

Dear Lebanese golfers at home and abroad,

I am proud and honored to have recently assumed the responsibility of heading the Lebanese Golf Federation for the coming 4 years.

I was lucky to have been brought up in a family where golf played a major role in our lives, and in addition to my father, the late Salim Salaam, being an avid golfer; he was also the founder and President of both the Lebanese Golf Federation and the Arab Golf Federation.

Golf is a sport that I love, and I can assure you that I am very excited about the many things I am confident we can achieve together in the years ahead.

The LGF is dedicated to the overall growth and development of the sport in Lebanon while also reaching Lebanese golfers across the globe with an emphasis on the importance of supporting and participating in international tournaments under the Lebanese flag.

As President of the LGF, and with the support of the LGF team, we will be working closely in partnership with the Golf Club of Lebanon to conduct year-round golf academies and a series of competitive events for men, ladies and juniors.

We have an ambitious plan to expand golf's outreach in Lebanon with our "Golf in Schools" initiative while also maintaining and developing our relationship with our strategic partners around the world such as the Royal and Ancient Club in St. Andrews, the International Golf Federation, the Asian Pacific Golf Federation and the Arab Golf Federation

Another big reason I am excited about my term as President is that 2016 marked the long-awaited return of golf to the Olympic Games. This offers the potential of showcasing the game of golf on one of the most prominent and important sports arenas worldwide, thereby attracting new enthusiasts to our wonderful sport, which will hopefully translate in the growth of our programs.

Finally I would like to thank the Lebanese Ministry of Youth and Sports for its continuous support under the leadership of H.E. the Minister Abed El Motleb Henaoui. I would like to thank our sponsors Middle East Airlines (MEA), PAMP, ALFA, ICFLIX, Mr & Mrs Nicolas Gharzouzi, Mr. Tarek Kettenah for their generous contributions. Their financial backing will go a long way in helping us achieve our goals and objectives for the coming year.

Thank you

Karim Salim Salaam

President