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Sekem Farm: Education and health

On the 16th Sunday of February 2025, the DNL SVT students, accompanied by Mrs. Beyssat and Mrs. Weens, visited Sekem farm, established in 1977 by Dr. Ibrahim Abouleish. Sekem specializes in organic agriculture and sustainable development, but it also strives to provide good quality medical care and education for their employees and the residents of the surrounding villages alike.

Firstly, the Sekem medical centre consists of different clinics which are managed by specialized physicians and offer services such as dentistry, pediatrics and cardiology. They raise the people's awareness about sanitation and hygiene and provide them with information on health. Moreover, Sekem has a contract with the Egyptian medical insurance to make the process of receiving healthcare much easier. But healthcare isn't the only service they offer, in fact, they have schools and prioritize education, especially for young girls.

Sekem Farm also has an important educational system with schools, educating the employees' children and the ones from the surrounding villages. That's why in 1987 and 1989, Sekem's first kindergarden and first private school were created respectively. During their 6-day week from 8 to 3PM with lunch, the students follow the same program as the national program in Arabic, but they also focus on arts like music and practical things like carving.



They also have a small museum with stone age objects for history classes and a full art floor and a prayer area. Moreover, Sekem created a vocational school that includes both genders, specifically encouraging girls to take hand-on activities, which is quite progressive in Egypt, such as plumbing, carpentry. Lastly, they even have a small school with 28 boys and girls with special needs, that receive specific care and education.

In 2012, Sekem opened Heliopolis University dedicated to sustainable development.