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**\*\* *ISC-Choueifat Student to Represent Lebanon at  
Model Arab League in Washington D.C.* \*\***

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Ali Al Haj, a student in Grade 11 at the International School of Choueifat (ISC-Choueifat) in Lebanon has been selected from a pool of 78 finalists to represent the Lebanese American University (LAU) at the Model Arab League (MAL). Ali will join 5 other delegates from Lebanon at the National MAL Conference, which will be held at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. in November 2014.

The Model Arab League (MAL) program is a multi-regional model competition in which high school and university students from around the world compete as representatives from Member States of the Arab League. MAL is similar to Model United Nations (MUN) but focuses on Middle Eastern affairs, issues, and politics, whereas MUN adopts a more global approach to world politics.

This year, over 80 schools from across Lebanon participated in the regional Model Arab League program. The ISC-Choueifat delegation, made up of 12 students, performed outstandingly at the mock MAL conference, with 3 students invited for a final interview with the Secretary General of MAL.

*"In preparation for MAL, participants are encouraged to use their experience to hone their skills in public speaking and diplomacy,"* explained Mr. Fareed N. Halabi, teacher at ISC-Choueifat. *"Students put themselves in the shoes of real-life Arab diplomats and foreign affairs practitioners. In the process, the students come to realize, unavoidably and inevitably, how different international relations realities are in comparison to what they may have previously thought."*

The preparations certainly paid off for Ali, who attributes his success to his personal qualities as well as to ISC-Choueifat. *"My determination and optimism helped me overcome a lot of hurdles and make it to the finals,"* he said. *"And thanks to the after school training at my school, I have developed my skills in public speaking."*

We wish Ali Al Haj all the best as he prepares to travel to Washington D.C. in November 2014 for the final round of the competition.

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