

**Address of Pr Salim Daccache s.j., rector of USJ, in the ceremony of signature MOU between international Red Cross and USJ 17/7/2023.**

I tell you our joy in welcoming you in that day to Saint-Joseph University of Beirut.

Likewise, I would like to pay tribute on behalf of the University to the humanitarian action that is carried out every day if not every minute by the international and local Red Cross volunteers for the benefit of people in difficult health situations and populations who are threatened by conflicts, violence, wars and nasty diseases.

I would like to express my thanks to you having reached this important agreement with the Faculty of Languages and Translation and the Beirut School of Translators to welcome students on internships, which is very strategic for us.

On the one hand, the International Red Cross is an organization that is in connection with many people of different cultures, nationalities and languages too. As a result, it is a field where the student can confront himself with many new situations of dialogue and exchange in order to train himself and also to help the organization to aid the populations across our world.

So that it can achieve these objectives, that of relieving the wounded and safeguarding the dignity of the human person, which is part of your humanitarian and ethical philosophy. We are talking about internships: I would like to comment to say that an internship is not something that comes in addition to a theoretical training, rather it is an inherent part of the training of the one who is going to graduate and it is part of the professional quality of the diploma, an added value that gives the graduate the possibility of working in the field and effectively from his first outing as a professional.

I would like to thank you for this agreement and for putting the student interns in good working conditions. Finally, I would like to tell you once again how much we appreciate your commitment and we wish you success and courage in your missions and especially in that of helping to train young people for the future, even if it means recruiting some to continue the journey with you.