

Extensive Meeting of Optics Branch board members

On Tuesday 13-11-2012

At three o'clock afternoon on Tuesday, 13-11-2012 held in Cairo Chamber the meeting of Optics Branch board members headed by Mr. / Mohamed Abdel Zaher- the Optics Branch chief- in the presence of the following: -

- Mr. Mohammadi Qasim Gaber Optics Branch Member
- Mr. Ali Ahmed Khalil Optics Branch Member
- Mr. Abdul Qadir Ali Abdelkader Optics Branch Member
- Mr. Ehab Mostafa Abdel ATI Optics Branch Member
- Mr. Hamdy Kamal Ismail Optics Branch Member
- Mr. Ahmed Ali Fahmi Optics Branch Member
- Mr. Ehab Mohamed Saad Eddin Associate Member
- Mr. Khamis Bassiouni Optics Branch chief of
Alexandria Chamber

- Mr. Mohamed El Saïd Optics Branch Senior Vice of
Alexandria
Chamber
- Mr. Abbas Mohammad ' Abdel-Muttalib Optics Branch Member
of Alexandria
Chamber

- Mr. Nasser Najeeb Alexandria Optics Branch Member of
Alexandria
Chamber
- Mr. Khaled Ramadan Mohammed Optics Branch Member of
Alexandria
Chamber
- Mr. Ahmed Ali Alhoran Optics Branch Member
Of Mansoura Chamber

- Mr. Mohammed Foda Optics Branch Member of
Mansoura Chamber
- Abdel Aziz Abu Ajaj Treasurer of Sohag Chamber
- Mr. Saber Sayed Ali Optics importer

And from the officials, who attended the meeting:

- Dr. Fouad Subhi President of Association Opticians
- Dr. Medhat Mohammed Abdul Rahman Professor of Physics - Ain Shams University
- Dr. Hassan Abdel Latif, Professor at the Higher Institute of Optics on behalf of the Institute's President

Apologizing for non attendance:

Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim First Deputy of Optics Branch Chief

Attended the meeting on behalf of the Cairo Chamber Executive body:

- Mr. Mustafa Hamid Mustafa - Head of Branches, researches, and information sector
- Mr. Zakaria Khalil - Manager of Branches, and researches Department
- Mr. Hamdi Abdel Moneim - Manager of Branches Department
- Mr. Ahmed Kamel Mohammed - Second researcher in Branches Department
- Mr. Tamer Mohammed - third researcher in Branches Department

Mr. Mohammad Abdel Zaher – the Branch Chief started the meeting with welcoming attendees and mentioned that the meeting was dedicated to discussing the following Agenda:

- Approving of last session protocol
- Egypt's Optics future in the light of efforts from both Cairo Chamber's Optics Branch and Optician Association
- Project of Optician Syndicate
- More further relevant business issues

First: Approving of last session protocol

Mr. Mohammad Abdel Zaher - Optics Branch Chief - previewed record of the last session with attendees and no one commented upon it .Therefore it was approved and passed among them.

Second : Egypt's Optics future in the light of efforts from both Cairo Chamber's Optics Branch and Optician Association

Mohamed Abdel Zaher- Chief of Optics Branch- welcomed attendees, particularly the representatives of Optics Branches from other Governorates and then said that

the meeting dedicated to review the recommendations of Optics Conference, which had held in last March at Cairo Chamber 's premises. These recommendations were presented to attendees to discuss the following :

1-Establishing Optics Branch in physics departments of science faculties for teaching specialized courses in lenses and optical instruments during the final degree of graduation year .

2-Asking Dr. Ahmad Zewail- the famous scientist- and Dr. Ahmad Hamza -president of British university – to establish Optics faculties at their universities, especially that this science is the key to progress in all fields.

3-Establishing workshops, seminars, and lectures to raise scientific and technical ability of opticians in all fields like Medicine, architecture, astronomy and laser.

4- Necessity of providing stress stored detector in the lenses of factories and shops to make sure that these lenses are free from any stored stress or pressures, which happened in lenses compilation process where lenses are fixed in henber glasses.

5-Holding training courses at Cairo chamber of commerce and optics institutes for developing skills of opticians, optics shop owners, and optics companies. Moreover optics professors, scientists and others, who attend this conference, will participate in the program.

6- Appealing the ministry of health and population to form a committee for reconsidering the organization of Optics profession law no. 193\1959 from half a century ago, to keep abreast with current social and economic circumstances. In addition to reconsidering the conflicting of some ministerial decisions with this law

7- Asking for revitalization of Law draft to establish optician's syndicate in the coming session of the People's Assembly.

8- Forming follow up committee to implement recommendations of the conference.

The Branch chief confirmed to attendees that we seek to control practicing this profession and destroying the fatal violations which the most important of them is measuring the henber glasses For beneficiaries of health insurance by administrative staff and this action is considered a fatal violation . The authoritative optics confined to implement only lenses according to Medical examination , which resulting in the fragmentation of responsibility and harming beneficiaries because of failure to observe due measurements by an optician on person, who called for medical glasses.

