Excellencies,
Honorable guests,
Dear colleagues and friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all at a one-of-a kind event sponsored by the prestigious BMW Group and SPLUNK Enterprise. This event has also a special meaning as it comes within the Smart Beirut Summit 2018!

What makes this event special are essentially the students, our raison d'être, those students from seven universities across Lebanon who found their way to be fully engaged in the Hackathon to win an internship at BMW main headquarters with an important financial prize. This engagement reveals students' numerous skills in case construction, case analysis, reasoning and problem solving, teamwork, and creative ideas to name but a few when getting inside the field of artificial intelligence.
This is certainly a challenge for them, as in all competitions. We do hope that the best team will win, believing though that all teams will have won, beforehand, the respect of all of us for their courage, their determination and their proactive thought in logistic planning.

On behalf of the Antonine University and the Faculty of Engineering with the Ticket Lab, I want to express my gratitude to all those who made this event a reality, acknowledging the tremendous planning that must have been done by colleagues behind the scenes.

Welcome again at the Antonine University!
Let this *challenging* begin with God's blessings!