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**Revitalization of the Erbil Citadel
Phase I
Brief– 30 June 2008**



Project Funding: Kurdistan Regional Government.
Total Budget: USD 1,475,000.00
Duration: 20 months
Starting Date: September 2007

1. 23 June 2008 : Closing Ceremony for the training of High Commission for the Erbil Citadel Revitalization (HCECR) staff
2. 30 June 2008: Signing the contract of Erbil Citadel Conservation Master Plan

Closing Ceremony for the training of HCECR staff



Under the new amended Memorandum of Understanding signed between UNESCO and the HCECR in May, 2008, a second training program was agreed upon to enforce local capacities in the field of conservation and restoration techniques. The training of eleven (11) HCECR staff in Erbil (3 weeks) and Istanbul (1 week) took place scheduled from 24 May to 23 June 2008.

The Training focused on the Field of Conservation and Restoration Techniques of Erbil Citadel and comprised the following topics:

- 1- Philosophy of Conservation & Restoration:
- 2- Measurement & Recording:
- 3- Structural Aspects & Appraisal of Historic buildings:
 - 3/1- Foundation
 - 3/2- Masonry
- 4- Site visits in Turkey (Istanbul and Ankara)

The training ended on 23 June in Istanbul by a closing ceremony headed by the UNESCO project manager awarding certificates to the trainees and then discussing issues related to the trainees. Representatives from the HCECR and some trainers attended the ceremony



Following the ceremony, all parties discussed the training activities and the trainees thanked UNESCO for the quality of the training and the high expertise of the trainers. The trainers expressed the determination of the trainees to apply the knowledge they gained in the restoration project of Erbil Citadel



Signature Signing of the contract of Erbil Citadel

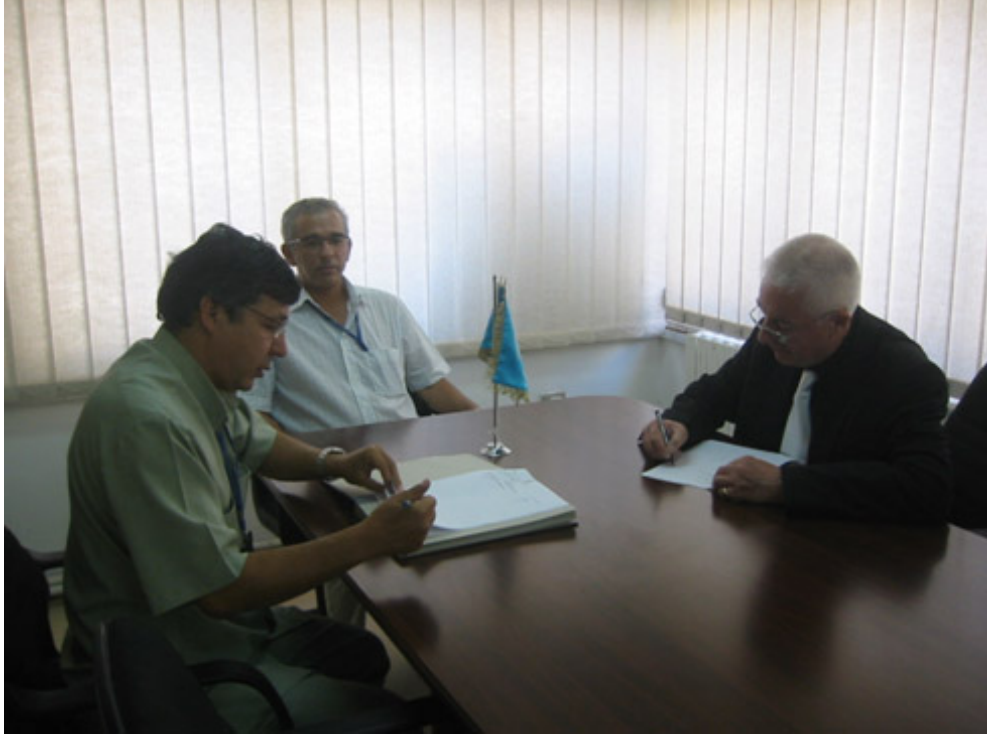
Conservation Master Plan



Following an international bidding launched by UNESCO in April 2008 for the preparation of the Erbil Citadel Conservation Master Plan, an international professional firm was selected.

The project is divided into two phases for a total duration of eight (08) months and it includes the following activities:

1. To collect data and prepare core documentation in order to establish the Conservation Master Plan of Erbil Citadel;
2. To assess the conditions of the buildings
3. To prepare an architectural documentation of the Existing Fabric of the Citadel, building and streets;
4. To prepare a comprehensive survey and studies covering the structural situation of the Citadel (Buildings and Slopes).
5. To establish the Conservation Master Plan. This exercise is crucial and should be considered as a priority for the sustainable development of the Citadel, as cultural asset of Iraq.



The project aims also to build national capacities for the management and conservation of the Erbil citadel cultural assets, assessment, data collection and conservation of historical structures.

Studies will be conducted by the selected contractor in close technical collaboration with HCECR staff architects/engineers.

The contract related to the above activities was signed on Sunday 29 June 2008 at UNESCO Iraq Office in Amman by UNESCO Director and Representative of Iraq and the selected firm at UNESCO Iraq Office premises in Amman.