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Excellent Award

Lancaster University Management School (LUMS) in the north west of England has recently announced the outstanding award of **Masters degree with Distinction** to **Omar Hamasni** of Beirut, Lebanon. He graduated with an MSc in Project Management in December 2008 and had his degree confirmed at a colourful ceremony by the University's Chancellor, Sir Christian Bonington, CBE.

Before coming to Lancaster University Omar graduated from the American University of Beirut with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He has said of his studies at Lancaster:

"The programme demonstrates that effective project management is not based on the application of technical competence but also on behaviour and team management skills.

An interesting highlight of the course was the Applied Project Management module. This was our first engagement with a real project from initiation to completion. This provided me with insights into the complexity of issues that can arise during the full project lifecycle whilst exploring ways to deal with uncertainty and how to manage stakeholders."

The Dean of the Management School, Professor Sue Cox, has said:

"We are delighted with Omar's result. This is an excellent performance and a reward for his hard work. The skills he has developed will be very much in demand as he progresses through his career."

Omar now works as a Support Engineer at the Fibrex Industrial and Construction Group based in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. In this role he is responsible for the management, implementation and monitoring of the various procurement processes.

The Management School at Lancaster is ranked 5th in the UK for research in the 2008 RAE assessment and also rated 'Excellent' for teaching. It has also been accorded EQUIS status through the European Foundation for Management Development and AACSB accreditation, which confirms LUMS as a top quality School. Its MBA, executive programmes and MSc Management are rated in the *Financial Times* top 50 – the MBA being ranked 1st in the UK for "value for money" and 4th in the world for career progress.

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KEY FACTS ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

- LUMS is a major School founded in 1964 with over 180 members of faculty, including 30 Professors, covering the full range of management subjects. The School now constitutes around 25% of the staff and students at the University.
- It is one of a small number of Business Schools world wide (fewer than 10 in the UK) to have been accredited both by the *AACSB*, and by *EQUIS* through the European Foundation for Management Development as meeting high standards of quality, internationalisation and corporate connectedness.
- It is one of only two Business Schools in the UK to have achieved both the top 6* rating indicating excellence in **research** by international standards by the Higher Education Funding Council and also, in the latest assessment, to have been rated "Excellent" by the Council for the quality of our **teaching** in Business & Management. In the national student satisfaction survey, LUMS has achieved very high ratings in all three years of the survey,
- It has major Research Centres in a range of areas, including Performance-Led HR and in Strategy, in addition to departments of Accounting & Finance, Economics, Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development, Management Learning & Leadership, Management Science, Marketing and Organisation, Work & Technology.
- It offers a full-time MBA ranked 22nd in the top 100 MBA's by the *Financial Times* (3rd in the world for 'value for money'). Other FT rankings include a top 10 position for the LUMS PhD programme, the inclusion of Executive Programmes in the world's top 50, and the MSc Management is ranked 18th in Europe (4th in the UK).
- It teaches 1500 undergraduate students, and in our Graduate Management School 800 postgraduate students on taught programmes and a further 100 research students (all numbers are FTE's). Of these, around 600 are from overseas, i.e. from outside the EU, making LUMS an international student community.
- It offers two MBA programmes (full-time over 12 months and part-time Executive over 24 months) and a unique range of specialist Master's programmes in Accounting & Financial Management; Advanced Marketing Management; E-Business and Innovation; Finance; HRD and Consulting; HR and Knowledge Management; Information Technology, Management & Organisational Change; International Business (Economics); Management; MPA; Money, Banking & Finance (Economics); Operational Research, and Project Management. *The full-time and part-time MBA programmes are accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA).*

- The full-time MBA programme attracts high-quality entry of 70-80 students from over 20 countries (around 30% from UK). Up to one-quarter study or work abroad, sometimes as part of the supervised three-month project placement in a client organisation.
- It delivers a full-time ESRC-recognised PhD in Management.
- It has an Accounting and Finance department which is the UK's only department to have been accorded the highest, grade 5 or 5*, research rating in every Research Assessment Exercise.
- It has a fast growing Management Development Division through which a very wide range of executive development programmes at Certificate, Diploma and Master's levels are delivered in the UK and internationally.
- It has a Centre for Management in China to co-ordinate and promote research, courses for managers and programme links in China: www.lums.lancs.ac.uk/lcmc
- It has developed an innovative European Management double degree for undergraduates, jointly with Reims School of Management (France); ICADE (Spain); European Business School, Reutlingen (Germany) and UCSC, Piazena (Italy).
- It is a participating institution in the prestigious International Master's Program in Practicing Management (IMPM) being taught jointly with *INSEAD* (France), the *Indian Institute of Management* (Bangalore) and *McGill* (Canada), two Japanese Universities and KDI (South Korea).
- It offers study abroad opportunities at graduate and undergraduate levels through a network of leading university business schools in Europe, including *Copenhagen Business School; HEC Paris; Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris / EAP; WHU, Koblenz; Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi (Milan); Erasmus University (Rotterdam); Hochschule St Gallen, Universidad Comercial de Deusto, and the University of Mannheim.*
- It also has student exchange links with top North American Universities and Business Schools including *British Columbia (Vancouver), McGill (Montreal), Colorado, Emory, Michigan (Ann Arbor) and Rice (Texas)*. Exchanges also with the *National University of Singapore, HKUST Hong Kong, National Taiwan University* and a range of top Universities in Australia and New Zealand.

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