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“ They’re preparing me for the future, and in turn, I’ll do the same, and prepare others. ”

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• English Language Training to Bridge the Digital Divide

As part of the Safadi Foundation's computer and internet training courses undertaken since 1999, an integrated program to teach English to the public was established, with support from the US Embassy – Middle East Partnership Initiative.

This program seeks to provide graduates of courses in the use of the internet and computers with the fundamentals of English language. This will help strengthen their computer skills and develop internet search techniques, since English is the world's "digital language."

During 2004, a training curriculum was developed in cooperation with the British Cultural Mission. The 12-week course (four hours a week) is based on two teaching methods:

- the use of books and educational tools, and practical exercises; and
- learning through using a computer educational program.

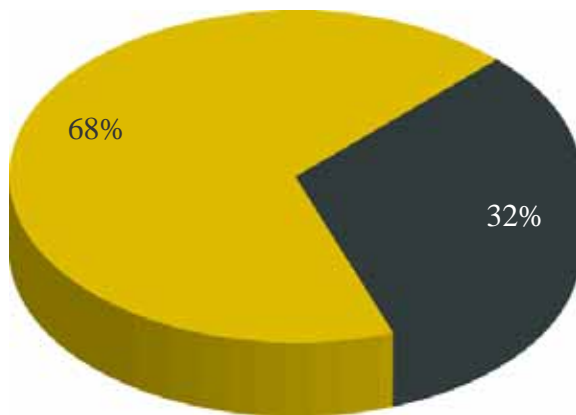
Training courses will be held at the beginning of 2005, with about 400 people expected to benefit from the pilot phase.

• French Language Training Courses

For the third consecutive year, the Safadi Foundation is carrying out the program for French language training, which targets public high school students and first-year university students at the Lebanese University (LU).

The Foundation is cooperating with the French Cultural Mission, which is organizing 2 month-long training courses, with three sessions a week.

During 2004, 13 training courses were held, for 250 students, distributed as follows:



Distribution of beneficiaries of French language training courses

- LU students 32%
- High school students from Tripoli and the surrounding area 68%

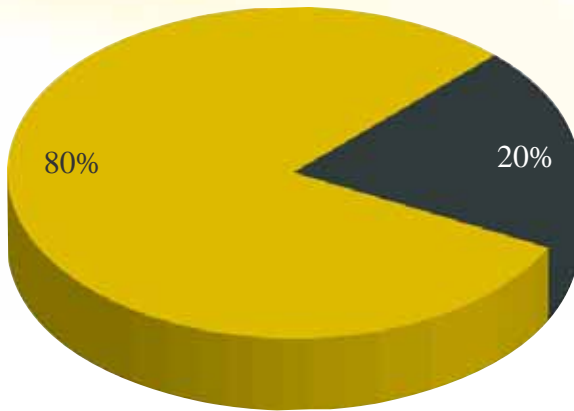
Thus, the total number of students who benefited from these courses since 2002 has reached 600.

• Curriculum Support Sessions

The Foundation continued to carry out the program of curriculum support sessions, which provides courses for students preparing for mid-level and final degrees.

The program's regular and summer sessions in 2004 covered the following topics:

Math, physics, chemistry, natural sciences, general philosophy, sociology, economics and French.
 Approximately 800 students benefited from this program in 15 schools, distributed as follows:



Distribution of beneficiaries of curriculum support sessions, by caza
 ■ Tripoli 80%
 ■ Other cazas 20%

The program has enjoyed an outstanding impact, as the percentage of those who passed public school examinations reached 90% of the total beneficiaries from this program.

The total number of students who benefited from these courses over the last three years has reached 1,400, distributed as follows:

Year	Number of beneficiaries
2002	300
2003	300
2004	800



● **Classroom Support Courses**

The Safadi Foundation offers classroom support courses annually to students in public schools. During 2004, two courses were held and 100 students took part.

