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The American University in Cairo and Monterey Institute of International Studies Announce Agreement to Promote Academic Exchanges, Research, Collaboration

Cairo, Egypt – The presidents of the American University in Cairo (AUC) and the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) today announced an agreement to promote academic cooperation and exchanges between the two institutions. AUC president David D. Arnold and MIIS president Sunder Ramaswamy met on AUC’s campus in New Cairo, Egypt to formalize a three-year agreement. The agreement calls for the two institutions to cultivate academic and educational cooperation, support collaborative research, professional internships and technical cooperation, and promote sustainable partnerships that may include exchanges of graduate students, faculty, academic materials, and publications.

“As an international professional graduate school that welcomes students from over 60 countries each year, the Monterey Institute is proud to establish this partnership with AUC,” said MIIS President Sunder Ramaswamy. “We look forward to working closely with AUC on a variety of initiatives in the future.”

AUC’s president noted that the university has established partnerships with universities around the world – including Harvard, Cambridge, Princeton, Wharton, and KAUST – to further establish AUC as a global university, allowing its faculty and students to share expertise in the pursuit of knowledge. “Preparing our students to become the next generation of leaders will require more than ensuring their mastery of rigorous liberal arts curricula; it now requires that students are capable of applying their knowledge in a cross-cultural context,” said AUC President David Arnold. “This partnership ensures that MIIS and AUC students will be provided with the opportunity to collaborate and contribute across cultural, political, and geographic boundaries.”

Ambassador Nabil Fahmy, the founding dean of AUC’s School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, and chair of the Middle East Nonproliferation Project at the Monterey Institute’s James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, initiated the agreement between the two institutions. Fahmy noted that the two institutions are uniquely
positioned to contribute to increased dialogue and understanding across international borders.

"Visionary institutions such as AUC and MIIS are evolving the practices and partnerships that will define global education in the 21st century” Fahmy. said “In an era of political and economic globalism, institutions of higher learning are compelled to follow the lead of nations who are engaging in proactive diplomacy – opening borders and easing restrictions that separate people and ideas."

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The American University in Cairo was founded 90 years ago and is major contributor to the social, political and cultural life of the Arab Region. It is a vital bridge between East and West, linking Egypt and the region to the world through scholarly research, partnerships with academic and research institutions, and study abroad programs. An independent, nonprofit, apolitical, non-sectarian and equal opportunity institution, AUC is fully accredited in Egypt and the United States. More information about AUC is available at [www.aucegypt.edu](http://www.aucegypt.edu).

The Monterey Institute of International Studies is an international professional school that prepares students for global careers in the private, public, nonprofit and educational sectors. A private graduate institution located in Monterey, California and affiliated with Middlebury College, the Institute offers fully accredited degree programs in translation and interpretation, international policy studies, language teaching, and international management. The Institute’s approximately 800 students come from more than 60 countries. For more information about the Monterey Institute, visit [www.miis.edu](http://www.miis.edu).