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President of Johns Hopkins University visits AUB

President Ronald J. Daniels of Johns Hopkins University (JHU) visited the American University of Beirut (AUB) and met with the president, provost, executive vice president, and deans of AUB to discuss possible future collaborations. During his visit, President Daniels also toured the campus and took in some cultural sites, touring the AUB Archaeological Museum as well as the National Museum and MIM, the mineral museum at Saint Joseph University.

"We were excited to receive the distinguished president of Johns Hopkins, Ron Daniels, for three days on campus at the American University of Beirut," said AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri. "Like AUB, Hopkins is a young university that is just around a century and a half old, but one that is committed to being a research university that can make a difference."

"It was an honor to visit AUB on my first trip to Beirut," said JHU President Ron Daniels. "I was deeply impressed with the breadth and depth of the institution, President Khuri's academic leadership, and the team he has assembled to carry out an ambitious vision for the institution. I am certain AUB will continue to graduate men and women committed to discovery and to applying their knowledge to benefit their own communities and those around the world."

Johns Hopkins University is located in Baltimore, Maryland and was founded as America's first research university in 1876. It is ranked #11 in the nation by US News and World Report and has a student population of around 24,000, with almost three-quarters of these being graduate students.

Since assuming office in 2009, President Daniels has been instrumental in establishing much-needed revitalization projects in East Baltimore and working with the underserved neighborhoods surrounding its campus. AUB President Khuri commented on JHU's approach to community engagement:

“Fundamentally, Ron Daniels has walked the talk that we believe in and have attempted to instill at AUB, namely that a great private research university can make a fundamental difference in the lives of the communities it serves,” explained President Khuri. “We expect that the visit of President Daniels has been fruitful and will lead to tangible results in terms of meaningful high impact collaborations.”

The relationship between AUB and Johns Hopkins goes back to at least 1965, when AUB’s Faculty of Medicine had a formal affiliation with the JHU School of Medicine. After being interrupted by the civil war, this relationship was revived in 2004 with a new memorandum of understanding for collaboration in research, education, and medical training. In addition, the Hariri School of Nursing has a partnership with the JHU School of Nursing; and AUB’s Faculty of Health Sciences has a fruitful relationship with the highly ranked Bloomberg School of Public Health at JHU.

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About AUB

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 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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