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## **AUB Celebrates the Laying of the Foundation Stone for its Twin Campus in Paphos**

**Paphos, Cyprus** — The American University of Beirut (AUB) celebrated the laying of the foundation stone for its twin campus, AUB - Mediterraneo, in Paphos, Cyprus. The official ceremony was held at the at Apostle Paul Avenue gathering the President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nikos Christodoulides, former President Nikos Anastasiades, Mayor of Paphos, Phedonas Phedonos, Dr. Philip S. Khoury, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of AUB, with members of the Board of Trustees, The President of AUB, Dr. Fadlo R. Khury, administrative and faculty members, as well as other distinguished political, diplomatic, cultural, and social figures.

The new campus, named "American University of Beirut - Mediterraneo," upholds the university's strategic vision, "**AUB Vital 2030**", as it holds steadfast to its pioneering academic legacy for over 155 years and reiterates the university's unwavering commitment to nurturing a brighter future for the region and beyond, by educating students to the highest global standards and providing groundbreaking healthcare services.

Prior to laying the foundation stone, the Cypriot President said, "The American University of Beirut has a rich legacy spanning over 157 years, it has influenced the lives of thousands of students and contributed to the prosperity of Lebanon and the nearby regions. We pledge our support to ensure the success and growth of the American University of Beirut - Mediterraneo in Paphos."

For his part, the Mayor of Paphos stated, "Laying the foundation of such a university with glorious history and long-time traditions, in such a small city is without doubt incomparable to anything Paphos has seen over its modern existence."

"Having AUB - Mediterraneo part of our new identity represents a promising opportunity with great prospects between Cyprus, Lebanon, and the United States," he went on to say.

Delighted by the prospect of bringing the excellence of the AUB to the European Union, AUB President said, "Cyprus has long been part of our university's history. Now, AUB is back to serve the people of Cyprus, enriching the interchange of ideas, knowledge, and purpose between our campuses in Beirut and Paphos."

For his part, the Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees asserted that "in the coming years, AUB-Mediterraneo will engage in joint research projects, and develop integrated approaches to education," he added.

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Anticipated to welcome its first class of students in fall 2023, AUB Mediterraneo will offer a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs. The inaugural cohort of students will be able to pursue a variety of bachelor's degree programs in philosophy, politics and economics; psychology; computer science; industrial engineering; and business administration - management. Master's degree programs will include engineering management and business analytics.

As the American University of Beirut expands its legacy of excellence to the European Union, the twin campuses in Beirut and Pafos will forge a networked environment, eliminating silos and promoting increased interaction, mobility, connection, and integration. The American University of Beirut's vision extends far beyond the walls of its campuses, aiming to shape the future of education and make a positive impact on societies.

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### **Note to Editors**

### **About the American University of Beirut**

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, it has more than 800 full-time faculty members and a student body of over 8000 students. The American University of Beirut currently offers more than 120 programs leading to bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 365-bed hospital.

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