

Alexandria University advances equity, access, and social justice by strengthening cooperation with the National Council for People with Disabilities to support diverse population groups, including adolescents, young adults, and students from different residence characteristics and socioeconomic levels. Through counselling sessions, data-driven analysis, and inclusive policies, the University works to reduce inequality and improve educational outcomes.

The Taha Hussein Centre provides accessible services, mobility support, special exam arrangements, mental-health care, and family guidance, ensuring fair opportunities for all. University convoys and initiatives such as Tamkeen expand community programs, strengthen public health, and promote full participation of students with disabilities within a comprehensive development framework aligned with global trends.

## Alexandria University Receives National Council for People with Disabilities Delegation

“Counselling sessions “

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Professor Dr. Abdelaziz Konsowa, President of Alexandria University, received a delegation from the National Council for People with Disabilities headed by Dr. Iman Karim, General Supervisor of the Council, with the aim of supporting cooperation between the two sides and providing support in all its forms to students with disabilities studying at Alexandria University.



The meeting was attended by Dr. Ali Abdelmohsen, Acting Vice President of the University for Education and Student Affairs, Dr. Ziad El-Sayyad, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Engineering, and Dr. Alaa Gamea, Executive Director of Taha Hussein Centre for Disability Services at the University.

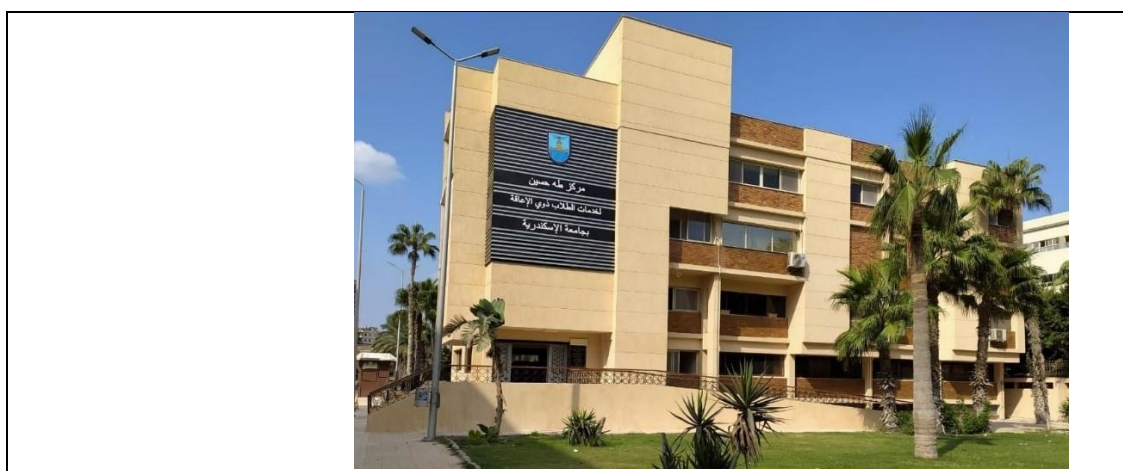
During the meeting, Dr. Abdelaziz Konsowa stressed the role of Alexandria University and its keenness to care for its students with various disabilities, reviewing the vital role of Taha Hussein Centre at the university to serve these students in a way that ensures sustainability by providing distinguished and appropriate educational services to them and facilitating their educational process, providing them with appropriate family guidance and helping their parents, in addition to integrating them with other segments of society to achieve the principle of equality among students. The university president pointed out the rehabilitation of all faculties and university facilities to suit the needs of students with various disabilities, explaining that the university is working to provide many student activities and cultural, artistic, literary, social and sports events to facilitate the involvement of students with disabilities in these student activities, discover their talents, and enhance communication between them and other students.





