



## Department of Antiquities of Jordan (DOA)

 The Department of Antiquities of Jordan (DOA) is the official institutional authority mandated by law to be responsible for the protection, conservation and presentation of antiquities. The official Department of Antiquities of Jordan was established in 1928.

- The principal policy of the Department of Antiquities is the protection of antiquities, preferring conservation measures that do not require physical intervention to the remains as the first choice where possible.
- The second policy is for the presentation of antiquities, including research, survey, excavation and site management.

 In 1975 Jordan approved, signed and ratified the UNESCO "Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage". In 1974 it ratified the UNESCO "Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property". Jordan is enrolled in the UNESCO List of State Parties which ratified "The 1954 Hague Protocol and Convention for the Protection in the Event of Armed Conflict".

 Archaeological research and preservation is carried out in Jordan by several specialists from Jordan and from all over the world. Around sixty planned field projects are annually implemented in Jordan, in addition to urgent rescue projects that add more than another 30 projects a year.

- DOA has participated in several initiatives of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership projects.
- Additionally, the Department of Antiquities collaborates with several institutions and organizations in implementing regional training activities in the country.

- The DOA has supported and enhanced researches in all types of study that concern archaeology and history. It supports researchers in providing essential data. In certain cases the DOA has contributed to funding serious studies implemented by some scholars or students. In certain cases, the DOA has contributed in the form of creating joint projects.
- The specialized library of the DOA is open during working hours to all interested people

## **Publications**

- The DOA produces the following publications on regular basis:
- 1. Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan (ADAJ), the principal journal of record for Jordanian archaeology, published as a single volume every year.
- 2. Studies in the History and Archaeology of Jordan (SHAJ), published once every three years to report on the proceedings of the "International Conference of the History and Archaeology of Jordan" which is held once every three years.
- 3. <u>ATHAR</u> which is published annually in Arabic.
- 4. <u>Munjazat</u>, which is a monograph on the DOA achievements in terms of field projects, and is published annually.

## **JADIS**

 The Jordanian Archaeological Data and Information System (JADIS) is an inventory that is dedicated to collecting data and information concerning the various archaeological sites and monument that have been surveyed or only visited. Experience.
Training.
Equipment.