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Press Release

**The European Union Delegation to Egypt announces
the Award Ceremony of its 7th Annual Photography
Competition entitled:**

"Children of Egypt"

Cairo -- The European Union Delegation to Egypt held the award ceremony of its 7th annual Photography Competition for amateur photographers on Wednesday 28 January 2015 at the Conrad Hotel. This year's theme is "Children of Egypt" where more than 200 photos were submitted by 70 contestants; three were selected as the first three winners. The ceremony featured the exhibition of the first 30 photos.

In his speech, Ambassador James Moran, Head of the European Union Delegation highlighted the role this competition plays in enhancing cultural cooperation between the EU and Egypt. Moran handed out the prizes and certificates. The first winner of this year's competition is: Ms. Ayda El Sayed, graphic designer from Alexandria for her photo: "throw in the bin". The second winner is Mr. Rami Hekal, IT system administrator from Cairo for his photo: "Pottery Boy". The third winner is Mostafa Darwish, social worker from Cairo for his photo: "Music Girl". The first prize is Canon EOS 600D while the second and third prizes are EOS1200D cameras. The rest of the 27 contesters received recognition certificates as well as the Delegations' desk calendars with the first 12 chosen photos of the competition

The selected jury for this year were: 1- Ms. Yamine Helal, Founder and Executive Director of Educate Me; an Egyptian non-profit foundation founded in 2010 and aspires to redefine education in Egypt. 2- Ms. Raphaele Ayach, a prominent international documentary film director. 3- Mr. Luis Pedro Costa Gomes, a Portuguese photographer based in Cairo since 2008 and is doing commercial and news photography.

The ceremony was attended by EU member states ambassadors, senior officials from the Egyptian Ministry of Culture cultural attaches, media, winners' families and friends in addition to members of the cultural community in Egypt.

The European Union has around 240 million Euro of programmes operating in Egypt focusing on primary education, access to education, child protection and children's rights.

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