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UNESCO concludes Mobile Application Development Training with Closing Ceremony



Ramallah, 12 December –UNESCO and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE), with the generous funding of the "Weidong Cloud Education Group" from the People's Republic of China (PRC), trained a number of Information Technology (IT) teachers and 675 students in both the West Bank and Gaza from grades 8-12 with programming skills, to develop mobile applications and integrate these skills in their e-learning process. The training was part of a UNESCO-led project entitled: "E*mpowering youth with innovative digital and entrepreneurial skills for jobs in a digital economy*".

The Minister of Education and Higher Education, H.E. Dr. Sabri Saidam, highlighted the value of education through excellence and innovation in the information and communication technology field. He also shed light on the Palestinian local, regional and international accomplishments, including in the area of Information and CommunicationTechnology (ICT) and further emphasized the role of of ICT in the achievement of greater quality in education and critical learning.

Dr. Lodovico Folin Calabi, UNESCO Representative to Palestine, emphasized that UNESCO believes that Information and Communication Technology (ICT) *can complement, enrich and transform education for the better. Technology can facilitate universal access to education, bridge learning divides, support the development of teachers, enhance the quality and relevance of learning, strengthen* inclusion and improve educational administration and

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governance. He further concluded that *digital skills are critical for jobs and social inclusion in a connected worldand to ensure a growing and sustainable economy in Palestine.*

. At the closing ceremony of the activity, held in Ramallah on 12 December under the auspices of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and UNESCO, a number of students from Jerusalem,Jenin,Nablus,Kabatia,Hebron,Tulkarem,Jericho,Tubas,Yata,Salfeet,Ramallah,Bethlahem, and Qalqilya had the opportunity to show the mobile applications they developed in class as part of the training.

UNESCO, as the lead United Nations Organization for education, guides international efforts to accelerate progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 4 and to further integrate communications technology as an important part of inclusive and quality education.

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