

Saxony Egypt University Hosts High-Level German Parliamentary Delegation to Explore Academic Cooperation



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Saxony Egypt University (SEU), Egypt’s largest applied technology university, established by Al Ahly CIRA, a strategic partnership with between CIRA Education and Al Ahly Capital, today welcomed a high-level parliamentary delegation from the German state of Saxony, reinforcing its role as a key platform for advancing academic cooperation and internationalization between Egypt and Germany.

The delegation was led by Peter Oliver Fritzsche, Chair of the Working Group, alongside senior representatives from Saxon’s parliament. The visit reflects a shared ambition to deepen institutional ties with Saxony and expand avenues for cross-border collaboration in education, research, and workforce development.

Saxony Egypt University represents a unique model that brings German applied education to Egypt, combining academic rigor with practical, industry-aligned learning. The university builds on CIRA’s long-standing relationship with Saxon institutions, an alliance that extends beyond higher education into the K-12 segment through collaborations with Saxony International Schools, creating a fully integrated, German-oriented education pathway. This commitment is further

reflected in the expansion of German education offerings across CIRA's broader school network, reinforcing a comprehensive and scalable German education ecosystem in Egypt.

During their visit, the delegation toured the SEU campus and engaged in discussions focused on advancing internationalization efforts, including expanding student mobility, facilitating employment pathways in Germany, and easing administrative and legal processes for Egyptian students. These discussions form part of SEU's broader strategy to embed global exposure within its academic offering and position its graduates for international careers.

Peter Oliver Fritzsche, Chair of the Working Group and Head of the delegation, said: "We were highly impressed by the scale and ambition of Saxony Egypt University and its ability to translate the German education model into a dynamic and locally relevant context. SEU stands as a strong example of how international partnerships can translate into meaningful educational outcomes. We see significant potential to further strengthen cooperation between Saxony and Egypt, particularly in areas such as applied sciences, student mobility, and skills development aligned with labor market needs."

Dr. Hassan El Kalla, Chairman of CIRA Education, added: "Our partnership with Saxony is central to our internationalization strategy. Through SEU, we are not only delivering a German education model in Egypt, but also creating real pathways for our students to access global opportunities. Strengthening our ties with Saxon institutions enables us to expand these pathways and further position our students within an increasingly interconnected world."

Dr. Mohamed Abdel-Rahman, President of Saxony Egypt University, commented: "SEU was established to bridge education with industry and to equip students with the skills required in an increasingly globalized economy. Today's visit reinforces our commitment to building deeper academic and institutional bridges with Saxony, enabling our students to benefit from enhanced mobility, exposure, and access to global career opportunities."

Rüdiger School, President of Saxony International Schools Middle East, said: "Our collaboration with CIRA reflects a long-term commitment to bringing the German education system to Egypt across multiple levels. By strengthening ties across both K-12 and higher education, we are building a comprehensive educational pathway that supports students from early learning through to global careers."

Khaled Taha, Vice President of Saxony International Schools Middle East, concluded: "This engagement represents an important step in enhancing cooperation not only at the institutional level but also in creating tangible opportunities for students. By strengthening these ties, we can facilitate smoother academic transitions, broaden career prospects, and support the next generation of talent in accessing international pathways."

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About Saxony Egypt University (SEU)

SEU is a private international university established in partnership with the German state of Saxony to deliver world-class German education in Egypt. Positioned as a hub for applied sciences and technology, SEU offers academic programs that combine rigorous German standards with curricula tailored to Egypt's development priorities and the evolving global economy. The university focuses on high-demand fields such as engineering, natural sciences, healthcare, and digital innovation, with a strong emphasis on practical learning, applied research, and collaboration with industry leaders. Through its strategic partnership with Saxony, SEU provides students with access to renowned German expertise,

opportunities for exchange and dual degrees, and a learning environment that bridges European and Egyptian educational excellence. By fostering innovation, critical thinking, and hands-on skills, SEU aims to equip graduates with the knowledge and capabilities to excel in their careers and contribute meaningfully to society both locally and internationally.

About Al Ahly CIRA

Al Ahly CIRA for Educational Services S.A.E. is a joint venture between CIRA Education, Egypt's leading private sector education provider, and Al Ahly Capital Holding, the investment arm of the National Bank of Egypt. Established in 2021, the partnership combines CIRA's decades of expertise in delivering high-quality education across schools and universities with Al Ahly Capital's financial strength and investment capabilities, with the shared mission of expanding access to world-class, affordable education for middle-income families in Egypt. Al Ahly CIRA is spearheading major projects such as Saxony Egypt University, the country's first applied sciences and technology university, and the Seneca International Campus in collaboration with Seneca Polytechnic in Canada, alongside other international partnerships with institutions from Switzerland, Germany, and the United States, positioning it as a leading force in shaping the future of higher and technical education in Egypt.