H.E. The Prime Minister, Ibrahim Mahlab and the Minister of Antiquities, Dr. Mamdouh El Damaty. Our Association completed the restoration of the exterior lighting throughout the grounds and provided special lighting for the occasion.
- 6- We visited the Sayeda Aisha District with Dr. Mohamed Abou El Amayem.
- 7- We were invited by the Minister of Antiquities to participate in a symposium on the Khedive Abbas Hilmi II Era at the Ministry.

- 8- We received in the Golden Hall Dr. Ahmed Moustafa who gave us a lecture based on his new book, The Cosmic Script, which he signed for several people who attended the lecture.
- 9- We await a study of the condition of Manial Palace Gardens by the French landscape gardener, Mr. Eric Vachetto. He said that he would draw up a botanical plan of the gardens and make his recommendations regarding their upkeep.
- 10- We received Professor Manuel Casares-Porcel and Professor Jose Tito-Rojo from Granada University. They should help us trace the history of the Manial Palace Gardens and assist us in their restoration.

Second Half of the year

We hope to complete our Cultural program, in particular we look forward to:

- 1- Our trip to Jordan which has been well received by our members.
- 2- The 9th November Gala Concert organized and with the participation of the great pianist Ramzy Yassa.
- 3- We also hope to organize a trip to Luxor to correspond with the Gala and hope to receive Sheikha Hussa Al Sabah, Head of Dar Al Athar Al Islamiya in Kuwait.