

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn489

Number of telescopes: 100 galileoscopes, some small telescopes

Number of organisers: 15

Number of attendees: over 300

Event photos: later I would like to submit some photos

Event Report:

The Egyptian ministry of scientific research bought 2000 galileoscopes from Japan for the Egyptian pupils for this event.

On 18-19 October (before the event) we gave (NRIAG-astronomers) a training course for school teachers introducing them

how they could assemble this telescope (we also translated its user guide in Arabic language) and we also gave them some

simplified lectures about astronomy as well as explained them what we planned to do at the event time.

The teachers did teach their pupils how to use the galileoscopes before the event time, in order to give the pupils chance to watch the sky by themselves.

The event took place on 24 October at Kottamia observatory, eastern desert of Egypt. It is a good site for sky watching and doing astronomy.

They have done and the seeing was excellent.

NRIAG invited 50 Egyptian schools and the Japanese school in Cairo and also invited Japan Ambassador (Dr. Kaoru Ishikawa),

the Egyptian governor of Helwan governorate (Prof. Hazem El-Kawdy), the minister of Education (Prof. Yossry El-Gamal) and

the minister of higher education and scientific research (Prof. Hany Helal).

The event has been covered by the Egyptian and Japanese media (TV and newspapers).

It was a very good astronomical night for more than 300 persons, which has been carried out for the first time in Egypt.