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Patriarch John X Visits Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan and Expo 2020 Dubai



Dubai, November 25, 2021

Patriarch John X visited Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, the Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, accompanied by His Grace, Bishop Gregorios Khoury, and the President of the University of Balamand, Dr. Elias Warraq.

During the meeting, Patriarch John X expressed his deep joy at this fraternal meeting and the tight relationship with His Highness and through Him with the United Arab Emirates as a whole. His Beatitude thanked His Highness for His constant support to the University of Balamand through the Sheikh Nahyan Center on the university's campus in Balamand.

Sheikh Nahyan welcomed Patriarch John X and the accompanying delegation and stressed before Him the importance of the pioneering role of the Antiochian Patriarchate and the University of Balamand at all levels, despite the difficult conditions and circumstances experienced by the region in general and Lebanon in particular. He also stressed the need to preserve human dignity and the right to a

decent life in an ambiance of security, safety, and stability.

At the end of the meeting, Patriarch John X and Dr. Elias Al-Warraq presented Sheikh Nahyan with an honorary doctorate degree for his valuable contributions in promoting cultural pluralism, religious dialogue, and tolerance.

Following that, Patriarch John X and the accompanying delegation toured Dubai Expo 2020 and visited the Syrian and Lebanese pavilions. His Beatitude praised the valuable and distinguished efforts of everyone in charge of the two pavilions to show the richness, distinction, and civilization of the two countries.

His Beatitude wished the organizers and participants success, hoping that the participation in this exhibition would offer a space of hope and an opportunity to rise from the multiple crises surrounding the two countries.

During the visit, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain arrived at the exhibition to celebrate the Kingdom’s National Day. His Beatitude met him with Sheikh Nahyan and hrain.




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The Board of Trustees, in consultation with
the appropriate university authorities and committees,
have conferred upon

His Highness Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan
the Honorary Degree of
Doctor of Social Sciences

In recognition of his distinguished contributions to
Multiculturalism, Interfaith Dialogue and Religious Tolerance

In testimony whereof, the seal of the University and the authorized signatures are affixed.
Given on November 27, 2021

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

The President




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