

ARABIC LANGUAGE CENTRE

The Arabic Language Centre which was officially inaugurated on the 11th December 1987 is a joint initiative between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Republic of Malta.

At the Centre teachers and students of Arabic can avail themselves of books, magazines and audio-visual teaching aids. They may also use computers with an Arabic keyboard, computer and multimedia software and access websites by means of the Internet. Anyone interested in the Arabic language and the Arab world is welcome to browse through the books at the Arabic Language Centre's library and conduct research in a spacious and welcoming environment. They may also watch satellite TV programmes in Arabic.



One of the Arabic Language Centre's priorities is the promotion of the Arabic language at the Junior Lyceums, Area Secondary Schools and Post Secondary schools. For this reason, each year students from these schools are invited to visit the Centre and are given a hands-on demonstration of the resources that are available. Furthermore, during such visits students are involved in debates on the role of Arabic, a world language, in today's globalized society, and are also shown videos related to Arabic culture and civilization. Moreover, each visit is complemented by a simple introductory lesson on Arabic.

Apart from organizing school visits, the Arabic Language Centre is also responsible for other areas that fall under the responsibility of the Curriculum Department of the Education Division namely, syllabus design, textbook writing as well as the setting of examination papers. Seminars for the teachers of Arabic are held regularly to keep them abreast with the latest developments with regard to language and methodology.



The Arabic Language Centre is also the hub for extra-curricular activities. Exhibitions and public lectures are regularly organized at the Centre and by special request and subject to demand by the general public, Arabic language and culture courses at all levels are also organized at the Centre. Another aim of the Centre is to offer an individual service to all regarding the Arabic language and the Arab world.

The Centre which is situated at the Junior College Complex, Msida opens five days a week. It is run by Dr. Marisa Farrugia B.Ed.(Hons.), M.A.(Toronto), Ph.D.(Leeds), a leading expert on the Arabic language and the Arab world, who is also the Education Officer for Arabic.

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