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AUB to host Beirut launch of global report for education of health professionals in the 21st century

Beirut, Lebanon- 19/05/2011 - The American University of Beirut will host the launch of a global report that proposes new recommendations for improving education of health professionals by adopting a global outlook while reflecting the health and healthcare needs of the local population.

Held under the patronage and in the presence of the ministers of public health and education and higher education, the launch will take place at AUB in the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing Auditorium, on May 20, 2011 from 9 am to 6pm.

The Beirut launch of the report of the Global Independent Commission on Education of Health Professionals for the 21st Century is jointly hosted by the Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Hariri School of Nursing at AUB.

AUB Professor Huda Zurayk contributed to the report which is expected to change the way health professionals and educators approach health instruction and health care in order to produce practitioners and researchers that focus on populations while connecting with global health professional networks.

The report was published in a special issue of The Lancet in November 2010 and is being launched all around the world. It will be shared with deans and directors of faculties of medicine, public health, and nursing in Lebanon and with other stakeholders.

The recommendations proposed in the report are expected to enhance the quality of education of health professionals so as to improve the health of people everywhere, noted Zurayk.

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Note to Editors

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