For her part, Dr. Iman Karim expressed her pleasure with the cooperation and coordination with Alexandria University to provide the best service to students with disabilities, stressing the importance of focusing on inspiring success stories that stem from the strong will of students with disabilities. She pointed out the need to spread awareness of the culture and arts of dealing with students with disabilities and their families and providing all care and support, and working to provide all necessary means, noting her aspiration for more cooperation with Alexandria University and Taha Hussein Centre for Disability Services at the university. She also pointed out that the Council provides its technical expertise to serve the issues of people with disabilities in society, in addition to providing a number of awareness services to students with disabilities and their families, administrators, and faculty members with disabilities

### **Access scheme for students with disabilities**

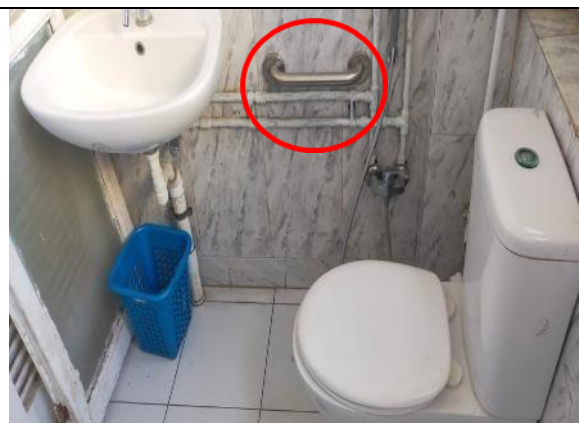


### Scheme of Taha Hussein Centre for the support for disabled students and staff at the Center on the Faculty of Commerce

1. Construction of corridors in all campus to facilitate their movement with wheelchair.
2. Provision of special priority elevators are available for any student with special needs.
3. Availability of wheel chairs in the Faculties for emergency and special cases.
4. A special place in the campus as clinics for the conscription site to physically examine the students with special needs and give them certificates of exemption from conscription, as a contribution from college to reduce burden on them and their families.
5. Replacing steps with ramps for disabled people Alexandria University.
6. Accessible toilet for disabled people.
7. Special exam settings for students with visual impairments
8. Availability of shadow volutes to read for blind students
9. Special care centres for mental and health care.



Replacing steps with ramps for disabled people (Faculty of Engineering - Alexandria University)



Accessible toilet (Alexandria University)

## Training courses for children and people with special needs in the community

### The Educational Services Center - Faculty of Education, Alexandria University

**Description:** The Educational Services Center provides training courses for children and Community members with special needs. The Programs provided by the center and the number of trainees in a scheduled Training programs developed from March 2020 to October 2023

## Activity of the Faculty of Early Childhood Education

As part of the celebration of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Early Intervention Center offered a free workshop that included various perspectives and a new approach to feeding students with special needs. The workshop featured an interactive session for parents and students on "How to Make a Paper Puppet."





## Alexandria University Organizes Community Service Medical Convoy to Vocational and Social Rehabilitation Association (NGO) in Seyouf Area

December 2024



In continuation of Alexandria University's active participation in the presidential initiative (Bedaya) for human development "A New Beginning for Building the Human Being", and under the auspices of Professor Dr. Abdelaziz Konsowa, President of Alexandria University, the Community Service and Environmental Development Sector, headed by Dr. Saeed Allam, Vice President of the University for Community Service and Environmental Development Affairs, organized a community service medical convoy yesterday, Tuesday, December 3, 2024, to the Vocational and Social Rehabilitation Association in Seyouf area east of Alexandria.

A group of professors and doctors from the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, the Higher Institute of Public Health, the Medical Research Institute, the Faculty of Specific Education, the Faculty of Early Childhood Education, the Faculty of Science, and the Anti-Violence Against Women Unit participated in organizing the convoy.

The Convoys Committee at the University, pointed out that the organization of the convoy coincided with the celebration of the International **Day of People with Disabilities**, stressing the importance of these convoys in providing medical services to citizens in the most needy areas, and enhancing communication and coordination between the university and civil society institutions that participate in these events. It also reflects the university's keenness to achieve the goals of sustainable development, and implement the presidential "Bedaya" initiative, which places people with disabilities at the top of its priorities. He announced that during the day, a total of 527 medical cases were examined, divided into 73 dermatology cases, 32 pediatrics, 60 nose and ear cases, 35 obstetrics and gynecology, 78 orthopedic cases, 119 internal medicine, 50 ophthalmology cases, and 80 dental cases, in addition to providing free medicines and transferring cases whose condition required them to university hospitals, providing free consultations in various medical specialties, organizing health awareness seminars, various activities, and a puppet theater for children, in addition to distributing gifts to children with disabilities from the association's residents. Different categories of the association's residents and the people of the area benefited from the convoy's services.

