

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding Between AUBMC and Kuwaiti Ministry of Health



H.E. Shaikh Ahmed Al-Abdulla Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, Minister of Health of the State of Kuwait, visited AUBMC on June 23, 2006. H.E. Shaikh Al- Sabah was accompanied by Dr. Ali Al-Saife (Undersecretary Assistant of Public Health Affairs), Dr. Naser Al-Enazi (Undersecretary Assistant of Administration Affairs), Mr. Wakian Al Wakian, and Mr. Ahmad Al-Khatib.

H.E. Shaikh Al-Sabah and his team met with VP/Dean Nadim Cortas and the taskforce team assigned by VP/Dean Cortas to deal with the Kuwait cooperation

led by Dr. George Araj and its members, Drs. Aghiad Al- Kutobi and Kamal Badr. Associate Dean Dr. Adnan Mroueh, Medical Center Director Dr. Munthir Kuzayli, Chief of Staff Dr. Saleem Kiblawi and Coordinator of External Programs Dr. Fadi Bitar attended the meeting.

VP/Dean Cortas welcomed H.E. Shaikh Al-Sabah and his team and stressed on the strong relationship existing between the State of Kuwait and AUBMC. A CD movie illustrating the various services offered at AUBMC with an overview about the medical institution was shown and copies of this CD were provided to H.E. Shaikh Al-Sabah and his team.

H.E. Shaikh Al-Sabah in turn thanked VP/Dean Cortas for his invitation. During the meeting, various aspects of mutual interests were discussed. The meeting was later attended by President John Waterbury who welcomed H.E. Shaikh Al-Sabah and his team and expressed his full support for a joint venture between the MOH in the State of Kuwait and AUBMC stressing that a cooperation of this kind would be mutually beneficial to both parties and countries.

The meeting was concluded by the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by Dr. Ali Yousef Al Saif, representing the MOH in the State of Kuwait and by VP/Dean Nadim Cortas, representing AUBMC in the presence of H.E. Shaikh Al-Sabah, President John Waterbury, and both members of AUBMC and Kuwaiti MOH.

After signing the Memorandum of Understanding H.E. Shaikh Al-Sabah and the accompanying team made a small tour in the AUB campus accompanied by President Waterbury, VP/Dean Cortas, Drs. G. Araj and F. Bitar.

His Excellency Sheikh Al Sabah was also the key note speaker at the graduation ceremony of the Faculty of Medicine that took place in Assembly Hall on June 24, 2006.

