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Zahi Hawass has been named chairman of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities

n Zahi Hawass was named chairman of the Supreme Council of Antiquities to succeed Gaballah Ali Gaballahe, according to Egypt's state-run Middle East News Agency. The appointment was made by Culture Minister Farouk Hosni.

n As director of the pyramids plateau in the desert just west of Cairo, Hawass had led several projects to upgrade the site, Egypt's number one tourist attraction.

n Hawass had shown world celebrities — including Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, Senator Hillary Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, Princess Diana and actress Brooke Shields — around the pyramids since he took over the site in the 1980's.

