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AUB meeting with top Canadian development agency official to explore ways to enhance research

Beirut, Lebanon- 29/03/2011 - The American University of Beirut will explore ways to enhance its long-term cooperation with Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC), one of the world's leading institutions in the generation and application of new knowledge, during an upcoming visit made by the center's president.

Dr. David Malone, IDRC president will meet with AUB President Peter Dorman and Provost Ahmad Dallal as well as other faculty members during a special visit on March 30, 2011.

Malone, who has extensive international diplomatic and political experience and has published on peace and security issues, will present a lecture on "Evolving Conceptions of Development" at 12 noon on March 30, 2011 in College Hall B-1.

AUB Professor Mutassem El- Fadel will then overview AUB's current and future outlooks for research.

IDRC is a Crown corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to help developing countries use science and technology to find practical, long-term solutions to the social, economic, and environmental problems they face. IDRC's support is directed toward creating a local research community whose work will build healthier, more equitable, and more prosperous societies. It funds applied research by researchers and innovators from developing countries on the problems they identify as crucial to their communities.

IDRC is also one of AUB's top funders with over \$1.5 million of ongoing research in the areas of sustainable development, health, food security and safety, environment and others.

AUB is also in the process of getting approved for a \$1.5 million project to study the effect of climate change on sea levels and sea water intrusion.

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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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