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Endowed scholarship fund at AUB honors former Minister Mohammad Chatah, (BA '74)

Beirut, Lebanon- 16/07/2014 - The American University of Beirut announced the establishment of the **Dr. Mohammad Chatah Endowed Scholarship Fund** on July 16, 2014. The scholarship will be used to support students from north Lebanon majoring in economics, political studies, and public administration.

A widely respected public servant, Dr. Chatah began his academic career at AUB, acquiring a Bachelor of Arts in economics in 1974. After earning a PhD in economics from the University of Texas in 1983, he worked at the International Monetary Fund, where he held several positions including adviser on external communication as well as alternate executive director for the Middle East.

Chatah was deputy governor of Banque Du Liban from 1993 to 1997, and represented his country as ambassador to the United States from 1997 to 1998. He served as Lebanon's finance minister in 2008. He was an especially astute observer of Lebanese politics and advised many of Lebanon's leading politicians including former Prime Ministers Fouad Siniora and Saad Hariri.

Dr. Chatah was killed when a car bomb struck his convoy in Beirut on December 27, 2013.

"We are deeply honored," said AUB President Peter Dorman, "that Dr. Chatah's family and friends have chosen to honor our alumnus and his extraordinary life, legacy, and memory by establishing an endowed scholarship fund in his name. It is one of our top priorities to ensure that all those who merit entry to AUB are not barred by financial constraints."

Former AUB faculty member Nadim Munla (BA '74), PhD, explained that an endowed scholarship fund was an especially appropriate memorial for his good friend and former classmate. "Mohammad was a firm believer in knowledge, education, and critical thinking. We hope this scholarship will be a modest contribution to his values."

Commenting on the scholarship, Dr. Chatah's widow Nina said, "On behalf of our entire family, I am deeply thankful to all who worked and contributed to establishing the endowed scholarship fund. Through your support, we will be able to realize the potential of students from the North, and carry on Mohammad's vision of a better Lebanon. I know that Mohammad is looking upon all of us with great pride, in particular to AUB for being the unwavering source of optimism for our country."

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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 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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