

## Actuary in Ramallah: The Beginning of a New Profession in Palestine

Palestinian actuary Yousef Nakhleh Jubran: *“Job opportunities for actuaries are too numerous to mention, including in Palestine.”*



(Ramallah – 21/2/2022) – Ramallah Friends School graduate Yousef Nakhleh Jubran was the guest speaker at RITAJ Talks, speaking on the topic, *A Palestinian Actuary on the Verge of International Certification*.

Yousef successfully passed all seven international licensing exams needed to be a certified actuary. He is currently in the final step of receiving the certification administered by the Society of Actuaries. He currently resides in the U.S. and is also gaining experience by working full-time as an actuarial specialist for one of the biggest insurance companies in the world.

Actuaries play a crucial role in the daily operations of every bank, insurance company, and government worldwide. Yousef aims to utilize his experience, certifications, and actuarial learning to help Palestine, a long-sought goal that he has been working hard to achieve.

Speaking to a full-house in Ritaj’s auditorium, Mr. Jubran discussed the importance of actuaries and their type of work in supporting a wide-ranging clientele of private sector, governmental, and financial institutions. He also presented the requirements needed to become an internationally certified actuary and the skill sets that actuaries tend to have.

Yousef emphasized the sheer need for actuaries in Palestine and the international market as actuarial science has an evolving and bright future with an ever-increasing job outlook.

His advice is, "The sky is the limit. There are times where things get hard and plans don't go as expected, but everything is possible with hard work, dedication, and a focused goal."

The lively audience came from many relevant sectors in Palestine and included many students studying actuarial science in Palestinian universities. The ensuing discussion reinforced the pressing need for Palestinian institutions to incorporate actuaries in their operations. Yousef noted that many Palestinian firms, such as insurance companies, are currently required to submit certified actuarial reports to the regulating bodies and are forced to hire actuaries outside of Palestine since no such service is available locally.

Yousef Jubran graduated from Pennsylvania State University (USA) after completing a Bachelor of Science in actuarial science with honors and a minor in statistics.

Despite his short professional career, Yousef has received numerous awards for his accomplishments recognizing him as a top talent by his employer. He expressed an openness to fielding questions from Palestine regarding actuarial science; he may be contacted at [yousef-jubran@hotmail.com](mailto:yousef-jubran@hotmail.com).

Moderating the event was Ms. Nisreen Musleh, Managing Director of Ritaj Managerial Solutions, which hosts the RITAJ Talks speaking series, a series that brings knowledgeable speakers to present on the most pressing business and development issues in a venue that is open to the public.

Ms. Musleh noted that "In planning for this event, I had the pleasure of meeting Yousef and learning of his journey as an actuary. His success instills a long-standing hope that we in Ritaj have never veered away from, that hope is that our young can graduate in Palestine, attend the best universities in the world, and come back home to further their career while simultaneously continuing to build a better Palestine which is built on knowledge and know-how."