

A leading figure

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Former secretary-general of the Arab Thought Forum and former Secretary- General of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) With a light-hearted personality, a strong and optimistic will and leadership skills, Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, the well-known businessman, combines between seriousness and excitement, confidence and ambition, and recognizes the role of public relations and the importance of the human element in all the leading work and initiatives.

I have known my friend “Abu Lo’ay” for nearly 40 years, when he made a working visit to Tripoli,. I began to admire his personality since then. Our relationship grew and our family relations developed after I moved with the family to Kuwait to assume the position of Secretary General of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (1973-1987).

I followed up with admiration, his ability to meet the challenges he had to overcome. I have followed up his abilities to establish Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) as we know it today, as well as his humanitarian connection with staff who decided to move and work with him. I was impressed by their loyalty and willingness to contribute in building a new institution in difficult circumstances and limited financing, as well as the confidence of businessmen and the economy in his personality and dealing with his new institution, due to their great confidence in his ability to succeed and excel.

Today, we witness the works of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) and its pioneering initiatives in education, and in developing the skills of Arab youth in accounting, Intellectual Property, and information technology and computer science. He believes in investing in human beings through education and rehabilitation, and supports his faith in constructive work with the participation of his staff and employees. I wish them all the success in serving the Arab world through this pioneering institution.