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Dear Taybeh Brothers and Sisters,

We hope this letter finds you all in the best of health.

Well, the big day, many of us have been waiting for, is only six months away from becoming a reality. Our long anticipated UTAA 15th Annual Convention and the Festival of Expatriates will be held this summer in our beloved Taybeh and the response to it so far has been wonderful among our Taybeh brothers and sisters who plan to attend.

The UTAA Board of Directors just held a conference call meeting with the Convention Committees in Taybeh. This very successful meeting included Taybeh, Jordan, Guatemala and the United States, all in effort to coordinate and plan for this monumental event.

The Rabeta in Jordan will be working on obtaining either group or tourist visas for our brothers and sisters in Jordan and other countries that require visas. If you need any assistance while in Jordan, please let us know and we will arrange with the Rabeta for that. Also, the Annual Taybeh Day party in Jordan will be held this year at the end of July if you plan to attend after the convention.

The convention is scheduled to be held in our homeland, Taybeh, Palestine – **July 16-25, 2010**. Enclosed, please find the 15th Annual **Convention Registration Form**.

You will also find enclosed the **Convention Ad Book Form**. As we are all trying to make this convention as affordable as possible, we are looking for Ad Book advertisements and sponsorships to raise money from this convention. Any and all monies raised from this convention will be used to create a project in Taybeh for the benefit of Taybeh and will not be used for any other purpose. The nature of the project shall be determined at our convention. We urge everyone to participate in this fund raising effort as it will serve a very worthy cause. Please remember that your donations to UTAA are tax deductible under our non-profit organization status.

Also enclosed is the **Convention Program**. The Convention Committees in Taybeh have been hard at work planning an exceptional program that we know will always be remembered as the “Mother of all Conventions.”

The convention’s program will begin on Friday July 16 with an exceptional welcome dinner, media fare, traditional dances, Scouts parade and a number of speakers. On Saturday, planned tours of Taybeh will take place. Sunday will be a day featuring local products and food, shows, dabkeh and tradition, after the morning Mass in our churches. Monday will be reserved for the UTAA’s General Assembly meeting and Elections for the Board of Directors, followed by a Soccer game and a Taybeh Festivities night.

On Tuesday, a grand trip and tour will take place the Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. On Wednesday a tour of Ramallah will take place to include a visit to the tombs of the late President Yasser Arafat and the late poet Mahmoud Darwish. We will go to Jericho and the Dead Sea on Thursday. The fun will continue on Friday with a planned BBQ to be held at Ras-Abu-Al-Soof. Saturday will feature our Grand Banquet and Sunday will conclude our Convention with a march to El-Khader church.

For those who require room accommodations, the Convention Committees have arranged for your stay at the two local hotels in Taybeh as well as other Hotels in Ramallah. **Please indicate on the Convention Registration Form if you require room accommodations and someone will contact you to help with the arrangements.**

Please complete and mail in your completed **Convention Registration Form** along with a check payable to “UTAA” by **April 30st, 2010**. Seating at the dinners will be on a **First-Registered- First-Seated** basis, so please do not delay!

We urge you not to miss this wonderful opportunity to be in our homeland for such a reunion with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in Taybeh this summer.

Sincerely,
Faiq M. Ady, President
and the Board of Directors

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