

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

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To all National Spiritual Assemblies

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

The Universal House of Justice is pleased to be able to share with you news of the progress that has been made in the construction of the Shrine of 'Abdu'l-Bahá. In the months since the decision to build the Shrine was announced, the land that will support the central structure and the surrounding gardens has been undergoing preparations, and work on the building's foundations is advancing. Meanwhile, detailed architectural designs and landscaping plans are being developed to prepare for future stages of the project, and steps are being taken to ensure that construction materials of the necessary quality and quantity will be ready when needed.

More information, including video footage and images of these developments, is being made available at the website of the Bahá'í World News Service (BWNS), www.bwns.org. As the project progresses further and particular milestones are reached, additional articles will be published there so that the Bahá'í world is kept informed. With this in mind, the friends are encouraged to turn periodically to the BWNS, which at this time publishes articles in English, French, Persian, and Spanish, for updates about the construction project. You may wish to remind your communities of the availability of a subscription service, through which individuals can be notified about new articles by email as soon as they are issued. You may also disseminate the updates provided by the BWNS through your newsletters.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

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