

## Bayt Zakat, a House of Pride

Once again, I had the honor of accompanying a group of leaders from Bayt Zakat on a blessed journey with the mission of dedicating a new charitable project. This time it was in Luxor in “The Hidden Lands”—another name for Egypt—consisting of a healthcare facility, a house for studying the Holy Quran, a public library, and a source of water for the people. As with any other opening ceremony I’ve attended, this project of the late Abdullah Al-Othman’s charity carried with it a spirit of love from all the people of Kuwait. It is the fruit of our father’s charitable vision which he taught us to follow; a vision for which we, and all who come after from his grandchildren, are indebted. It is a message of kindness and brotherhood from a man on whom the Arab People bestowed the title, “The Great Benefactor.” Abdullah Al Othman’s support to the people of Egypt dates back to our father’s support of the Egyptian army and the people of Port Said during the Suez Crisis, for which the late president, Jamal Abdul Nasser, awarded him the Egyptian Order of Merit.

In the midst of the opening ceremony, which was under the patronage of both the Grand Imam Sheikh Al-Azhar and the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait, Salem Al-Zamanan, I thought back to ten years before when I took upon myself the responsibility of transferring our international charitable activities to Bayt Zakat for their supervision and implementation. Our enormous trust in Bayt Zakat was generously received and was repaid with excellent cooperation. Here we can see with our own eyes that Zakat House opened wide its doors to achieve my father's philanthropic vision and his binding will to all those who hold the responsibility of carrying it out. And now, here I am attending this ceremony, which is honored by