

BUILDING BRIDGES



Accomplishments

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Mission

Building Bridges was founded by Delegata CEO/President, Kais Menoufy, as a way to re-establish the great relationships between the East and the West that have rapidly deteriorated in recent years.

Utilizing the existing infrastructures between American and International organizations, *Building Bridges* works to establish new relationships between the United States and other countries, as well as create opportunities locally for people living in the same region to celebrate each others culture.

Building Bridges in 2006, Delegata was successful in creating a partnership with University of Pacific McGeorge School of Law and the American University in Cairo (AUC). This partnership promoted the unifying power of education. Students from the AUC attended UOP McGeorge School of Law serving as the first participants of an exchange program resulting from the *Building Bridges* partnership.

This past year in 2008, Kais Menoufy partnered with Dean Elizabeth Parker from the University Of Pacific McGeorge School Of Law to lead his second delegation to Egypt. The *Building Bridges II* (BBII) trip to Egypt focused on Business, Government, Education, Culture and Technology aspects of law and policy structures as well as two additional tracks that covered Telemedicine and E-Learning.

Accomplishments include:

- Signed agreements of cooperation with Alexandria University and Ministry of Water Resources
- Meetings with 7 Ministers, heads of 4 Universities: Al Ahzar University, American University in Cairo, Alexandria University, and the British University in Egypt
- 2 press conferences and several other interviews
- 1 presentation on the topic of Telemedicine given to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- 8 workshops covering the topics of Online/Hybrid Courses, Research & Development in Teaching and Learning, and Medical Informatics
- 3 seminars to discuss Water Issues, Intellectual Property, and Dispute Resolution
- 5 meetings with representatives from Egyptian Government Agencies, Educational Institutions, and Private Foundations to discuss the future of Telemedicine
- 7 meetings with leaders from educational institutions to discuss Collaboration on Information Technology Infrastructure, E-Learning, and Emergency Medicine
- 10 meetings with the heads of Higher Education, Egyptian Culture, and Government to discuss Educational Collaboration and Exchange, Foreign Affairs, and Technology.
- Relationships were created with more than 400 people in Egypt!



2008 Building Bridges Summit



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Building Bridges I 2007 Delegation to Egypt was lead by UC Davis Chancellor, Larry Vanderhoef and Delegata CEO, Kais Menoufy with the mission to expand existing exchange programs between UC Davis, the American University in Cairo, the Lebanese American University, and the American University in Beirut and create new initiatives where none are currently in place.

Since returning from Egypt, exchange programs have taken place between professors of Middle Eastern Universities and United States Universities, and training programs have been provided for Egyptian farm managers.

2007 Building Bridges Summit

Accomplishments include:

- Relationships were created and nurtured with over 250 leaders in the Egyptian community through introductions and meeting attendance.
- 5 days working with meetings with the Presidents/Chancellors with 12 Universities including BCBCB.
- Meetings with 4 Ministers, 3 senior executives of the governments with Minister Status, 3 CEO's, and the US ambassador.
- 6 agreements for cooperation were signed: Nile University & UCD, Information Technology Industry Development Authority & UCD, Bibliotheca Alexandria & UCD, and a collaborative agreement between American University of Beirut, the American University in Cairo, the Lebanese American University, Birzeit University and University of CA, Davis.
- Initiatives were identified with the BCBCB, ITIDA, Agriculture Research Center, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Library of Alexandria

Delegata Corporation also sponsors multiple local events and groups whose goals and mission align with *Building Bridges*. Such groups include the Interfaith Service Bureau, Japanese American Citizens League, and Habitat for Humanity.

Larger projects under the Building Bridges umbrella:

Sacramento World Music and Dance Festival whose mission is to showcase the cultural diversity of the Sacramento Region through the presentation of an ethnic dance and music festival.

Songs of Hope is based on the premise that music can build bridges and create understanding between people in conflict and brought together musicians from Israel, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, and the U.S.

Call for Unity is a concert event that brings diverse cultures and backgrounds together in one night of music for all to enjoy.



Other programs under Building Bridges



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