

PRESS RELEASE

Signed Agreement between UNINETTUNO University and Helwan University in Cairo

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The International Telematic University UNINETTUNO starts up the realisation of a new Multimedia Technological Pole for distance teaching in Egypt, at the Helwan University's site. This has been achieved by the Agreement signed today by the Rector of the Italian University, Prof. Maria Amata Garito, and by the Rector of the Egyptian Helwan University, Addeh Hay Ebaid.

This Technological Pole will give the Egyptian students the opportunity of taking a study title recognised in Egypt and in Italy as well. Another agreement for the realisation of another Technological Pole has been already signed with the "Don Bosco" Technical-Professional Institute in Cairo.

"It is a deed of great significance, - stressed the Italian Ambassador, Mr. Antonio Badini, - since UNINETTUNO very promptly fits in the reformation of the Egyptian educational system, launched by the Government since a long time. Moreover, - added the Ambassador - it is fundamental to reassert the Italian policy, that again proved successful, based upon the identification of systems enhancing the knowledge and skills of the local human assets to integrate them to the most advanced technological systems, of which Italy is the bearer".

In addition, UNINETTUNO's activities will be carried out in the framework of the actions envisaged by the Egypt Educational Initiative, lately presented during the World Economic Forum, that took place in Sharm El Sheikh, which aims at enhancing the Egyptian educational system by the exploitation of the information and multimedia technologies at every educational level and degree.

In Egypt too, the approach based upon the sharing of the advantages which UNINETTUNO's operational and didactic modes are based on, proved to be successful, allowing the Italian Virtual University to overcome the hard competition of the giants of the education business.

Satisfaction for this initiative has been expressed by Prof. Maria Amata Garito, Rector of the International University who stated that: "The signing of these agreements is a further step ahead towards the building of a dialogue among different cultures within the Mediterranean Basin. By the exchange of knowledge, human and technological resources,

it will be possible to re-construct that huge historical and cultural heritage belonging to the civilisation of the Mare Nostrum.

The Agreement with Helwan University, that up to now counts 160,000 students, provides for the delivery of university courses issuing joint titles recognised both in Egypt and in Europe and going from engineering to law and economy; the delivery will be carried out on the satellite television channels RAI NETTUNO SAT 1 and RAI NETTUNO SAT 2 and on the Internet-based portal www.uninettouniversity.net.

The Agreement with the Don Bosco Institute, working in Cairo since 1926 in the field of vocational training for Egyptian youths and which is headed by Don Renzo Leonarduzzi, aims at completing the training of its own students with university courses whose final title is recognised also in Europe. The Technological Pole, established at the Don Bosco's site, will supply vocational training courses in the fields that are most on demand on the national and international labour market, assuring the mobility of the work-force.