



Nablus Municipality

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*Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year!*



Nuremberg Municipality allocates a corner to Nablus city in the Christmas market in Germany.

19-12-2018

The German municipality of Nuremberg, that linked with Nablus Municipality through cooperative agreement since 2015, opened the annual Christmas market. Nablus is currently present in the said market, of which includes a corner dedicated for Palestinian handcrafted, embroidery, wool and soap industry including Nabulsi products. The Initiative of Nablus-Nurnberg Association is actively enrolled in the market and cooperate in raising some fund to support social initiatives being implemented in Nablus basic schools namely; The Sun Bird project.



Nablus Municipality Participated in the Complementary Session of the expatriates Conference of Nablus Governorate.

28/11/2018



Responding to the official invitation by Eibal Society in Amman, Mr. Abdelafo Aker (International Relations Officer) of Nablus Municipality participated in the conference held in Amman. The conference aims at reviewing the outcomes and recommendations of the first conference held in Nablus last summer, and exchange views on ways to ensure the success of the second conference.

Nablus Municipality participated in the twinning conference in Lille, France.

22/11/2018

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the twin ship relation between Nablus & Lille, a delegation from Nablus Municipality visited the city of Lille, headed by mayor Adly Yaish, and council members namely; Dr. SaherDweikat, Mr. Ghassan Akkad, in addition to Mr. Ayman Shakaa' Nablus - Lille sister city coordinator. A number of events and meetings were held in this occasion and were attended by representatives from cities around the world that linked a twinning relationship with Lille. It is worth mentioning that Nablus has hosted Lille delegation with French Sport and musician group delegation prior to this conference for the same occasion.



Official delegation from the British city of Sheffield visit Nablus Municipality.
08/11/2018.



An official delegation from the British city of Sheffield visited Nablus Municipality. The visit has been coordinated by Mr. Raed Debi (Director of Seeds Society). Members of the delegation included former British Member of Parliament, founder of the "Travel to Palestine" Initiative Mr. Martin Linton, and were accompanied by a number of members of the City Council and community activists.

Nablus and Lille celebrate their 20th anniversary of the twinning agreement.
02/11/2018

Nablus Municipality received a top rank delegation from Lille municipality headed by Mrs. Marie-Pierre Bresson, Deputy Mayor for International Cooperation.



Ms. Bresson explained that the main objective of this twinning for the past 20 years was to contribute to the building of a Palestinian state through the support of its institutions, including Nablus Municipality, where a number of projects were implemented in strategic sectors during that period. Ms. Bresson confirmed that this support would include other priority sectors for Nablus, such as renewable energy. It is worth mentioning that the program of the French guest delegation includes the inauguration of the stadium of Ahli Balata, which is currently being rehabilitated with the support of the Lille Municipality. The project is expected to be completed in the near future.

A French delegation of Trade Union visited Nablus Municipality.
22/10/2018



Mayor Adly Yaish, received a French Trade Union delegation from the CFDT, accompanied by the President of the General Services Union/General Federation of Palestinian Trade Unions, Mr. Tayseer Akkoub. The delegates expressed their readiness to cooperate in the field of technical training for staff to raise their competence, and introduce them to modern technologies in the fields mentioned.

Nablu Municipality participated in the Arab-African Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction.

20/10/2018.

Represented by Dr. Amal Al-Hudhad, Director of the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Unit, Nablu Municipality participated in the Arab-African Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction held in Tunis on 09-13 October 2018. Nablu is one of twenty cities around the world selected for cities empowerment project, due to its high vulnerability, being under the influence of natural and abnormal hazards. At the same time, the existence of institutions with past experiences, and elements of potential strength qualify, qualify the city of Nablu for being immured and able to face any danger in the near future.



Nablu Municipality received the International Experts in Archeology Field.

21/10/2018



The experts included Dr. Mounir Bishnaki, Dr. Mounir Anistas, Ambassador of Palestine to the UNESCO, and Dr. Maawia Ibrahim, Academic Vice President of the University of Istiqlal, accompanied by Dr. Ahmed Rajoub, Director General of the World Heritage in the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. This visit aims at preparing the file requirements of UNESCO to place Nablu on UNESCO's list of World Heritage. Such endeavor requires many procedures and a commitment to a set of conditions. Achievement of this file will have great impact on the city through contributing in boosting up the economic and cultural status of the city.

European Parliament members discussed the economic and social conditions in Nablu with local institutions

09/09/2018

Local institutions of Nablu city received a top rank delegation from the European Parliament. The delegation included Newcelles Silcott, Vice President of the Confederation of the Unified Left, Margaret Ecken, European Free Green Alliance Group, Edward Martin, Sofia Skrova, Member of the Greek Parliament. Foreign policy parliamentarian Rafil Visera, Marina Niccolo and Zlatan Simon. And the President of the Political Section of the European Union, Mr. Simone Petroni.



The head of the delegation referred to their political support for the cause of Palestine, and the importance of this visit in light with the anti-Palestinian movements. He stressed the need to achieve the justice of the Palestinian case. Guests emphasized the significance for addressing decision-makers in their countries in supporting the Palestinian people, increasing efforts towards the recognition of the state of Palestine by the EU countries.

Meeting with a Delegation from German Cooperation Agency (GIZ) . 15/09/2018



The delegation included representatives from (GIZ), Swiss Cooperation and a group of local directors. News programs of GIZ were discussed and included within 2019 plan, including the Local Government Reform, Support Program and the Civil Society.

Mayor Yaish praised the strong relations with the German Government through the generous financial support for many strategic projects, especially in the field of water and sanitation. He added that the West Treatment Plant regarded among the best projects in the region.

