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Egypt's Vision for Cooperation with International Universities

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Introduction:

The number of students who enrolled at the Egyptian universities is around 3 million students. These students are distributed among 27 public universities (80% of students) and other types of universities: private and national universities (20% of the students). There are 37 private and national universities in Egypt and 4 branches of foreign universities. Also, there are 7 universities that were established based on international agreement between the Egyptian government and other countries' governments such as: American University in Cairo, Japanese University, International German University,...etc. Moreover, Egypt has around 154 higher education institutes in which students study for Bs.c and Ba.c. degrees.

Since 2014, Egypt gives a great attention to reforming its education system. University education is a high priority for the president of Egypt himself as well as for Ministry of Higher Education.

Fields' Priority:

Even though, Egypt gives a great attention for reforming its university education in all fields, the following fields are in the top priority for the Ministry of Higher Education:

- Medicine.
- Physical Therapy.
- Pharmacy.
- Engineering.
- Computer Science.
- Cyber Security.
- Sustainable Smart Cities Planning.
- Space Science.
- Mathematics.
- Physics.

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Levels of Cooperation:

The cooperation between Egyptian universities and international universities from developed nations has many levels as follows;

Level (1): Establishing branches for the foreign universities in Egypt:

Law no.162/ 2018 allows foreign universities to establish branches in Egypt for all or some of their programs. In order to establish a branch in Egypt, a foreign university has to establish a new entity in Egypt to run its educational, administrative, and financial operations. This entity could be established jointly with an Egyptian university or any other legal entity.

The law requires that the foreign university's branch execute their academic programs same as the way they execute their academic programs in the main university. It also allows the branch to hire Egyptian staff who have the same level of quality required in the main universities' programs.

Since 2019, five universities have established branches in Egypt. These universities are: University of Prince Edward Island- Canada, Coventry University – UK, University of Hertfordshire- UK, London University- UK, and middle launcher university – UK.

Level (2): Establishing joint programs between foreign universities and Egyptian Universities:

In this level of cooperation, a foreign university jointly with an Egyptian university develops an academic program. This program may be an undergraduate or graduate. Some of classes in this program are delivered online or in class by the professors from the foreign universities. Moreover, students are allowed to study at the foreign university some of the classes included in the joint program. At the end, students receive a degree from both universities. The financial issues in this level of cooperation are determined on a contract between the foreign university and the Egyptian University.

Level (3): Establishing joint research centers between foreign universities and Egyptian Universities:

In this level of cooperation both the foreign university and the Egyptian university agree to establish a joint research center in Egypt where researchers

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from both universities can have conduct research agenda that serves both universities.

Level (4): Faculties exchange between foreign universities and Egyptian Universities:

In this level of cooperation, professors from both universities may spend time to teach and conduct researches in the other university.

Level (5): Faculties and students training programs between foreign universities and Egyptian Universities:

In this level of cooperation, professors and students from both universities may attend training at the partner university.

Level (6): Students exchange between foreign universities and Egyptian Universities:

In this level of cooperation, students from both universities may spend time to in the other university and attend classes. At the end, the credits students received in either university are transferable to the partner university.

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