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**“The Role of Higher Education in the Middle East: the case of Egypt”**

**By Mr. David Arnold, President of the AUC, Cairo**

The Chairman and Members of the Executive Committee of *The British Egyptian Society* invite you to a talk by Mr. Arnold on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at the *Khalili Lecture Theatre, School of Oriental and African Studies*, Russell Square, London WC1H commencing at 6.15 for 6.30pm and followed by a drinks and snacks reception.

Mr. Arnold will talk about the importance and the role of higher education in the Middle East in building bridges and creating dialogue with the West.

He will highlight how a liberal arts education opens the minds of the young men and women in Egypt and helps to create a generation that will contribute to the positive development of the country and the region.

David Arnold became the 10th President of *The American University in Cairo* in September 2003. Prior to joining AUC, he served for six years as executive vice president of the *Institute of International Education*, the world's largest and oldest non-profit educational exchange organization. From 1991 to 1997, Mr. Arnold worked in New Delhi as the *Ford Foundation's* representative for India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Beginning in 1984, he served also as a programme officer and deputy director for governance and public policy in the *Foundation's* New York headquarters.

We are delighted that Mr. Arnold has accepted our invitation to speak to us as many of our members are alumni of the AUC; guests are welcome.

May I add that we are talking to the *British University in Egypt* about a speaker for later in the year?

Yours sincerely,

**Noel Rands**

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I /we shall be able to attend Mr. Arnold's talk at SOAS on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008

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