Nablus Municipality receives an official delegation from Stavanger city-Norway. 06/09/2018

The delegation of the twinned city with Nablus "Stavanger" was chaired by Ms. Byork Tysdal and was accompanied by council members, Nablus Stavanger Association, University and schools representatives. In addition to the official meeting with mayor of Nablus and councilors, the visit program includes a visit to An-Najah National University to discuss cooperation between the University and Stavanger University. Further, a visit the West Water Treatment Plant. A tour visit to areas where the CO2 project is being implemented and funded by Stavanger city was also included.



Nablus Municipality participated in the international conference "Cities Lead the World" in Colorado State/USA. 07/08/2018



The conference was held in "Aurora Colorado" in USA, and was organized by the Foundation of the Sister Cities International. Ms. Noor Hanbali international relations officer represented Nablus Municipality at the conference, of which focused on the mechanism of city leadership for the world in light of political turmoil and changes. Recommendation concluded for launching joint efforts to create more intelligent, inclusive and innovative societies. Ms. Hanbali was also invited by BNSCP to visit boulder and it's city hall, where she met with Essrea Cherin Head of Boulder Nablus Sister City Project.

Nablus Municipality and the World Bank discussed possible support of strategic projects in Nablus.

28/06/2018



The Municipality of Nablus received a high-ranking delegation representing the World Bank, including Mr. Marco Surg, Director of the Infrastructure Investment Program for Local Government Bodies, and Ms. Julie Carle, Chief Investment Officer, Infrastructure Management Program.

The purpose of this visit is to explore the possibility of investing in the infrastructure for a number of major Palestinian cities. Municipalities have proven to be well developed in their financial and administrative systems on a continuous basis including Nablus Municipality, an encouraging factor for obtaining fund for

some high priority projects.

The Turkish Delegation from TIKA paid an official visit to Nablus Municipality.

10/06/2018

Nablus Municipality received a high-ranking delegation from Turkey represented by Erman Topso, Acting Consul of Turkey in Jerusalem, Ms. Keman Ozdemir, Director of the Middle East and North Africa Division of the Turkish Coordination and Cooperation Agency (TIKA), Mr. Bulent Korkmaz, Rami Sab Laban and Daoud Katina, Director of Programs and Projects at the Palestine Office, and Eng. Naseer Arafat, TIKa advisor in Nablus. The visit aimed at reviewing a number of projects funded by the Turkish side in Nablus, and discuss future cooperation between both parties.



Nablus Municipality inaugurates the solar system project at the Western Waste water treatment plant.

29/04/2018

The municipality of Nablus launched a solar power station for the production of electricity at the Waste water treatment plant in the west of the city. With the presence of a German Delegation represented by Mr. Daniel, Mayor Yaish announced the opening of the solar system project funded by the city of Nurnberg/Germany. The project aims at ensuring sustainability of power energy through solar energy system and transforming methane gaze into electricity power for reducing operational cost. On the other hand, he referred to the reuse of treated water produced by the West Treatment Plant in irrigation of a number of corps planted in 3000 dunms in the surrounding area, pointing out that a huge reservoir of 10,000 cubic meters will be used to pump the treated water.

A Delegation of German Friendship Association of Nuremberg concludes its first visit to Nablus city.

28/04/2018



The delegation of the Friendship Society of Nuremberg - Nablus (INNA) concluded its first visit to Nablus city, with the participation of 17 members, included a number of activities and bilateral meetings with various institutions of the city. The aim of these visits is to inform the guest of the reality of the situation of the Palestinian people and the restrictions imposed by the occupation and its various repressive practices on the ground.

Nablus Municipality received an Italian delegation.

21/04/2018

Nablus Municipality represented by Dr. Saher Dweikat and Ms. Samah Al-Kharouf, members of the Municipal Council, received a delegation from the South Italian Group, in the presence of the Projects Manager in the Middle East in responding to projects submitted by the Municipality. The meeting aimed at discussing the possibility of organizing an exhibition documenting 100 Palestinian personalities, in the fields of culture, academicians, arts and sports, in the city of Palermo, Italy this year.



Nablus Municipality participated in the International Children's Festival in Turkey

21/04/2018

Under the patronage of the Turkish government, and coordinated by the Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT), the Dabkeh Folklore of Nablus Municipality Cultural Center, (Hamdi Manko), participated in the International Children's Festival in the city of Bursa and Ankara, The delegation was accompanied by Dabkeh Trainer Fethiye Hasiba and Maysaa Kanaan, Coordinator of Cultural Activities at the Center.



Ms. Samah Al-Kharouf, a council member, said that the participation of the group come within the framework of exposition of the Palestinian cultural identity, in light of the constant attempts to obliterate our heritage by the occupation. She added that Nablus Municipality is keen to strengthen cooperation in the cultural field with the international community.

Representing Palestine: Mayor Yaish as a main speaker in the Smart Cities World Conference.

19/04/2018



During his participation in the World Conference on Health and Information Technology held in Istanbul, Mayor Yaish said: we achieve success despite of being under occupation. Participants included 12 countries , 120 cities and companies specialized in the field of information technology. The major themes of the International Conference on Sustainable Development and Smart Cities were highlighted in the conference by 100 international experts in this field. In his presentation, Mayor Yaish reviewed the challenge and steadfastness of the Palestinian people in achieving successes in various forums and competitions.

Nablus Municipality received a delegation of Turkish experts in the field of transport and communications.

15/04/2018

The meeting aimed at informing the Turkish experts on the problems and traffic jam issue encountering Nablus city, and working on benefiting from the Turkish expertise in this field, especially in the field of tunnels and bridges.



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