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# QUOTE OF THE MONTH (( A CHILD WITHOUT EDUCATION, IS LIKE A BIRD WITHOUT WINGS ))

Tibetan Proverb

# **EVENTS**

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

UNIVERSITY PATRON DAY AND VISIT OF THE BOARD



On the 14th May 2016, USEK celebrated the University Patron Day by inviting all Faculty and Staff members of the University to gather and rejoice the occasion of Pentecost. Father Hady Mahfouz, President of the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, addressed the audience by discussing some of the main achievements and events that took place during the past year. One of the highlights was the creation of USEK's first Board of Trustees in the summer of 2015. The Board of Trustees undertook several practical steps for the benefit of USEK, and as mentioned by Father Hady Mahfouz in this speech "I am so confident that the basis of a solid working principle will allow the University to go on its way with speedy and substantial progress thanks to the tireless efforts, the general orientation, and the active, practical and material support of this Board".

#### TWO USEK STUDENTS WIN CHADIRJI AWARDS 2016



In the 16th Chadirji Awards for Architecture students in Lebanon, 18 students from 8 different universities participated in the competition which is considered the most important architectural competition in Lebanon. The jury included experts and international architects like Francesco Polesello and Edward Suzuki.

USEK student Ms. Vanessa Houeiss won the 1st price and Mr. Alexy Zein won the 3rd price. The students were under the supervision of the Head of the Architecture Department Professor Antione Fichfich.

Congratulations!

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 15,2016 Conference: Disability; Between Who I am and Who I Become

June 15,2016 Official Launching of the LL.M. Degree Program

June 20,2016 USEK Inter-University Virtual Trading Competition 2016

July 14,2016 International Colloquium: Rhythm in Arabic Music

## 13TH TRADITIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL: DISCOVERING A NEW WORLD II



On the 3rd May 2016, the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, hosted this colorful and lively event including food tasting, music, and traditional artistic performances.

#### October 17,2016

Colloquium and Educational Day: "The Role of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Preservation of Cultural Diversity and the Promotion of the Spirit of Citizenship and Sustainable Development"

November 24,2016 BEIRUT Signs, Symbols, Memory (Memories) of a Metamorphosis - Call for Papers

# **USEK IN THE PRESS**

INAUGURATION OF THE SALIM G. SFEIR BUILDING



On the 10th May 2016, the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK) organized the inauguration of the Salim G. Sfeir building in which the Faculty of Business and Commercial Sciences is located. The ceremony took place on the green area outside building D.

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### **EDITORIAL**

#### **ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE**

by Elias Ayoub | Chairman, USEK Board



The Executive Board of USEK held its board meeting on campus on May 10th and 11th. It was a very fruitful and informative gathering, with members attending from Lebanon and the United States. On the second day, a three-hour strategic planning session was held. During that meeting, a roadmap for the future was put in place to create a better vision for tomorrow. The board is preparing two additional reunions this coming year: one on September 2nd and one on October 29th. The entire board is committed to the agenda of USEK and to continue the standard of excellence.

On behalf of the entire board, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Father Hadi Mahfouz for his outstanding leadership, outreach, globalization efforts, and for making USEK one of the best universities in Lebanon and in the Middle East. Our sincere thanks also go to all the USEK Deans, Department Chairs, administrators, staff, and students for meeting with us, providing excellent presentations, and engaging with us in future projects. We would like to extend our warm thanks to all the students who attended the open student forum and assure them that their concerns will be addressed properly. We look forward to jointly collaborating in the interest of USEK.



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