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## **AUB helps students find work through annual job fair**

Beirut, Lebanon- 13/05/2011 - Stands for local, regional, and multinational companies filled out the area between College Hall and the Green Oval at the American University of Beirut during the annual job fair which offers students the chance to land jobs even before graduation. The two-day job fair was inaugurated mid-day on May 12 in West Hall. Student Affairs Dean Talal Nizameddine and Maryam Ghandour, the head of Career and Placement Services, kicked off the fair with a ribbon cutting ceremony and speeches.

Welcoming and thanking everyone, Nizameddine expressed his optimism despite the turbulence taking place in the Arab world and hoped that this year would be a good year for student recruitment. “We are confident that our students are what you are looking for, and we are sure that you are what our students are seeking,” said Nizameddine.

About 155 firms, including a few NGOs, participated in this year’s job fair, offering 247 job vacancies and 33 recruitment presentations, explained Ghandour. Outstandingly, the number of multinational companies participating was higher than usual, and the regional turmoil did not manage to put a dent to the fair, she noted. “I did not think that we would get more than 50 companies this year because of the turmoil in the region, but I was surprised by the number of companies that responded to the invitation,” Ghandour said.

Company representatives said that they did not like to miss the AUB job fair because the University has an excellent reputation and so do its students.

“AUB students are quality students,” said Tahani Sinjab, human resources manager at Deloitte, adding that her company always participates in the AUB job fair.

Samer Makarem, an AUB business senior, said that the job fair was well-organized and everybody was helpful. “It is a great opportunity for AUB students, and I will take full advantage of both days; today I will check companies out, and tomorrow I will give out my CVs.”

The job fair provided an opportunity not only for fresh AUB graduates, but also for graduates from previous years seeking better job opportunities.

Sandy Maksoudian, a 2008 grad, said, “This year it seems like there are more high caliber companies. Now that I have worked for two years, I know specifically where I want to apply.”

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teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of more than 7,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the 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 420-bed hospital.

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