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The Baptist School of Amman proudly announces its new educational affiliation partnership with Samford University of Birmingham, Alabama, USA.

The Baptist School and Samford University, wishing to enhance relations between the two institutions and to develop academic and cultural exchange, have agreed to cooperate and work together to enhance teaching and learning especially in the area of teacher education.

Established in 1841, Samford University is one of America's oldest Universities. Samford is consistently ranked among the top universities in the southern U.S. and its *Orlean Bullard Beeson School of Education* is ranked among the top ten schools of education in the United States. Established in 1974, the Baptist School of Amman is one of Jordan's oldest private Christian schools. The Baptist School is currently considered to be among the best schools in the Kingdom.

In an agreement signed between Dr. Thomas E. Cortis, president of Samford (represented by Dr. John Harris), Dr. Brian Barlow, general director of the Baptist School, Mrs. Suha Jouaneh Shahin, principal, and Dr. Nabeeh Abbassi, President of the Jordan Baptist Convention, Samford will provide a high quality "*Optimum Learning Certificate Program*" for all of the Baptist School's teaching faculty and academic administration. This unique program will provide an opportunity for Baptist School teachers and administrators to learn the latest methodologies, leadership skills, and best educational practices currently practiced in the United States.

Mrs. Shahin has been invited to attend Samford to complete her master's degree in Education Administration. Under the direction of Samford professors Dr. Maurice Persall, Director of Graduate Programs in the School of Education and Professional Studies, and Dr. John Harris, Orlean Bullard Beeson Professor of Education and Samford's Director of Special Projects, she will act as field supervisor for adoption and implementation of the instruction, coaching, and mentoring provided by Samford professors.



Mrs. Suha Jouaneh, Dr. John Harris, Dr. Brian Barlow, and Dr. Nabeeh Abbassi signing the partnership agreement.