



**Address of President Fr. Talal Hachem  
Inauguration of the Huawei Think Tech Labo  
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**Good afternoon everyone,**

**Mr. Aiden Lee, CEO of Huawei Lebanon**

**Dear guests, dear USEK community members**

It is a great pleasure to be hosting you today at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik for the inauguration of the Think Tech Lab powered by Huawei.

Today's event is twofold: **the essence** and then what I like to call **the character**.

First, it highlights the essence of our partnership with Huawei that goes beyond a simple collaboration on specific activities, to reflect **a shared commitment to the future**.

Huawei's emphasis on communications and IT training aligns seamlessly with USEK's mission: **to equip our students with vital tools, ensuring they excel in the evolving digital landscape**.



Second, the character of our collaboration that is also reflected in this event: Here at USEK, the fruits of our collaboration with Huawei are manifest. Key among these is the Huawei ICT Academy, providing our students with **invaluable hands-on experience**. Their achievements in Huawei-led programs, such as winning the Lebanese championship in the national ICT competition and their participation in the "Seeds for the Future" program, are testimonies to the program's efficacy. A collaboration with real life experiences and tangible deliverables is collaboration of a successful character!

And I cannot but say that this successful collaboration has and will continue to have a great impact on our students.

As a matter of fact, we all know that Huawei's offerings are far more than standard courses. They are blueprints to the future, tailored to meet the rigors of our digital age. Our students are able to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical implementation. This collaboration ensures **they are not only employable but also primed to shape Lebanon's digital trajectory**.

With technological fields like AI, IoT, cloud computing, and big data, dictating the pace of our global digital revolution, it's imperative for our students to be at the forefront. Their immersion in these domains is not just about imparting knowledge; it's about **molding future leaders**. This expertise opens myriad doors in diverse industries, ensuring our graduates stand tall **as pioneers in a global and dynamic workspace**.



Finally, I would like to say that this event marks also a monumental step in our journey with the inauguration of the "Think Tech Lab powered by Huawei." This state-of-the-art facility embodies **our joint vision of integrating advanced technology with hands-on learning**. It stands as a testament **to our shared commitment**, as I previously mentioned, providing our students with a space where **innovation, curiosity, and technological advancements** converge. Through this lab, we envision cultivating **thinkers, innovators, and problem solvers** who will spearhead Lebanon's **technological future**.

To conclude, I extend gratitude to Huawei. They are more than collaborators; they are **co-visionaries**. Hand in hand, we are paving the way for a **brighter, smarter, and seamlessly connected future**.