

MODERN ENGLISH SCHOOL CAIRO



December 12th, 2006

Dear Dr Adly Hassanein,

I write to thank you for making our recent residential excursion to Kan Yama Kan Village such a memorable experience. Our IB Diploma students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and more importantly, gained a great deal both academically and personally from their experiences over the long weekend.

Having had limited opportunities to really consider the environment in which we live, our students had their minds opened and their horizons broadened by the workshops and activities you led and the discussions you provoked. It was a wonderful process to observe your infectious enthusiasm for environmental awareness spread amongst our group and I am pleased to report that our first initiative in Wadi Degla is taking place this coming Tuesday. We are coordinating a 'Zero Waste Picnic' for the IB class as an introduction to the Protectorate's unique environment; further planning will ensure that our IB Diploma student's 'adopt' Wadi Degla with the long term aim being to educate the wider community to respect and protect the area. We shall certainly keep you informed on progress and hope that Djodi and yourself will accept invitations to visit school and/or join future excursions so that you may see how students put their plans into action in coming months.

There were numerous highlights during the weekend camp at your Kan Yama Kan Village. We captured these in a power point presentation to a Secondary School assembly last Wednesday and will be featuring an article in the next publication of our school magazine, MESsenger (a copy of which will be sent to you).

Thank you for welcoming us to your stunning property in Beni Suf and for your extensive involvement in educating and caring for our students during our visit. As accompanying teachers it is rare that we are able to really enjoy residential school trips but your thorough planning of the weekend's activities and your 'hands on' leadership made this trip very different to most others.

As a school, we shall be exploring opportunities for more of our students to benefit from initiatives at the Mediterranean Centre for Sustainable Development Programs and we look forward to the next opportunity to work with you.

Yours sincerely,



Nicki Singleton
Secondary Deputy Headteacher