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Fadlo Khuri Receives “World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award”

From the World Health Organization

American University of Beirut (AUB) President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri was awarded with the “World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award” from the World Health Organization (WHO). It is an award given every year where WHO recognizes individuals or organizations in each of the six WHO regions for their accomplishments in the area of tobacco control. This recognition takes the form of WHO Director-General Special Recognition Award and World No Tobacco Day Awards.

This award is a tribute to all of President Khuri’s past and current efforts to make the AUB campus free from smoking and all tobacco products. This goal was fully achieved by the beginning of the year 2018.

In a letter addressed to the members of the AUB Board of Trustees, AUB Chairman of the Board of Trustees Dr. Philip S. Khoury said: “I am very pleased to inform you that our President, Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri, will receive a WHO “World No Tobacco Day 2018 Award.”

“This is a wonderful honor for Fadlo whose life’s work has included a profound commitment to combatting tobacco use. He demonstrated this commitment at AUB as soon as he became our President by leading the effort to make the AUB campus tobacco-free,” Khoury added.

In addition to the Director-General Special award, thirty three persons and institutions received the “World No Tobacco Day 2018 award” for this year, six of which are coming from the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

It is worth mentioning that President Khuri is the only second university president to receive the award since its inception in 2004 and he is the first leader in higher education to be recognized in the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. Through Dr. Khuri, the American University

of Beirut is the first institution of its kind to be recognized by the WHO for its stance to protect students from tobacco smoke in a region with a generally lax attitude towards tobacco control.

According to WHO officials, the award will be delivered to President Khuri later this year.

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Note to Editors

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 900 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 9,100 students. AUB 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 420-bed hospital.

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