

**ExxonMobil takes part in honoring students of Suez Advanced Technical Industrial School by Technical Education Minister for representing Egypt in the world's top robot competition**



- 3 students from the Advanced Technical Industrial School in Suez win Judge Awards in the VEX Robotics World Championship
- Another success for the STEM education initiative sponsored by ExxonMobil in association with Misr El-Kheir Foundation
- ExxonMobil calls on all parties to improve technical education in Egypt
- Nihad Shelbaya: "ExxonMobil took an early interest in technical education. Good education is the core of social development and progress."



*Cairo, Egypt* – ExxonMobil participated today in a press conference, organized by the Ministry of Technical Education and Misr El-Kheir Foundation, to honor 3 students from Suez Advanced Technical Industrial School for taking the Judge Awards of Engineering Section in the VEX Robotics World Championship, which was held in the United States of America.

Attending the press conference at the Educational City in 6th of October City, were Technical Education Minister Mohamed Youssef, Ms. Nihad Shelbaya, Head of Public and Government Affairs at ExxonMobil Egypt, Dr. Nashwa Ayoub, Education Program Manager at Misr El-Kheir Foundation, Mr. Mohamed Shahin, the Industrial Education Adviser to the Minister of Technical Education, as well as the honored students and their families.

The Suez Advanced Technical Industrial School ranked first among vocational schools in Egypt, is the first school with a petrochemicals department applying the STEM educational system sponsored by ExxonMobil in association with Misr El-Kheir Foundation. Three students from the school qualified for the VEX Robotics Middle East Region representing Egypt in the VEX Robotics World Championship for the first time in the Arab World.

In her word, Ms. Nihad Shelbaya, Public and Government Affairs Manager at ExxonMobil Egypt, praised the excellence showed by these young people in their field as well as their ability to appropriately represent Egypt and strongly participate in world competitions.

She said: "ExxonMobil is proud to be a leading company in supporting and improving technical education. In association with Misr El-Kheir, we applied the innovative STEM educational system, which has provided petrochemicals students of the Suez Advanced Technical Industrial School with an opportunity to gain skills of creative thinking and self-learning, so that students would be capable of coping with fast cognitive and social changes within the community or scientific advancement worldwide."

Shelbaya added: "Driven by this concept, I call on the civil society, the private sector and government agencies to support technical education more and more. Adopting this sector will have a remarkable impact on industrial development and the Egyptian economy as we at ExxonMobil believe that good education is the key to the development and progress of societies and therefore the key to success. In this regard, we have been and will always be a partner and an important player in all innovative educational initiatives which bear fruit for the welfare of the society."

It's noteworthy that the VEX Robotics World Championship was held in Kentucky, USA, where 420 teams participated from 34 countries. The judges' panel honored the Egyptian team, for the innovative design of the robot and its software performing difficult tasks at various plants producing fertilizers, petrochemicals and coke among other petroleum and chemical plants, especially in areas that workers are unable to reach.



"STEM", which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics is an international program applied in various countries around the world, which uses survey, research and verification in education.

The program offers learning through projects that merge curricula with practical lessons that provide students with an opportunity to apply science, technology, engineering and mathematics in contexts that link between study, work and the community.

Schools following this program start by identifying a key problem in their community. Consequently, the subjects addressed in the course of the program will contribute to finding a number of solutions to this problem. At end of the school year, every team of students submits a project to solve this societal problem.

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