

## **RANDA AMIN HASAN**

Born in Jordan, Randa Amin Hasan graduated from the University of Jordan in 1978 with a BA in Psychology and English.

She established her first Montessori Kindergarten in Amman in 1985. In 1993 she went on to found the Modern Montessori School, providing education of an international standard to students from Nursery to Grade 12. The school, of which she is Principal, was accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organisation in 1998. She developed the comprehensive, integrated, bilingual curriculum which is taught in the Junior School.

Identifying a need for well-qualified teachers, in 1988 she established the Amman Montessori Centre, a teacher training college offering courses leading to an internationally recognised diploma.

In 2001 she set up the International Centre for Montessori Education, of which she is Chairperson. The ICME promotes the Montessori method of education worldwide through franchise packages (KG-Grade12), workshops and on-line training. She co-founded the Alriyadi Cultural Centre for Modern Teaching Methods, a teacher\trainer training centre specialised in teaching the Montessori method of education.

As an elected member of the Private Schools Cultural and Educational Council, she has made a significant contribution to the development of the educational process in Jordan. The Council aims to develop and improve all aspects of the educational field, academic and administrative, cultural and social.

Over the years, she has conducted numerous workshops and seminars on the subject of Early Childhood Education and has participated in many Leadership Conferences.

She has acted as consultant to a number of governmental and non-governmental welfare organisations in their various efforts to improve conditions for children within the country.

In cooperation with the renowned Randolph Academy for Performing Arts in Toronto, Canada, she has established a School and College of Performing Arts in Amman, the first of its kind in the Middle East, which is affiliated with the Modern Montessori School, providing tuition for the school's students as well as students from other schools.

She is one of the founders of an innovative specialised destination management company, Beyond Discovery, which creates unique travel and educational programmes for youth in the Arab World. Aimed at students from 12 to 19 years old, its goal is to inspire Arab youth by providing them with access to a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the Arab world and foster a new generation which is committed to improving their communities and society as a whole, through activities such as the Mubadara Model Arab League Conference and the Mubadara Youth Conference.

Randa was awarded the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's Educational Medal, Second Degree.

## *A personal Vision Statement*

*Having designed and refined a system of education which has proven to be immensely successful and eminently relevant to the Arab culture in which we live, it is my personal dream to see a chain of Montessori Kindergartens and, ultimately, Schools throughout the Middle East, making the highest quality education and the best facilities available to students all over the Arab World.*

*Believing profoundly in the strength and diversity of the programme we have created, I see it as a means to develop and enhance the qualities needed by forthcoming generations to meet and overcome the momentous challenges being faced by the entire Arab world in this day and age, qualities such as integrity, independence of thought and critical thinking, confidence, pride in national identity, global awareness and leadership capabilities.*

*I have boundless faith in the potential of our Arab youth to make a significant contribution to the world and would consider it a great privilege to have played a role, however minor, in graduating well educated, ethical, creative young citizens of the world of whom their families and their countries can be justifiably proud.*

*Randa Amin Hasan*