



# Nablus Municipality

## International Relations Department

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### Within the Silk Road Project Nablus Municipality signs cooperation agreement with China's Xi'an city



The House of Palestine has witnessed the signing of a cooperation agreement between Nablus Municipality and the Chamber of Commerce in China of the Silk Road which sponsored by the People's Republic of China. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Chen Xingchong, Ambassador of the Republic of China, Lu Jianzhong, Chief Executive Officer Jean Carrier, Major General Akram Rajoub, Governor of Nablus, Mr. Muneb Masri and a number of prominent figures and various civil society organizations and economic institutions of the city. This important agreement aims at exchanging information and experiences between the cities of Nablus and Xi'an in the economic, educational, cultural and artistic fields.

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### Nablus Municipality participated in the Intermediary Cities MEWA Regional Forum in Turkey

Within its active membership in UCLG-MEWA, Nablus Municipality was present at the Intermediary Cities Forum, represented by Mr. Ghassan Anabtawi, council member. Deliberations were concluded in a declaration signed by participants, constituted as a guiding charter that would enable intermediary cities in the region to design their own agendas in line with that, of which being endorsed and adopted globally.



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**Nablus Municipality met with delegates from Nurnberg Municipality**

Upon completion of the German-Palestinian Partnership conference held in Jericho between 10-13 September, delegate from Nurnberg Municipality “Mr. Daniel Nivarel” visited Nablus Municipality and met mayor Yaish and a number of councillors. Mayor Yaish praised the strong relation and cooperation between the two municipalities through the MOU signed in 2015, and led to concrete projects i.e. the solar energy pilot project being implemented at the Western Wastewater treatment plant, in addition to the donation of solid waste trucks and exchange of expertise between both cities.



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**Nablus Municipality Concluded the annual delegation visit of the Norwegian city "Stavanger ".**

As part of the twinning and cooperation agreement with Nablus, a delegation from the Norwegian city of Stavanger concluded its four-day annual visit, included a number of joint meetings with some of the city's institutions. The delegation comprised of representatives from Stavanger institutions led by Mrs. Anndi Lomeland Jacobsen, education department, Bergen and Ostfold Universities, as well as a number of students and teachers from various schools in the city. Mayor Yaish thanked the delegation for the efforts made with local institutions in implementing projects in different fields, and for the solidarity with the Palestinians.



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**Nablus Municipality participated in the Third German-Palestinian Partnership conference**



Represented by mayor Adly Yaish, Eng. Ziad Alem (Councillor), Eng. Anas Barq (Water Dep.) Ms. Noor Hanbali Int'l Dep., Nablus Municipality participated in the German Palestinian Partnership Conference held in Jericho on 10-13 September 2017. The conference was organized by German Service Agency in One World, German Federation of Municipalities, and (GIZ) through the LGRP program. The main goal of the conference is to secure a hub for Palestinian and German municipalities to develop cooperative and twinning relations for the best interest of both

sides. Debates on recommendations emanated by the first and the second conferences held in Bethlehem and Jena during the last three years were also discussed. More than 80 people with high profile and expertise in municipal affairs were attend, in addition to 28 mayors from both sides.



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### **Nablus Municipality Discussed Cooperation Potentials with University of Dundee.**

Within sister city relations frame work, Mayor Yaish and International Relations Dept. staff met with a high ranking academic delegation from the city of Dundee-Scotland. The delegation was headed by Dr. Wendy Alexander; Vice Principal for International Affairs at the University of Dundee, Sir Vincent Fean; Retired diplomat and former British Consul-General in Jerusalem (2010-14), and Eng. Naser Arafat; Director of Civil Society of Nablus Governorate. Both sides discussed new areas of cooperation between institutions in both cities, especially education and cultural exchange fields.

It's worth mentioning that sister city agreement between Nablus and Dundee was signed in 1982, when Dundee was the first European city to raise the Palestinian flag at that time.



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### **The Italian Consul visited Nablus Municipality**

Mr. Fabio Sokolowicz, the Italian Consul General in Jerusalem paid a courtesy visit to Nablus Municipality and met with Mayor Yaish and councilors. Mayor Yaish conveyed gratitude and appreciation for the continuous support of Italian government and people, demonstrated in different projects and initiatives being implemented for the well being Palestinian people. In his turn, Mr. Sokolowicz pledged continuity of support and solidarity, and discussed future cooperation with Nablus Municipality.

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### **Nablus Municipality discussed future cooperation with the Deputy Mayor of Stavanger**

Warmly received by mayor and councilors of Nablus, Mayor Yaish welcomed Ms. Bjorg Tisdale, Deputy Mayor of Stavnger, emphasized the significant role played by Stavanger city in highlighting the Palestinian case at the international level. The vision of the current council is being directed towards strengthening international cooperation with various twinning cities that would lead to achieve sustainable development in the city, and meet the global development agenda. The expansion of such twinning with Stavanger enables both calibers from both sides exchange information and expertise in different spheres with special focus on cultural exchange programs.

Ms. Tisdale conveyed greetings from Mayor of Stavanger, congratulated Mayor and council on their victory in the recent Municipal elections. She stressed on the continuous support for the environmental project initiated since 2008, and aims at reducing of CO2 emission of carbon dioxide and improve the aesthetic landscape in Nablus. She added that the Stavanger Municipality will look for the most appropriate channels to support Nablus Municipality to achieve renewable energy projects.



**6/09/2017**

**Visit of a French delegation to Nablus Municipality.**

The French delegation included representatives from French institutions, community activists, and religious leaders who visited Palestine to learn more about the Palestinian case. The delegation tackles means of strengthening solidarity with Palestinian community in France.



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