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FINNISH EDUCATION TO BE HIGHLIGHTED IN PALESTINE NEXT WEEK

The Representative Office of Finland, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Palestine, The Bethlehem University, and the Diaconia University of Applied Sciences in Helsinki, is organizing the **Finland Education Week** in Palestine in the second week of October 2018. The event is dedicated to introducing the Finnish education sector experience and expertise to stakeholders in Palestine.

The main event of the week is the **Finland Education Day seminar and exhibition** that will be organised at NIET (National Institute for Educational Training) in Al-Bireh on 8 October. Keynote speakers at the event include leading Finnish and Palestinian experts on educational reform, teacher training, early childhood education and digital pedagogy. In addition to this, the Bethlehem University will host a **research-based symposium** in Bethlehem on 9 October. Besides academic expertise, the Finnish delegation will include also companies representing Finnish business in the field of education.

The Government of Finland has been supporting the development of the Palestinian education sector for more than 20 years. The Finnish education system is famous around the world for its high quality and for the equal educational opportunities it provides for every citizen. Finland's excellent learning outcomes are the result of research-based pedagogy and its innovative approach to teaching and learning. Some of the features of Finland's education system are the high-quality training of teachers who also enjoy professional freedom and trust; new technologies and learning environments that engage students; and programmes tailored to meet individual needs of all learners.

Representatives of media are welcome to attend the seminar and will have an opportunity to participate in a **press conference** at NIET on 8 October at 10:45–11:15 and also schedule **interviews** with the Finnish experts. Registration deadline for media is 5 October.

For further information and for interview requests, please contact the Representative Office of Finland per telephone at (02) 242 0340 or per email at sanomat.ram@formin.fi.