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AUB to celebrate its historic Main Gate as it approaches its 150th anniversary

Beirut, Lebanon - 09/10/2015 - The American University of Beirut celebrates one of its iconic heritage buildings, the AUB Main Gate, with a special reception and the opening of an exhibition on the rich history, architecture, and symbolism of the Main Gate.

The principal entrance to AUB on Bliss Street, Main Gate has recently been renovated and restored through a generous donation by an AUB alumnus, Mr. Karam G. Tannous Doumet (BBA 1978, MBA 1980). This gift was made to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the university in 2016. The exhibition, entitled 'AUB's Main Gate' will feature rare documents, photographs, and letters from the AUB University Archives. It will showcase the architect, the planning of the building, its changing functions over time, as well as the rich and variegated history that Main Gate has witnessed over the past 114 years. The exhibition will demonstrate the impact that Main Gate has had on the University and the wider community in Hamra and Ras Beirut.

A commemorative plaque will be unveiled and remarks will be made by AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri, Mr. Karam Doumet, and director of AUB University Libraries Dr. Lokman Meho.

Plaque Unveiling

Location: AUB College Hall Entrance

Date: October 19, 2015

Time: 6:30 pm

A reception and opening of the exhibition will follow:

Exhibition: 'AUB's Main Gate' - Photographs, documents, and personal stories inspired by Main Gate.

Location: Malhas Common Room | AUB West Hall

Opening: October 19, 2015

Duration: October 20 - 23, 2015 | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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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 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 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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