

CIRA Education's subsidiary, Starlight Educational, and the Tenth of Ramadan Company for Development and Educational Services, Sign Strategic Partnership to Launch the BCCIS High School Extension in El Shorouk Academy

The new purpose-built extension of the British Columbia Canadian International School (BCCIS) will welcome its first cohort of high school students in September 2027, building on more than 20 years of academic excellence in Shorouk City.



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CIRA Education's subsidiary, Starlight Educational, and the Tenth of Ramadan Company for Development and Educational Services (El Shorouk Academy) today signed a strategic partnership to launch an extension of the British Columbia Canadian International School (BCCIS), opening a new chapter for one of Shorouk City's longest-standing international schools. The agreement was formalized at a signing ceremony held at El Shorouk Academy, attended by senior leadership, board members, partners, and distinguished guests.

The new building will extend the existing BCCIS main campus, responding to growing demand and the need to expand the school's capacity, while providing a dedicated environment for its high school community. Designed exclusively for students in Grades 10, 11, and 12, the extension will open in September 2027 for the 2027/2028 academic year, accommodating approximately 1,000 additional students across 40 modern classrooms and fully equipped educational facilities. Built on a total land area of 10,000 m², with a built-up area (BUA) of approximately 7,000 m², the new campus is designed to provide students with a comprehensive, future-focused learning environment. It will feature dedicated Applied Design, Skills and Technologies (ADST) facilities, offering specialized learning experiences in Fashion Design, Mechatronics, Entrepreneurship, Industrial Arts,

and Culinary Arts, supporting students in developing practical skills, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial thinking alongside their academic studies.

With a presence in Shorouk spanning more than 20 years, BCCIS has built a strong reputation among families in the city for the strength of its curriculum. As one of eight schools managed by Eduhive within CIRA Education's international schools' platform, it delivers an internationally recognized Canadian education based on the British Columbia curriculum. The program is taught entirely in English by British Columbia-certified teachers, and graduates earn the same high school diploma awarded to their peers in Canada.

Every element of the new campus has been shaped around the way senior students learn, from preparing for university applications to building the independence they will need beyond school. For the partners, it represents a long-term investment in the final and most defining years of a student's school career.

"For us, BCCIS is where our education journey began. Since opening its doors in Shorouk City in 2005, the school has grown alongside the community while staying rooted in the British Columbia standards that define it. This extension is the natural next step: a campus of its own for Grades 10 to 12, with facilities built for senior coursework, not adapted for it. It also gives us a model we can build on as we bring BCCIS to more families in the years ahead," said **Mr. Karim Mostafa, Chief Executive Officer of Eduhive and Starlight Educational**.

"At CIRA Education, we are focused on building a diversified, multi-curriculum education platform that gives families meaningful choice across every stage of their children's educational journey. Building on BCCIS's more than two-decade presence in Shorouk City, the extension will enable more students to complete their British Columbia education locally. It gives families the opportunity to remain within a school community they know through the formative high school years, as students make important academic choices and prepare for higher education," said **Mr. Mohamed El Kalla, Chief Executive Officer of CIRA Education**.

"El Shorouk Academy's more than three-decade presence in the city's higher education landscape gives us a close view of the foundations students need before taking their next academic step. We are pleased to support an expansion that gives more families in El Shorouk the opportunity to continue within the BCCIS program through Grade 12. It is a meaningful addition to the city's education landscape and helps strengthen the pathway from school to higher education," said **Ms. Farida Khamees, Chair of the Board of Trustees at the British University of Egypt (BUE)**.

When its doors open in September 2027, the extension will begin the next chapter in BCCIS's two-decade legacy, expanding capacity and providing dedicated facilities for its high school community.

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About British Columbia Canadian International School (BCCIS)

With campuses in Shorouk City and Sixth of October City, British Columbia Canadian International School (BCCIS) delivers the British Columbia curriculum from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Instruction is provided entirely in English by British Columbia-certified teachers, with students enrolled in the British Columbia education system and following the same curriculum, learning outcomes, assessment standards and provincial examinations as their peers in Canada. BCCIS is inspected annually and certified

by the British Columbia Ministry of Education. High school graduates earn the same British Columbia high school diploma awarded to students in the province, providing a globally recognized pathway to higher education and future opportunities.

About CIRA Education

Founded in 1992, CIRA Education is the largest fully integrated education service provider in Egypt's private sector, delivering a broad ecosystem of learning that spans nurseries, K–12 schools, universities, and professional training. With more than 71,000 students in 30 schools and 3 universities across 13 governorates, CIRA continues to make world-class education accessible to the Egyptian market through a strong network of partnerships with leading international and regional institutions. CIRA's K–12 platform offers multiple education tracks, including British, American, Canadian, French, German, and National curricula, with students consistently achieving top national and district rankings. Its higher education platform comprises 32 faculties across three universities - Badr University in Cairo, Badr University in Assiut, and Saxony Egypt University - delivering world-class academic instruction and practical experience to more than 34,000 students as of the first term of the 2025/2026 academic year. CIRA's nurseries platform, the latest addition to the Group's offering, includes 10 nurseries under 3 brands - Steamulation Hub, KidzGround, and Discovery Campus - each catering to different income segments. Through its integrated platform and strong international partnerships, CIRA remains committed to developing future-ready graduates and advancing education standards across Egypt.

About Eduhive

Eduhive is one of the region's leading education management companies, specializing in the establishment, management, and operation of K–12 educational institutions across Egypt and the Middle East. Backed by more than 25 years of educational expertise, Eduhive delivers comprehensive solutions that span academic excellence, operational management, innovation, and institutional growth. Through a diverse portfolio of international schools and strategic partnerships, Eduhive is committed to developing future-ready learning environments that empower students, support educators, and contribute to the advancement of education across the region.

About Starlight Educational

Starlight Educational is a UAE-based education investment and development company headquartered in Dubai, dedicated to establishing and growing high-quality international education across the region. As the owner of the BCCIS brand, Starlight Educational is committed to building on the school's distinguished legacy by expanding its presence through new campuses and strategic partnerships. The launch of the BCCIS extension in El Shorouk marks a significant milestone in the company's long-term growth strategy, with a vision to establish additional BCCIS branches in the coming years. Through its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and sustainable educational development, Starlight Educational aims to provide world-class learning opportunities that prepare future generations to thrive in an evolving global landscape.

About Tenth of Ramadan Company for Development and Educational Services (El Shorouk Academy)

Established in 1996, Tenth of Ramadan Company for Development and Educational Services specializes in the construction and furnishing of educational and cultural institutions, including schools, institutes, academies, and private universities. The company also provides educational and service buildings for the institutes of El-Shorouk Academy (a member of the Association of Arab Universities). The number of students enrolled in El-Shorouk Academy during the 2025/2026 academic year was 16,668, distributed across its institutes: The Higher Institute of Engineering, the Higher Institute of Computers and Information Technology, and the International Higher Institute of Media in El-Shorouk. El-Shorouk Academy contributes to the workforce by providing distinguished graduates. The company is also a founding member of the British University in Egypt.