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**At the closing ceremony of "Sanaaty" competition, ExxonMobil Egypt continues its support to education in association with Injaz Egypt**



- ExxonMobil Egypt sponsorship and seed fund for the Advanced Technical School winning team for its project
- An impactful track record for ExxonMobil Egypt's community initiatives in the field of education
- Suez Advanced Technical Industrial School representing Egypt in an international competition in the United States... a success story of STEM's educational initiative
- Ms. Nihad Shelbaya: We continue providing our maximum efforts to improve Egypt's educational practices



*Cairo, Egypt* – As part of its continuous efforts to support education, ExxonMobil Egypt and Injaz Egypt celebrated the closing ceremony of Sanaaty competition, in which Safety Cut Team from the Advanced Technical School received a seed funding for developing their winning prototype, a safety device to be added to the chainsaw that disconnects the machine automatically when the workers' hands get close to the cutting blade. ExxonMobil has contributed to Egypt's Technological Colleges Initiative with Injaz Egypt, in addition to sponsoring the competition and participating in the judges' panel.

"Sanaaty" is the first competition of its kind in Egypt that aims to promote entrepreneurship among technical education students nationwide in the framework of Egypt's Technological Colleges Project.

Attending the closing ceremony were Ms. Nihad Shelbaya, Public and Government Affairs Manager at ExxonMobil Egypt, Ms. Dina El-Mofty, Chairman of Injaz Egypt, in addition to a member of ExxonMobil's team of volunteers serving as a judge, Eng. Amr Wafaa, head of industrial oil sales.

Ms. Shelbaya said: "We are enthusiastic about this creative initiative, for its significant role in developing technical education in Egypt, resulting in supplying the labor market with a category of young professionals in the technical and vocational sector. Driven by this concept, ExxonMobil Egypt has given this competition its full support, inviting some of the best volunteers from the company to be on the judge panel, conveying their professional and educational experience to students to help them promote the strength of the proposed projects and to address weaknesses to ensure the success of these projects and achieving objectives."

It's worth mentioning that "Sanaaty" program, which is run by Injaz Egypt, with the pioneering support of ExxonMobil Egypt, aims to help young people qualify for the labor market through a number of training programs and workshops that improve their vocational skills and help them discover their entrepreneurship abilities. A total of 1,600 students from technological colleges in 7 governorates participated in the competition. They attended training programs such as: "My Way to Professionalism", "Work Ethics" and "Innovation Camp" as part of the competition. In the following phase, 55 student groups qualified for the "Enterprise" program, which is comprised of 4 basic stages enabling students to get to know the fundamentals of establishing and managing their own businesses. Ten student groups from Cairo, Alexandria, Ismailia, Tanta, Beheira and Aswan continued through the filtering for the final stage of the competition, providing them the seed funds required for starting up their own private enterprise.

In this regard, Ms. Nihad Shelbaya, expanded on ExxonMobil Egypt's efforts to develop education in Egypt, saying: "This is not the first time ExxonMobil Egypt takes part in such leading initiatives to develop this vital sector, which is a cornerstone pillar in advanced economies. ExxonMobil Egypt adopted STEM initiative in Advanced Technical Industrial School in Suez. STEM is based on merging the scientific content



with technology, mathematics and engineering skills in cooperation with Misr El-Kheir Foundation, the Education and Technical Education ministries. The Advanced Industries Technical School ranked first among vocational schools in Egypt thanks to its newly established STEM petrochemical department."

Ms. Shelbaya added: "Today, we are proud that 3 students from Advanced Industries Technical School qualified to represent Egypt in an international robot competition in the United States, in which the world's elite of young inventors participate. The students have designed a robot that can help in factory work, as well as fertilizer, petroleum and chemical plants, especially for areas difficult and dangerous for workers to reach. This proves that Egypt boasts remarkable human resources that can significantly represent it on the international arena."

ExxonMobil Egypt's Public and Government Affairs Manager has stressed that her company will continue supporting this key sector, saying: "ExxonMobil is a pioneer in this regard. Therefore, we will continue our support to all initiatives and projects that aim at developing technical education. The company's team of volunteers affirms Egyptian young people are full of genuine determination for success and are willing to do their best for the progress and prosperity of their nation. This has been quite evident in the innovative and ambitious projects initiated by the young people throughout ExxonMobil Egypt's community investment programs to improve technical education in particular and education in Egypt in general."

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