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Makhzoumi Foundation "Peace Poem Contest" Ceremony

Under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Education, Dr. Hassan Mneimneh, **Makhzoumi Foundation** announced the results of its "Peace Poem Contest". This Project was funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and implemented in collaboration with the Educational Center for Research and Development. The Ceremony took place at UNESCO, on February 25th, 2010. It was attended by the Foundation's Founder Mr. Fouad Makhzoumi, the Foundation's President Mrs. May Makhzoumi, Dr. Sami al-Ajam, the Minister of Education Consultant, representing the Minister,



the Head of Cultural Affairs at the Ministry of Education Mr. Fares Khoury, representing the Ministry of Education General Manager Mr. Fadi Yaraq, the Head of the Educational Center for Research and Development Dr. Leila Maliha Fayad, and the Manager of the "Peace Building" Project at UNDP Mrs. Lana Ghandour, in addition to the jury members. A number of officials, directors of the participating schools and their students attended the ceremony in addition to a wide audience.

Awards were distributed to the schools that participated in the contest and their students. The fourth prize went to Majid Abbas Makki, a ninth-grade student at Rkay Public School. The third prize went to Haitham Emad Faraj, a ninth grade student at Al-Irfan Intermediary School – Saoufar. The second prize was won by Antonio Kaii, eighth grade student at Al-Saydeh Secondary School – Hazmiyeh, and **the first prize went to Nassim Bu Ghannam from Lycee National School- Chouifat, 2nd Secondary.**

The four winners received crystal trophies, and an invitation to stay with their families for one night at a four-or five-stars Hotel in a location of their choice in the North, South, Bekaa, or Mount Lebanon.

Sixty five private and public schools participated in the contest. The Foundation received 197 poems that were written on the theme of peace by students from the eighth and ninth grade classes and from the first and second secondary classes. A jury of specialists including the composer, Elias Rahbani, the poet Henry Zgheib, Dr. Leila Maliha Fayad, Ms. Lana Ghandour, Dr. Mahmoud Halawa, Mr. Ghazi Kahwaji and Mr. Saba Zreik, selected the winning poems.

The winning Peace Song was launched; **composed by Mr. Elias Rahbani** and **sung by Carol Aoun** with the lyrics of the 1st prize poem. The song CD was also distributed to participating schools and Media outlets.

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To celebrate **Mothers' Day**, Makhzoumi Foundation like previous years, has initiated a **free health campaign for Mammography and Pap smear test**, at Mazraa Health Clinic, that extends from March 15 to April 30, 2010, due to **increased demand**.

In Addition, Makhzoumi Foundation conducted several **free health campaigns** covering the following topics:

- **Cardiograph, Blood Pressure and Diabetes tests**, at its Health Center in Achrafieh, on January 14, 2010.
- **Cardiograph, Diabetes and Blood Pressure tests** at Mazraa Health Clinic on February 4, 2010.

Makhzoumi Foundation at Sanabel's "Social Performance Management" Workshop



Makhzoumi Foundation is one of the **leading institutions in the field of micro-finance** in Lebanon. It launched its micro-credit program in 1998, helping low-income people to improve their earnings and thus their living conditions.

Within this context, **Makhzoumi Foundation**, represented by the Deputy General Manager Mr. Samer El Safah and the IT Administrator, Engineer Vartkes Keutalian, **participated** in a **workshop titled "Social Performance Management"**. This workshop was **organized by** the Microfinance Network of Arab Countries "**Sanabel**", in Egypt - Cairo, on February 3 and 4, 2010.

The ultimate goal of this workshop is to ensure that all interested MFIs have an appropriate guide, access to hands-on tools, and technical assistance to be able to develop comprehensive Social Performance Management systems; knowing that **Makhzoumi Foundation is an active member of "Sanabel"** and has lately **received the "Social Performance Reporting Silver Award 2009"**.



Makhzoumi Foundation cares to celebrate **Mother's Day**, every year, through carrying out the **Beauty Open Day**; the Foundation receives the ladies at its Beauty Classes where the trainees offer them Hair-dressing and Make-up services, free of any charge.