## President of Alexandria University Witnesses Launch of "Tamkeen" Initiative Supporting People with Disabilities in Northern Region Alliance Universities



Professor Dr. Abdelaziz Konsowa, President of Alexandria University, witnessed today the launch of the "Tamkeen" initiative in the universities of the Northern Region Alliance, to raise awareness of the rights and duties of students with disabilities, and provide them with equal opportunities, at the headquarters of the Faculty of Engineering. The event was attended by Dr. Ali Abdelmohsen, Acting Vice President of the University for Education and Student Affairs, Dr. Karim Hammam, Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education for Student Activities, Dr. Sherine Yehya, Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education for Students with Special Needs, Dr. Yomna Amer, Head of Development at the Global Hope Donors Campaign, Dr. Alaa Gamea, Executive Director of the Taha Hussein Centre for Serving Students with Disabilities, and a large number of deans and vice deans of faculties, faculty members and students.

The initiative, implemented by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in cooperation with the global "Hope Givers" campaign, aims to provide a number of services to students with disabilities within the framework of integrating them into society and increasing their student participation base in various activities, as well as cooperating in preparing and qualifying cadres from them to become qualified, trained and able to participate in the community building process. Activities also include organizing competitions, meetings and joint events for these students in partnership with the rest of their colleagues, establishing awareness, educational and training projects and programs, and organizing seminars and workshops to introduce the rights and duties of people with disabilities, in addition to participating in conducting research, studies and conferences related to the issues of young people with disabilities.

In his speech, Dr. Konsowa expressed his pride in hosting this celebration at Alexandria University, stressing his full and unlimited support for our children with disabilities at the universities of the Northern Region Alliance, based on a firm belief in their right to appropriate training and rehabilitation services, and providing them with equal opportunities that enable them to participate effectively alongside the rest of the community, through their participation in integrated activities alongside their colleagues and enhancing cooperation and the spirit of joint work among all students. The university president referred to the efforts made by Alexandria University to support the rights of people with disabilities and provide the capabilities to facilitate their lives within the university. He also pointed to the university's adoption of a purposeful strategy to internationalize education through joint and dual degrees with advanced-ranking international universities, in addition to supporting the knowledge economy and enhancing cooperation between academia and industry through the Alexandria University Technology Park, pointing to Alexandria University's initiative to embrace emerging research and creative ideas for students and researchers of Alexandria University and finance them through the Technology Park, and allocating a special track to finance applicable projects and ideas for students and researchers with disabilities at the Northern Region Alliance universities.

Dr. Ali Abdelmohsen praised the support of the Alexandria University President for all student activities and events, pointing out that the issue of supporting people with disabilities is at the top of the university's priorities, expressing his pleasure with the distinguished level of the various artistic performances performed by students with special needs and their inspiring success stories.

Dr. Karim Hammam expressed his thanks and appreciation for all the efforts made to make this initiative a success to implement the Ministry of Higher Education's strategy to empower all members of the academic community, extending his greetings to Alexandria University and all universities of the Northern Region Alliance for their effective participation in providing support to people with disabilities.

Dr. Sherine eahya stressed that the goal of the initiative is to create a more inclusive environment and awareness of the duties and rights of students with disabilities, in light of the new republic's orientations led by President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi on the necessity of integrating them into all aspects of life.

Dr. Yomna Maher pointed out that the Hope Givers campaign focuses on the fields of health and education, seeing inspiring models, and spreading awareness of the importance of preparing the **conditions for people with special needs to live their lives normally.**

During the meeting, several documentary films were screened about Alexandria University and empowering students with disabilities, and the Hope Givers campaign that was launched in Geneva in 2021, which aims to provide support and inspiration to those fighting serious diseases, people with special needs, orphaned children, and others by launching initiatives and partnerships with governmental and non-governmental institutions that contribute to providing hope and assistance to them, in addition to inspiring success stories of students with disabilities. Wonderful musical performances were also presented in which integrated special needs students and people with disabilities participated, which received great interaction from the audience.

Alexandria University aspires to restore the historic status of Alexandria University and to achieve a comprehensive qualitative leap in various fields of knowledge within a frame work of noble human values, enabling it to take a leading position in its national , Arab, African, Mediterranean and global environments.