USJ translation school signs MoU with United Nations

BEIRUT: The Beirut translation school at Universite Saint-Joseph (USJ) will sign a memorandum of understanding with the United Nations Friday. The Ecole d’Interpretes et de Traducteurs de Beyrouth (ETIB) at USJ will sign the memorandum in the presence of UN Assistant Secretary General Franz Baumann. “The agreement will strengthen the cooperation between the UN and ETIB in terms of training translators and interpreters and of exchanging experiences with international universities,” said a statement issued by the United Nations Media Office. “Its three main goals will be creating job opportunities for translators, providing better training for translation students, and filling the gap in forming professional translators with UN standards,” it added.

The memorandum will also fill the United Nations’s need for Arabic speaking translators and will give Lebanese translators more chances to pass the UN’s recruitment exams. Lebanon will be the second Arab country to sign the memorandum after Syria and and will be followed by Egypt. – The Daily Star