

## **A Journey Crowned with Successes**

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This great man whose personal and professional biography is a success story to be followed and this country has the right to be proud of and speak about it. His Excellency Senator Abu-Ghazaleh's journey started from Jaffa, his birthplace in Palestine in 1938, to Amman, which is a journey crowned with successes and coupled with the hard work, perseverance, intelligence and diligence. He has founded one of the world's leading institutions offering a complete range of high quality professional services, and is constantly working to produce qualified graduates in accordance with the highest international standards to contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of the Arab world within the framework of the global economy.

Since taking over the Shoman Forum in late 2003, the Forum has hosted Talal Abu-Ghazaleh four times to give lectures on public affairs. When I reviewed these lectures, and while I was writing these words, I had two important observations that needed to be mentioned. The first observation is that Abu-Ghazaleh is keen to renew and diversify his lectures. In 2004, Abu-Ghazaleh told us about "The New in the New World Order", in 2007, his address was about "Higher Education and the Challenges of Quality Control and Recognition", in 2008, he talked about "The Arab and World Economy at a Crossroads" and finally "Jordan and the Region: Where are we heading Geo-Economics."

The second observation that I noted while writing was his autobiography. Every time he speaks to us, I discover that his status has increased with the prestigious positions and the great tasks he handles and undertakes at the Arab, regional and international levels. This is reflected in his non-stop achievements including the honorary certificates and decorations presented to him, the positions, chairmanships and titles on various boards of directors, the publications books and dictionaries he issues, the awards such as the honorary award he received from the Arab Union for the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights, and his election in Geneva as Co-Chair of the Global Challenges Forum, a high-profile organization of think tanks, research centers and academic institutions.

This is Talal Abu-Ghazaleh who received the confidence of His Majesty King Abdullah II, and was appointed a member of the Jordanian Senate. What a journey of successes he is enjoying.