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High-ranking delegation from BMZ-Germany visit to Nablus 23/11/2017

During his official visit to Nablus Municipality, Mr. Torge Mathiasen, a high rank representative of BMZ-Germany, expressed his gratitude for the strong cooperation between Nablus Municipality and the German side. He praised the high level of technical and administrative performance in operating WWTP and other projects being implemented by Nablus Municipality, and funded by the German Government through KfW, emphasized the significance to resume cooperation and support to different projects in the field water and waste water.



Nablus Municipality received the Mayor of Greater Amman Municipality. 23/11/2017



Responding to Mayor Yaish invitation, Dr. Yousef Shawarbeh, Mayor of Amman with an official and technical delegation, paid a visit to Nablus Municipality, and were received by Mayor, councilors and a number of high rank officials from Nablus. While Mayor Yaish exhibited the historic and blood ties between Jordanian and Palestinian people, Mayor Shawarbeh expressed readiness of Greater Amman Municipality to pool its capacities and expertise to provide the needed technical assistance to Nablus in different areas of discipline. He added that twinning between both municipalities will be a good method for crowning such relations, commencing from the grassroots, demonstrating people to people relations. During the visit, a technical meeting was held between the counterparts, through which issues of

high priority to Nablus were discussed. After the official ceremony, the delegation were accompanied for a tour visit to the old city, city center, King Hussein Circle, and Jordan Martyrs' Me-

**A Board Member of KfW visited the Wastewater treatment plant-Nablus West
15/11/2017**

A high rank delegation from the German Development Bank (KfW), headed by Prof. Joachim Nagel, a Board Member of KfW, has paid an official visit to WWTP, to review progress on project pertaining the reuse of treated water for irrigation purposes. The meeting was attended by Mayor Yaish, Dr. Hafez Shaheen, Council Member, Eng. Sulaiman Abu Ghosh, Director of Waste Water Treatment plant, Eng. Imad Al Masri, Director of Water and Sewage Department.



**Nablus Municipality received a German delegation from Nurnberg city
11/11/2017**

Presented by Mayor Yaish, the delegation listened to a summary of Nablus Municipality, its history, main services, and a description of the cooperation between Nablus and Nurnberg Municipalities. The delegation members posed questions pertaining to the political situation in the region, the issue of reconciliation, women's participation in the labor market and other topics. The visit of the delegation included a tour of the old town including tourist sites such as Turkish baths, soap factories and Jacob's Well.



**High-Level Romanian delegation visited the Nablus
11/11/2017**

Nablus Municipality, received a high-level delegation from Romania, included Dr. Raed Arafat, former Minister Health and Deputy Minister of the Interior in Romania, as well as Mr. Katalin Tirliya, the Romanian Ambassador to the Palestinian Authority, and Mr. Assem Al-Kurdi, Consul in the Palestinian Embassy in Romania. Dr. Arafat expressed readiness to support Nablus Municipality in providing technical support and training for fire fighters in the field of rescue operations and fire incidents investigations, risk management and emergency situations, pointed out that the Romanian state is currently hosting 50 persons who are subject to an intensive training on the afore-mentioned topics. He also pledged to secure tools and equipments needed for the Fire Brigade Department, upon receiving an official request in this regard.



Nablus Municipality participated in the fifth meeting of the Urban Mobility Committee in Istanbul

09/11/2017

As a co-chair of the Urban Mobility Committee of UCLG, Eng. Rania Doleh, Head of Traffic Division participated in the fifth meeting held in Istanbul-Turkey during the month of November. Through a working paper, Eng. Dole exhibited the traffic challenges and modern parking systems that fit the small areas in the streets like the case of Nablus, as a rational solution to be implemented in Nablus. She also presented smart applications in traffic systems, and discussed studies for the adoption of public transport in Nablus.



Representatives from the Italian Region of Tuscany and Medina Organization discussed joint projects with Nablus Municipality.

06/12/2017

Tuscany Region and Medina Foundation representatives of Italy visited Nablus Municipality and met with Mayor Yaish and a number of councilors to discuss a joint projects that addressed the needs of youth and women. The projects aims at promoting the tourism sector and preserving of cultural heritage in the city through involving these two segments in income generating projects. .

Nablus Municipality received delegation from Sheffield City-UK.

08/11/2017

A British delegation from Sheffield city visited Nablus Municipality to discuss means of cooperation and potentials for twinning relations with Nablus city. The delegation has been received by Eng. Adly Yaish, mayor of Nablus, his deputy Eng. Mohammad Al Shunnar, Ghassan Anabtawi, Saher Dwikat and Samah Kharouf, Council Members, in addition to public relations team. The British delegation included parliamentarians in the The delegation included representatives from the European Union, council members and member of the British Labor Party.



Nablus Municipality participates in the Second Palestinian Urban Forum at Birzeit University.

