Ralph R. Johnson appointed as a member of the AUBiH Board of Trustees

The founding and the continued development of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina is a message that citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina are taking the responsibility for the positive development and future of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which makes me proud of having the opportunity to support the process.

Ralph R. Johnson, former US Ambassador to Slovakia, and the former Principal Deputy High Representative of the European Union for Bosnia and Herzegovina, was appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a distinguished institution of higher education which, at the same time, is the first career-oriented university in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. AUBiH offers closely specialized study departments, US diplomas and programs recognized in the United States of America, the European Union, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, all of which are fully harmonized with the rules and goals of the Bologna process.

In addition to Clifford Bond and William Montgomery, Ralph R. Johnson is the third member of the Board of Trustees of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UO AUBiH) coming from the US Foreign Service as an ambassador and a distinguished diplomat.

Ambassador Ralph R. Johnson was the Principal Deputy High Representative in the Office of the High Representative in Sarajevo from August 1999 to July 2001. Before assuming his duty in Sarajevo, Ambassador Johnson was the US Ambassador to Slovakia for three years (1996-1999). Following his retirement from the Foreign Service, Ambassador Johnson and his wife Jacqueline established a consulting company in Slovakia providing political risk assessment and political advisory services to US and other investors in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Ralph R. Johnson is a Director in the International Practice Group of Quinn Gillespie & Associates, Washington DC.

On the occasion of the appointment of Ambassador Johnson, Denis Prcić, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina stated: "Ambassador Johnson possesses tremendous experience in the field of international relations and diplomacy, as well as particular knowledge and understanding of the political and economic situation in the countries of the West Balkans. Without any doubt, the engagement of Ambassador Johnson will contribute to the successful operation of the Board of Trustees and strengthening the long-term strategy of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina."

"It is evident that the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina are taking the responsibility for the progress and a positive perspective into their own hands. Clear evidence of it is the founding and the continued development of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is great that I have joined the Board of Trustees of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This University has an excellent international reputation and it occupies a significant position in the segment of the global system of higher education aspiring to student and academic staff mobility. I look forward to having the opportunity to contribute to the development of American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina, based on the strategy focusing on high-quality education", added Ambassador Johnson.

Photo: Johnson: Tremendous experience
Photo: Prcić: Citizens assuming responsibility