

**Executive Summary of keynote speech to be given by Mohamed El-Mahdi
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Education is essential for the development of the nations. Egypt is considering the education a national project and societal mission that put in on top of the Egyptian national projects.

Education is no longer the responsibility of the Governments alone but also the contribution of private sector, businessmen, non-governmental organization is vital in boosting Egypt's educational services.

Investments in education in Egypt increased by 70% during 2006/2007 to reach about LE 4.6 billion, whereas in 2005/2006 it reached only LE 3.7 billion. 56% of the total investments was affected by the Government and directed towards the improvement and development of the education systems where the private sector contributes with the remaining amount.

Siemens Egypt has launched numerous of initiatives with the aim to provide good and challenging opportunities for the youth to develop and to prove themselves through well-organized programs such as Siemens Graduate programs, Siemens Generation21. These programs vary from promoting forward-looking education and further training for young people to encouraging young people to embark on existing careers in science and technology, which is essential for innovative development.

Moreover, in our attempt to deliver methods for education and training, Siemens established electronic learning system in the Egyptian University Network (EUN) Ministry of Higher Education included learning management system and virtual class rooms.