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## **Special Bank of Lebanon Silver Coins Commemorate AUB's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On the occasion of AUB's 150th anniversary, Lebanon's Central Bank has announced that it was putting in circulation and in a limited edition, a series of special silver coins honoring AUB. The announcement was made in a statement by Central Bank Governor Riad Salameh.

The new coins come in five distinctive three-dimensional shapes. The first shape represents AUB's main gate. The second shape represents College Hall. The third represents the Green Field. The fourth represents the Lee Observatory and the fifth symbolizes Assembly Hall.

On this occasion, AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri, received the first set of coins from Central Bank Governor Salameh in the Governor's office, in the presence of Vice President for Advancement Dr. Imad Baalbaki, and Presidential Special Advisor for Protocol and External Relations Ibrahim Khoury.

AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri expressed his deep gratitude to Governor Salameh for this generous gesture which honors AUB. He said he was proud of the bank and of Governor Salameh, particularly because Salameh is an AUB distinguished and brilliant alumnus and one of its history makers.

President Khoury considered the Central Bank's initiative as recognition of the university and its special role and leadership in Lebanon, the region and the world in the academic and medical fields, in addition to the social role that it has played over the past 150 years.

In his turn, BDL Governor Riad Salameh said: AUB has played over all these years a major role in diffusing knowledge, thus contributing to the development of Lebanon and the MENA region culturally and economically.

“I believe that, under the presidency of Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri, AUB will develop more so as to serve the young generations and attract foreign students, enhancing therefore the regional educational role of Lebanon”, he stated.

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, AUB has more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 130 programs leading to the bachelor’s, master’s, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training at its Medical Center that includes a 420-bed hospital.

For more information about the special coins series, you can call AUB Office of Development on: +961(1)340176.

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