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STRATEGIC PROJECTS

- In first of January 2006 The Library started CIP Cataloguing In Publication Programme.
- In February 2007, the inauguration for the old building at bab-al-khalq to include three floors gallery for treasures as well as a specialised library in Manuscripts, Papyrus, First printed materials, coins...
- In May 2007 the establishment of the new league for Arab National libraries (LANL) in Algeria, and Egypt is a member in the Executive Board.

DIGITISATION PROJECTS

The majority of NLE partnership or protocols for digitising library materials target two main products: CD + well designed coloured bi-lingual printed book! It is essential for NLE TO SIGN PROTOCOLS that aim to building digitisation capabilities or Capacities. NLE has signed the following protocols:

2005 Projects

- A cooperative protocol with *CULTNAT* targeting digitising AND documentation of NLE' s collection of maps (10,000 titles) and papyrus (7,000 titles).
- A cooperative protocol with *Information and Decision Support Centre (IDSC)* for designing both bibliographic and Image databases for selected NLE's of Manuscripts (51,594 bibliographic records + 21,600 colored Images)
- An agreement with *Al-Ahram* news institution for digitising Paper and Microfilmed copies of Manuscripts.

2006 Projects

- A protocol with the *Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information technology* for digitising 50.000 unique titles from the library collection that published before 1955.
- A protocol with *L.C.* to join Global Gateway, Under the following title: *Islamic Civilization and Science: the history from Manuscripts*. Both libraries are agreed on feeding the Site with 60 titles from its Manuscripts collection. *Library of Congress established and equipped a new centre for Digitisation at Dar-el-kotob.*
- Positive agreement to have a vital role in building the World Digital Library project (WDL) leaded by Library of Congress and UNESCO.

PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR FUND/GRANTS

- Egyptian Musical Heritage At Dar-el-kotob (the National Library of Egypt) *A proposal for developing an Egyptian Heritage Music web-based Integrated Information System(EHMIS).*
- Integrated Management System for Arabic Newspapers and Journals Literary Heritage (1800-1961) available at the National library of Egypt (NLE).
- A proposal to Integrate Public Libraries to The Egyptian E-government Program.

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