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**REPORTS OF THE DIVISIONS**

**Jordan's activities in the field of geographical names\***

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## **Jordan's Activities In The Field Of Geographical Names (2002-2003)**

### **A. Accomplished projects:**

#### **1. The Jordanian Sites Index.**

For the purpose of establishing a documented referential base, a digital index for Jordan sites was issued on a compact disc (CD) by using access programming, for all sites in Jordan included in maps scale 1/25000, 1/50000, instead of the paper copy which was issued before.

The copy includes the site name in both Arabic and Roman letters, the site type, geographical coordinates according to JTM Palestine Grid, and the sheet name and scale in which the name was mentioned.

The site name could be detected throughout different means such as: Arabic name, Roman letters coordinates or sheet name. Also it could be detected throughout its order. This Index contains more than 10.000 names.

#### **2. The Training Courses In The Field Of Geographical Names.**

Five training courses specialized in the field of geographical names were held. The main object of these courses is to make participants familiar with the idea of geographical name standardisation, transliteration systems, geographical indexes and gazetteers.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Course Period</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1-	29-30/10/2002	17
2-	8-9/12/2002	14
3-	23-24/2/2003	14
4-	21-22/5/2003	13
5-	21-22/7/2003	11
Total		69

### **3. The Renaming Project:**

Names of some land sections in (ASH shonah ASH shamalyah) land registration Directorate were reviewed and updated.

In addition new streets names in Amman the capital of Jordan were reviewed and updated, The new given names were originated from names of Jordanian hills, valleys and cities as they were mentioned in the Jordanian sites Index, so as to in deep the national belonging and as a mean of familiarizing people with the sites names in Jordan to enrich their culture.

### **4. The Mosque Naming Regulation Averment (no. 5/1994).**

Regulations number (5) at 1994 for mosque naming were issued and confirmed.

## **B. The under process projects:**

### **1. Book Of Cities And Villages:**

This book covers all the cities and villages in Jordan according to their administrative divisions ( regulation No. 35/2000). Each documented file for each gathering contains information about the geographical coordination according to (JTM) and Palestine Grid , height above sea level, name in Arabic and Roman letters, .....etc. Also this kind of documentation is alphabetically ordered and contains administrative divisions maps in which the names appear.

### **2. Updating ( Window To The World Book ) (second addition):**

Due to developments and changes in the world political map, and in order to update statistical data ,it was necessary to update this book, for providing the recent and suitable information to all society members about world countries. Up to now 50% percent of the work is done.

This book contains some information about world countries such as; the country formal name in (Arabic and Roman letters) the reason of naming, independence date, membership in the international and regional organization, Geographical site, Geographical coordinates, area, landscape, climate, natural plants, population density and growth, mortality and fertility

averages, languages, religions, economy (currency, exchange rate, agricultural and industrial production, main imports and exports, gross national product per individual ) , and a separate map for each country. The first edition of this book was issued in 1984 and the second was in 2000.

## **C -Proposed Projects**

### **1- The Atlas Of Cities and Villages**

This project aims to prepare a special Atlas for cities and villages in Jordan according to its administrative divisions. This Atlas contains many layers of data; in which the first has general information about Jordan. The second includes more detailed information about the Governorate . The third shows information about districts and sub districts ,finally the fourth layer concentrates on showing the little details about these build up areas , such as the Arabic and Roman name ,geographical coordinates ,height above sea level ,population...etc.

This Atlas also will be a solid reference base for any other required details of information from different public or private institutions in the field of education, tourism, health care, social services....etc.