Dr. Mohammad Medhat Abdel Rahman - physics professor at Ain Shams University- thanked attendees for the kind invitation to this meeting, then explained that Optics is one of the most important sciences, which used in many

fields like optics equipments, cameras, speculums, measuring, calibration, and engineering categories--etc...

He expressed his displeasure from replacement optics instruments by scientific authorities and laboratories instead of making required maintenance to benefit from them and importing them from abroad and affording the country expensive costs.

He informed the attendees that there were already Optics Branch of the physics department in Ain Shams University but without practical training only theoretically.

Therefore The attendees agreed to form a committee- including Opticians association established in 1967 and representing optics branches in Governorates- for enforcing Practicing profession law and progress of this committee, which will consist of :

- Dr.Mohammad Medhat Abdel Rahman
- Mr. Fouad Sobhy
- Mr. Mohammad Foda
- Mr.abdel Aziz Abu Aggag
- Mr. Naser Nageeb
- Mr. khamees Basiouny
- Dr. Ali Khaleel

Mr. Mohammad Abdel Zaher the Branch Chief is ready to donate a land and buildings for serving Optics and progress of Optics practitioner and at the disposal of the committee.

Dr. Hassan Abdel Latif - professor of Optics High Institute thanked the Branch Chief for his exerted and continuous efforts to serve optics and opticians. He referred that there are two optics categories (medical and technological), which are studied in universities abroad bearing in mind that there is a shortage in the scientific side because of unavailability of recent scientific instruments. At this point he called attendees and owners of factories for providing scientific equipments required for an institute to graduate trained scientific staff.

Also in this issue Mr. Mohammad Fouda expressed his willingness on behalf of the Optics Branch at Dakahlyia to donate equipment and coordinate with institute officials concerning this issue for graduating optics specialists whom we badly need nowadays and providing them job opportunities

Mr. Mohammad Adel Zaher - the Branch Chief recommended to open sub-account for Optics Branch and all the attendees approved of this recommendation and establish a special fund for them at chambers of commerce in Governorates which are financed by Optics activity owners.

Mr. Ali Khalil - the Branch Member –expresses his readiness to participate and donate establishing an optics institute on the land which is donated by the branch chief and cooperating with the branch members.

Plus, in this issue all the attendees agreed to the necessity of establishing an Optics Institute (Optometry) with contributing the members for Optometry.

As recommended by the Branch Chief to establish a board of Trustees and identify who will join them (for the Institute to be established) , which consists of (Mr. / Mohamed Abdel Zaher - Dr. / Hassan Abdel Latif - Dr. / Medhat Abdel-Rahman - Mr. / Abdul Aziz Abu Ajaj and the optics branches at Governorates nationwide and prepare a memorandum in this regard

Mr. Mohammadi Qasim Optics Branch Member at Cairo Chamber talked about the need to discuss how to keep the Optics practitioners and provide tangible services to their activity and their employees through the health care and insurance for the traders.

Mr. Mustafa Hamid Mustafa, Head Of The Branches, Researches And Information Sector informed attendees about the health insurance scheme which will be made by the Cairo Chamber for traders, their families and their staff. He also presented to the attendees table of benefits and medical services in the health care program for the traders and their families. According to this program the chamber provides therapeutic services, including medical examinations and performing different physical checkups like laboratory analysis, x-rays and physical therapy sessions and admission to hospitals for critical care, emergency and surgeries .

He stressed that the health care program is characterized by harmonizing between appropriate prices of medical services and diversity with a high level of excellence, and also the suitability of program subscription costs for family income because the program is divided into two systems. First with maximum insurance coverage 10000 pounds per capita in double room with fees 255 pounds a year, a husband or wife 200 pounds, and each a son or a daughter 175 pounds, the second system with maximum insurance coverage 25,000 pounds with annual subscription of 400 pounds and a husband or wife 330 pounds and every son or daughter 290 pounds.

The program provides all medical services for all family members, due to medical network of more than 200 diagnostic and therapeutic points, like hospitals, clinics, analyzes labs, radiology centers and others in the Greater Cairo Governorates.

Mr. Ehab Mostafa- the branch member- talked about the importance of graduating specialized technically trained staff, who able to work in both inside and outside Egypt and taking advantage of them in the development of the profession that lacks specialized technicians.

The Attendees recommended the need of training high and technical institute's students first thing before graduation to improve its performance, which qualifies the graduates to enter the labor markets .

At the end of the meeting the attendees expressed thanks and appreciation to Mr. Mohammad Abdel Zaher- Cairo Chamber optics branch chief for continuous and hardworking efforts on serving Optics and advancement of the optics practitioners

The meeting ended at 5 :30oclock