Under the patronage and presence of Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al-Hamdallah and Minister of Local Government Dr. Hussein Araj, Mayor Yaish participated in The Second Palestinian Urban Forum (PUF II), following the adopting of Palestine for the New Urban Agenda endorsed by UN Habitat III. The conference aims at realizing that urbanization in cities of which could be a source of solution, rather than a source of challenges. The conference also shed the light on the sound planning and management of urban expansion as tools that may transform the cities into a powerful tool for sustainable development in developed and developing countries alike. The organization of the Forum coincides with the launching of the Palestinian National Policy Agenda 2017-2022, which includes goals to bring the local bodies closer to citizens and increase transparency and justice.

Nablus Municipality bid farewell to Mr. Bernd Wiboush from KFW

26/10/2017

Mayor of Nablus presented a tribute to Mr. Bernd Wiboush in recognition of his efforts during his tenure through KFW in rendering financial and technical support for water and waste water projects being implemented by Nablus Municipality. Latest progress in the Eastern waste water treatment plant and the possibility of financing other projects especially in the water sector were among issues discussed during the meeting.



Nablus Municipality received a delegation from South, South International Company

23/10/2017

The meeting entailed prospects of cooperation in the field of tourism and cultural heritage, and to introduce the draft of Waterfronts- Urban, social and cultural Regeneration for Sustainable Mediterranean tourism.

18/10/2017

Nablus Municipality received Representatives from UN agencies

Representatives from the UN Office for the Special Coordinator for the Middle East discussed means of cooperation and partnership with Nablus Municipality in the field of solid waste disposal and power generation. The meeting was attended by Mawaffaq Abu Ayash, Infrastructure Specialist, Katerina Manson, Office Coordinator, Engad Hatnawi, Planning and Program Officer, and Alaa Arman. Mayor Yaish expressed the Municipality's interest in this important issue of high priority to the entire Palestinian municipalities, added that all facilities and possibilities will be disposed for the successful implementation of of this project.

The UN representatives indicated that such projects will leave a positive impact on the local community as it will improve the economic and social conditions in the designated project areas.

The UN representatives pointed out that financial support will be secured through a partnership with an international private sector company, while the preparation of economic feasibility will be developed by international consultancy firms specialized in this area.



Nablus Municipality concluded the Urban Planning & Cultural Heritage project in Nablus & Lille/ France
15/10/2017



Both Nablus and Lille municipalities celebrated the conclusion of the Urban planning & Cultural Heritage project, as a model of concrete and tangible cooperation between both cities.

The team of both municipalities and partners have developed strategic plans for urban planning, preservation and promotion of cultural heritage learning materials. An interactive platform has been also developed that will share experiences, maps and documents with experts in both cities, as well as smart phone application and educational games for children.

Spanish Consul of Haifa visited Nablus Municipality
11/10/2017

During his visit to Nablus Municipality, Mr. Wadee' Abu Nassar, Spanish Consul of Haifa, discussed means of cooperation and strengthening communication with Nablus Municipality in the field of tourism, trade and economy. The meeting was attended by Mayor Yaish, Eng. Mohammed Al-Shunnar, Deputy Mayor, Mr. Ghassan Al-Masri, Council member and Mr. Jabi Saada, Director of the Palestinian Bible Society in Nablus.



Mayor Adly Yaish met with Greate Amman Mayor Dr. Yousef Shawarbeh in Amman
09/10/2017

In light of discussing brotherly cooperation and exchange of expertise between both municipalities, Mr. Al Shwarbeh, Mayor of Greater Amman received Mayor Yaish through which they deliberated issues of interest to both sides. Mayor Yaish expressed the need of exchanging information and expertise in the field of traffic through the construction of tunnels for cars and pedestrians, in addition to greening and beautification projects that would improve the landscape of Nablus.



In his turn, Dr. Al-Shawarbeh thanked Eng. Yaish for this visit and stressed the interest of Amman Municipality to provide the necessary technical support and advice for the said projects.

Nablus Municipality participated in the Policy Forum Development PDF
07/10/2017

Mayor of Nablus emphasized the significance to achieve sustainable development, in light of challenges being confronted by the Israeli occupation.

The aim of this forum is to review the effects of variables that exposed the Middle East and its impact on the development policy of the European Union, and the mechanism of support for the goals of international development. The meeting also tackled the progress achieved by all stakeholders in the implementation of the international development agenda for the year 2030, and the methods of implementation in the regional context, including the planning of regional participants at the national level.





Under the supervision of French municipalities and institutions, a fruitful programs and activities have been developed & resulted in a cultural exchange program that contribute to building their personalities, refining their expertise and providing opportunities to gain skills to help them enter the labor market. The second group of selected young people will travel in January 2018. On the other hand, Nablus Municipality received the first group of French youth as part of the cultural exchange program at the Community Resource Development Center to host them in Nablus. Dana Debi' and Tarek Asida, both were selected to spend three months of work and exchange knowledge with their peers from the French cities.

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