



**Indian delegates with VP Cortas and Dr. Fadi Bitar, third and second from right respectively**

## **Indian Delegation Visits AUBMC**

Delegates from Vinayaka Mission's Kirupananda Variyar Medical College & Hospitals (VMKVMC) in India visited AUBMC on January 23 and 24 to discuss the possibility of a future cooperation between the two institutions.

The delegates were N.V. Chandrasekar, director, N. Rajendran, dean and head of international affairs, Dr. P.S. Manoharan, medical superintendent, and Dr. Ezhil Vendhan, deputy director.

Vinayaka Missions was founded in 1981. It runs 27 educational institutions in India, and it currently serves over 10,000 students. Vinayaka Missions operates six hospitals across India, including three hospitals with a 500 beds capacity in the rural areas, serving as free healthcare for the poor.

The Vice President for Medical Affairs and Raja N. Khuri Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Medical Center director, associate and assistant deans, and coordinator of External Programs welcomed the delegation. The delegation toured many sections in the hospital and the AUB campus. They met a number of AUBMC physicians and administrators and were informed about the various services provided.

The delegates praised the level of services provided by AUBMC. They stressed their interest in the cooperation between VMKVMC and AUBMC.