Report on Physical Development for the Academic Year 2018/2019

The University continued investing efforts in its physical development, in order to respond to the many needs due to the recruitment of new researchers requiring laboratories, the academic development of the University, the growth in the number of advanced studies students, the expansion of existing study programs, and the opening of new academic programs.

In 2018, the total expenditure on physical development was 33 million NIS, in comparison with 28 million in 2017. In 2019, the physical development budget is 67 million NIS, including the proportional budget allocated for the construction of the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Building, the added floors on top of the Rabin Building, and the implementation of SAP's financial module.

Physical development in the current year includes new building projects, mainly the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health building, expected to be completed in April 2019, and the continuing construction of 4 new floors at the Herta and Paul Amir Rabin complex.

The University's master plan was approved this year, including additional building rights of 160,000 square meters.
Expenditure on physical development, renovation and infrastructures

The 2019 budget includes the SAP Finance System project of 6.5M NIS.
The following is a report of the progress of new building projects, constructed and planned in 2018, and the progress forecast for 2019:

1. **Construction of the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences Building**

   In 2014 the University received the Council for Higher Education’s confirmation of a 12.5 million NIS support in the construction of the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences building, in a total cost of 56 million NIS. The 5,340 square meters building, is situated close to the Education Faculty building. The faculty’s schools and classes will be transferred to the new building, alongside new laboratories and designated classrooms. Currently we are at the final stage of construction. Expected projected termination: April 2019.
2. **Added floors to the Herta and Paul Amir Faculty of Social Sciences Building and the construction of an animal facility**

In 2016, a contribution of 10 million USD, was received from Herta and Paul Amir, for the construction of 4 new floors, a total of 3,200 square meters at the Rabin complex. These floors will enable the opening of new programs at the Social Sciences Faculty, such as: a cognitive department, a data science department, and the recruitment of new researchers in the existing departments. The project is under construction.

Projected termination: April 2020.

An animal facility to be used by researchers from the department of Psychology and the Natural Sciences faculties, at a cost of 10 million NIS, is in the planning stage. The project is financed in equal shares by the Planning and Budgeting Committee (PBC), and by a private donation.
3. The Lorry I. Lokey Port Campus

As part of its expansion at Downtown Haifa's Port Campus 63-67 Ha'Namal St., and as part of the "Multiversity" strategy, the University purchased the 2,622 square meters Dylan Tauber Educational Complex (former Carmel College), and leased additional, 3 floors, 1,500 square meters building owned by Haifa's Municipality. The Municipality allocated 10 million NIS to renovate the latter. These spaces will be allocated to a Data Science School, including computer science, data systems, and statistics study courses. The Dylan Tauber Complex is already populated since November 2018. In 2019 the buildings in 4 Palmer St., and 63-67 Ha'Namal St., will undergo thorough renovations, preparing them to contain advanced laboratories and classes. Project Status: in Planning
4. **The Cable-car project**

The project was granted a governmental budget and building commenced in 2018. Construction of the end station already began, and lowering the parking lot facing the School of Arts will be carried out in the coming months. Expected project termination: October 2020.
5. **The Helmsley Discovery Tower at the Rambam Hospital**

A joint project of Rambam Hospital, the University and the Technion to construct a 20 storey Health Discovery Tower, six of which allocated to research and development to be carried by the faculties of Natural Sciences, Social Welfare and Health, and other academic units. The project is managed by the Rambam Hospital. One floor in the project is designated to an animal facility.

Project's Status: construction on the framework and envelop of the Tower have begun at a cost of 83 Million NIS.
6. **The University's Urban Planning Scheme**

In order to accomplish the University's academic development in the coming years, and since most building rights in the current urban planning scheme were exhausted, a new urban planning scheme was prepared, including additional construction rights of 160,000 square meters. The urban planning scheme was approved by the authorities in August 2018.

7. **New dormitories to be constructed by the University**

Due to the unreasonable bed ratio, 1,100 beds only for a student body of more than 18,000, the University received the Council for Higher Education's confirmation of a partial subsidizing, up to 20 million NIS, for the construction of new dormitories, with 500 additional beds.

Following the permit and the approval of the Urban Planning Scheme, the University began taking steps to construct the new dormitories within its campus. These steps include a change of land determination vis-à-vis Israel's Nature and Park Authority, obtaining construction permits from the Haifa and Nesher Planning and Construction local committees, and obtaining the necessary permits of the district and national planning and construction committees.
An advisor was hired to prepare the construction plan, and the tender documents.

All technical specifications and the tender program are ready for the tender process. Construction time is estimated at two years since the announcement of the winning bid.

Project completion: in 4 years
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Respectfully yours,

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