



A Message from the President

October 5, 2006

As we begin the classes for the 2006/07 Fall semester I welcome each of you to our new academic year and we are thankful that you and all your families are safe and in good health.

Despite the war on Lebanon and the dreadful situation that our beloved country experienced this past Summer we were able to come up with the best possible plan to resume our educational mission and start our 2006/07 academic year only after a short delay. In doing so we hope that each of us at HCU in one's own way will contribute to the quick recovery of our beloved Lebanon.

Having said that, we still find ourselves with much to applaud: a University license, the opening of the College of Science and Information Systems, the commencement of the Masters Program at the College of Engineering, record applications at the College of Business Administration and College of Engineering, and a great sense of excitement as we begin our first year under the new name of Hariri Canadian University, HCU.

While the tributes we have been receiving – and hopefully will continue to receive – are wonderful indicators of our success, we know that what truly sets HCU apart is our people: our students, who every day work to become men and women for others; our faculty, who are true teacher-scholars in the advancement of knowledge; and our staff, who embody our mission of service to others by supporting our endeavors to be the premier institution that I see every day.

As the campus begins to resonate with the energy and excitement that only a new academic year can bring, I thank you for sharing your talent and your time with this special place.

As we start another academic year, I am confident that our mission will guide our campus community in achieving excellence in all we do and continuing to emerge as the leaders we can become while serving those most in need. This is the vision of the Founder of HCU, Martyr Prime Minister Rafic Hariri, *God bless his soul*. I close again this year with an invitation from our Founder:

*Dear friends,
I am inviting you to a new Lebanon in the 21st century,
a democratic, modern prosperous and energized Lebanon.
This can be achieved only if we work together, if we dream
together and if we make the Lebanon of our dreams a reality.
Join us, join Lebanon in the new voyage to a better future.
Rafic Hariri*

May God save our beloved Lebanon and ... we are HCU!

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