Within this framework, the Foundation carried out the Beauty Open Day, this year, at Mazraa Center on March 19th, 2010. The volunteering trainees provided a variety of free beauty services including: Hair-dressing, Skin Care, Nail Care, Cleaning eyebrows and makeup.

The ladies thanked Makhzoumi Foundation for this kind initiative wishing it more progress and prosperity, and thanked as well the trainees for their good performance.





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Eng. Sallama Naamani representing **Makhzoumi Foundation**, attended the **launching ceremony of the electronic database related to prominent Lebanese women "Who Is She in Lebanon"**, that was organized by the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab world at the Lebanese American University, on March 2nd 2010. This ceremony took place under the patronage of the first lady Wafaa Michel Sleiman, and in the presence of a number of prominent women. Mrs. Sleiman gave a speech, and the organizers offered her the Lebanese American University Shield. A memorandum of cooperation was signed as well between the Lebanese American University and the National Committee for the Lebanese Women Affairs.

The speeches at the ceremony focused on the **importance of the role of the Lebanese women in local governing**; and the electronic database of prominent Lebanese women "Who Is She in Lebanon" was launched at the end of the ceremony.

Website: <http://whoisshe.lau.edu.lb>

Makhzoumi Foundation participated in the celebration that was called for by the National Committee for the Lebanese Women Affairs, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs and civil entities, and was held at UNESCO Palace on March 8th, 2010. This celebration falls within the framework of a **campaign** whose slogan is **"It's your turn to play your role"**, conducted by the organizers on the occasion of **International Women's Day**. This campaign includes a national media plan and training activities designed to enable women to run and win the municipal elections, to empower their capabilities within the municipal councils, and to help them gain the support of the decision-makers, at both the national and local levels.

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Makhzoumi Foundation at "Academia Lebanon Road Show"

Makhzoumi Foundation participated at the **"Academia Lebanon Road Show"** that was held on February 23rd, 2010 in Beirut, on February 24th in Mseileh (South) and on the 25th of the same month in Tripoli. This participation falls within our plan to interact with schools, universities and educational institutions.

The students benefited from the Foundation's career guidance program **"Probe 2"** which is unique in Lebanon and is designed to indicate the field of interest and key strengths of every user. The **ActivBoards** used in the classes at the Foundation Training Centers were also demonstrated; ACT College had lent the Foundation similar boards during the exhibition to explain to the students how such boards could be used.

The students also showed interest in the Foundation's new program **LCCI**, which is an international diploma accredited by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry including a number of Business Administration specialties: Management, Accounting and Business English. This is in addition to the different **workshops and courses** provided by the Foundation.

Makhzoumi Foundation promoted as well the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) - Cyprus as its **representative in Lebanon**.



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The Foundation works towards:

- Evolution of the Lebanese Civil Society
- Encouraging the quest of Education
- Enhancement of the Potentials of Lebanese Human Resources
- Enforcement of Self-responsibility & independence
- Emphasizing the importance of Environment Preservation
- Encompassing Good Health Care

Programs:

- Training Centers
- Micro Credit
- Awareness
- Agriculture/Environment
- Health Care

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Like every year, **Makhzoumi Foundation** celebrated the **Teacher's Day** at all its centers on March 12th, 2010. The organization noted the efforts of the teachers who seek to provide the best for their students, appreciating their good performance; especially that the Foundation works to ensure high quality services, at all levels.

Makhzoumi Foundation cares to celebrate the Teacher's Day as being an opportunity to extend its appreciation for the teachers' efforts on both the academic and social levels, and to thank them for their permanent and effective participation in the Foundation's various activities.

The Foundation's President, Mrs. May Makhzoumi, addressed the teachers congratulating them on their Day and thanking them for their efforts without which the Training Centers Program would not be acknowledged for its high academic standards.

Makhzoumi Foundation at the Forward Recruitment Forum

Being always concerned with the Educational and Recruitment Forums, **Makhzoumi Foundation** participated, as usual, at the tenth session of **Forward Recruitment Forum** that was held at **Biel – Beirut**, from March 25th till 28th, 2010.

The Foundation's President Mrs. May Makhzoumi attended the opening that took place in the presence of a number of prominent figures.



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