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*Palestinian – German
School Twinning Programme*



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Twinning Programme (STP)*

With this brochure, we would like to introduce the STP and answer FAQ (frequently asked questions).

What is the Palestinian - German School Twinning Programme?

Within the framework of the Palestinian-German Financial Cooperation (FC), the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) is assisted by Germany in the development of the Palestinian education sector.



Based on this development, the MEHE and KfW (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau) agreed to an attempt of implementing a School Twinning Programme with emphasis on a strong, regular and close relationship between Palestinian and German students, teachers and parents. Both parties see this as a potentially important contribution to the educational, cultural and social development in the Palestinian Territories (West Bank) and everybody hopes that a long-term relationship between students, parents and teachers of schools in our different countries will emerge - based on organised activities and continuous communication.

Which are the intended goals of the Palestinian - German School Twinning Programme?

We expect an improvement in the quality of day-to-day school life. Taking part in the STP increases the motivation of students to learn and practice complex skills of communication. Students interact with their counterparts, they share and exchange knowledge and thus finally create learning resources for others. The motivation of the students will



be increased and curricular activities will be enhanced. The cross-cultural dimensions will support the school life and generate

an innovative pedagogical development. An understanding of each other via this collaboration and the shared experience will tie the partners together and have a very positive effect on the groups involved as well as on the schools.

The following curriculum objectives for students will be gained through the STP:

- Improvement of the knowledge and motivation of English as this is the language in which everyone involved in the project communicates;
- Increase in multicultural understanding;

- Improvement of computer / application skills;
- Improvement of teamwork and understanding across subjects;
- Promotion of the students' communication, research and writing skills.



After all, the STP provides an easy-to-handle communication platform as well as a partner in Palestine / Germany for a partnership so that teachers and students can immediately start with the pedagogical work.

Computers and internet access in the schools are the preconditions to participate in the STP.

Who are the partners in the Palestinian - German School Twinning Programme?

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The partners in the STP are Palestinian and German schools. This means that every Palestinian school is linked to a German partner school. In each school, there are engaged and motivated groups which are willing to communicate with the foreign partner.

An up-to-date table of the schools participating in the STP is accessible on our internet site www.school-tp-ps.de

Finally, each individual partnership between the schools will be fixed through a mutual agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU reflects the aims and objectives of the STP and is based on the common understanding that all STP activities will be carried out in order to contribute to a peaceful environment and coexistence of all participants.



How do we manage the communication in the Palestinian - German School Twinning Programme?

Usually, our understanding of a partnership is that German students and teacher go for a visit to Germany and vice versa but the STP is entering new territories there.

The STP approach is to initiate virtual partnerships between Palestinian and German schools.

What do we mean when we talk about a “virtual partnership”?

Students of both countries use information technology to share their experience with selected topics with the help of computers. For this purpose, all students participating in the project have access to a PC room where they can exchange information or communicate with the foreign partner. A set of facilities is available and provided by the STP.

For the public, we provide general information on the progress and on news as well as up-to-date downloads of the STP via our above-mentioned STP internet site.



The registered students and teachers of the STP also have access to an intranet platform. Users have got an individual e-mail-address and can communicate in especially created virtual [group] rooms via e-mail, in forums and chats. Furthermore, a number of useful facilities are also available.

Provided that the groups in both countries are working simultaneous on selected topics and the speed rate of internet is high enough, video conferences are possible.

With the above-mentioned communication facilities, we make the start of partnership with mini projects possible.

A mini project is a project you work on for a limited amount of time which fits in the curriculum. Both partners are working at the same topic which they have selected together beforehand. They define how they would like to present the result by using the computers. The result will be discussed and commented later on by the partner.

What kinds of topics are dealt with when schools work together?

A survey was carried out by Palestinian students with the aim of identifying interesting topics. The STP has got a wide range of topics for mini projects. These topics are categorised as:

“Our Class, our School, our Community”,
“Leisure, Cultural Events, Cinema”,
“Family Life, Occupation, Places of Work”,
“Economy”, “Tourism / Traditions” and
“Environment”.





Example for a topic:

A Suitable Buffet for the Ministerial Visit in February 2008

with ideas coming from Al Jalazon and Leverkusen

Mrs Aqlah and Mrs Al Syouri in Al Jalazon / Palestine and Mrs Rowe in Leverkusen / Germany and their classes made arrangements to celebrate a suitable buffet / menu for the minister's visit in Palestine.

What can we offer Minister Wieczorek-Zeul and her delegation during lunch at Al Jalazon School? German students made suggestions for a European lunch and the Palestinian students did it for a traditional one.

An entire list of starters, main courses and desserts were developed. All the recipes are filed and are accessible for the group. Finally the groups cooked and tested the recipes and organized their own buffet in school.

Who is the Palestinian - German School Twinning Programme funded by?

During the project life-span, the STP is funded by the [German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#), through [KfW Entwicklungsbank](#) in Germany.

Who supports the Palestinian - German School Twinning Programme?

The [Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Palestine \(MEHE\)](#), the [state education ministries](#) and the [Federal Ministry of Education in Germany](#) support the initiative of the STP.

Who is carrying out the Palestinian - German School Twinning Programme?

[IP Institut für Projektplanung GmbH](#) in Germany is [responsible for the](#) carrying out this ambitious task.

Where can you find further information?

You are welcome to visit our internet site www.school-tp-ps.de. There you will find further [information about](#) the STP.

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