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The Central Elections Commission concluded election education in schools project targeting second graders



Ramallah, January 12, 2014: Today, the Central Elections Commission (CEC) concluded the last session of project “Election Education in Schools for 2013”. The project was funded by the European Union and implemented in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and Friends school. The project main goal is to lay the foundation for democratic practices among youth. Through this exercise, students learn about nomination, campaigning in support of the animal of their choice and voting for their winning candidate in a simplified process that appeals to their age.

To achieve this aim, the CEC trained 20 educational supervisors who in turn trained around 45 teachers from the targeted schools. The concept of this exercise is for second graders to learn the basic steps of elections using integrated educational approach engaging students in the selection of their favorite animal.

The activity was highly evaluated by teachers, students, and their parents. The CEC also received a lot of requests from other schools to implement the exercise in the future. Mr. Atef Dwikat, an educational supervisor described the project by stating: “in



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the course of implementation, I've spotted a lot of success especially in the aspects related to introducing students to their responsibilities towards their schools and the environment. The project has successfully reinforced the student confidence in him, courage, independence, and the spirit of cooperation among students. It also increased the level of knowledge not only on elections but on biology and math as well. The actual mock elections have taught students how to have free choice and stand for what they believe in while respecting other people's choices and opinions".

It should be indicated that the same activity will be replicated in different schools in the upcoming school semester where the CEC will aim for a wider sector of students.

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