## **ATEL - A Constructive Bridge**

Dear all,

As you all may know, ATEL has been serving students, teachers, and schools to improve the quality of English Language Teaching and learning. We lead a number of activities in order to be a constructive bridge and a platform providing everybody with equal opportunities. ATEL Reading Competition was first launched in 2004 where on a regular basis we have about 12,000 students participating. An impressive outcome! We have managed to involve about 150,000 students in reading over the last 13 years.

Another impressive number if we calculate the number of students who have presented international exams from Oxford to Cambridge to LCCI over the last 20 years. We have had more than 25,000 students who acquired international English Language qualifications.

A regional teacher training program has been functioning since ATEL foundation in 1997 on a regular basis of 5 series a year times 7 regions, times 20 years. More than 700 workshops have been organized to help teachers improve their performance. Not to mention the grants offered to more than 50 teachers over the years to profit from overseas training.

21 International Conferences have attracted experts from all around the globe to Lebanon in order to provide the Lebanese English Language Teaching professionals with the expertise and not to mention the cultural openness and exchange that have taken place ever since.

To mention but a few, it's all about good will, determination, and positive psychology. We have collaborated with so many over the years. Many come and many go, but we remain in the heart of education to be a constructive bridge.

We thank school administrators for their collaboration, teachers for their participation, presence, and help. We congratulate the students on their success.

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