

## Bellevue to become academic hospital

BEIRUT: Bellevue Medical Center has announced the signing of an affiliation agreement with Saint Joseph's University (USJ), which will see it become an academic hospital, just one year after its opening.

The agreement will provide the university's medical students with training facilities at the hospital and provide opportunities for long-term research projects.

Bellevue's Dr. Ghassan Maalouf, said the agreement gave a generation of students and doctors the chance to offer the best medical care.

He called it "a building block that will aid in providing the medical service and keeping doctors up-to-date on the latest developments and scientific findings through a strong network across different specialties."

USJ Professor Fernand Dagher echoed Maalouf's optimism.

"By signing such an affiliation agreement, we have opened up a wider learning platform for our students," Dagher said. – *The Daily Star*