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## **AUB medical dean among world's top 500 influential Arab leaders**

Beirut, Lebanon- 29/04/2011 - The American University of Beirut's (AUB) dean of the Faculty of Medicine and vice president of medical affairs, Mohamed H. Sayegh, has been ranked the 17<sup>th</sup> most influential person in the field of research and the 416<sup>th</sup> most powerful person in the Arab world, in the annual Arabian Business Power 500 List of the world's most influential Arabs for 2011. Dr. Sayegh was also named the 175<sup>th</sup> most famous person in the region based on statistics from the Google search engine.

Arabian Business, one of the region's most-widely read business magazines, compiles its list of most powerful Arabs in the world annually. The list includes influential individuals across a variety of sectors.

"It is a delight to see that a member of our senior management team has received this prestigious recognition as one of the top 500 most influential Arab leaders globally. Dr. Sayegh's contribution to the advancement of the Faculty of Medicine and his leadership of the American University of Beirut Medical Center have been instrumental in carrying forward AUB's pioneering role in the fields of education, medicine and research across the region," said AUB President Peter F. Dorman.

Pleasantly surprised, Dr. Sayegh said: "It is deeply gratifying to have been included in the Arabian Business magazine's list of the top 500 influential Arabs in the world. This recognition brings honor both to myself and to AUB, and I am proud to be a part of its new leadership team that is embarking on a transformational change to reaffirm its position as the leading academic institution in the Arab world."

Dr. Sayegh is also currently a visiting professor of medicine and pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, and is the director of the Schuster Family Transplantation Research Center, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Children's Hospital Boston. In 2005, he was named the Warren E. Grupe and John P. Merrill Endowed Chair in Transplantation Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Sayegh is a world leader in transplantation, renal medicine and transplantation immunobiology research. In his field, he has made substantial and landmark contributions. He has published over 200 original articles in addition to a large number of reviews, editorials and book chapters. He has also edited several books in nephrology and transplantation.

He is a recipient of many highly distinguished and prestigious awards and honors.

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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 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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