



### \*\* ISC-Choueifat Staff Celebrate School's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary \*\*

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Established in 1886, the International School of Choueifat (ISC-Choueifat) in Lebanon is celebrating its 130<sup>th</sup> year of operation with a series of special events throughout the year. The most recent event was a gala staff dinner hosted by Mrs. Leila Saad, the SABIS® group chairperson, and attended by Mr. Ralph Bistany, SABIS® Co-founder.

The dinner, which took place in March 2016, brought together staff members from the SABIS® "Mother School," as it is commonly referred to, as well as directors of SABIS® Network Schools in Lebanon. The staff of SABIS® El-Metn, a tuition-free, private school in Lebanon which is fully funded by the SABIS® Foundation, were also in attendance at the event, giving the relatively new school the chance to draw inspiration from the Choueifat legacy.

The evening's celebrations included speeches, live entertainment including staff performances, a documentary celebrating the school's rich history and achievements, and a cake cutting ceremony. There were also awards given out to 35 ISC-Choueifat employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years of service.



Mrs. Leila Saad and Mr. Victor Saad (center) with ISC-Choueifat Director Mr. Ghassan Abdel Baki (right) and Deputy Director and Mrs. Frida Ghibril



ISC-Choueifat years of service recipients celebrate their awards with Choueifat and SABIS® leadership

Addressing the audience, Mrs. Leila Saad thanked all members of staff, past and present, for their loyalty, dedication, and commitment to ISC-Choueifat. In his speech, Mr. Victor Saad emphasized the position of importance that the school holds in the network. *"Since 1886, ISC-Choueifat has withstood many challenges...war, unrest, destruction, temporary relocation, and refurbishment. One hundred and thirty years later, the Mother School still stands strong and is the pride and joy of the entire SABIS® Network."*

ISC-Choueifat was established in 1886 as a school for girls in the remote village of Choueifat in Mount Lebanon. Soon after opening, the school became co-educational in response to demand from local families, who wanted the same high-quality education available for their sons.

Drawing on a successful track record and a reputation for academic excellence, the school grew over the years and today enrolls over 1,600 boys and girls from KG1 to Grade 12. ISC-Choueifat graduates are accepted at the best universities in Lebanon and around the world and go on to become conscientious, community-minded individuals who hold prominent positions in both the public and private sectors. To learn more about ISC-Choueifat, visit [iscchoueifat.sabis.net](http://iscchoueifat.sabis.net). For more information about SABIS®, visit [sabis.net](http://sabis.net).

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