

Lebanese-Brazilian Businessman, Mr. Nabih Abou El Hosn Visits LERC

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The Lebanese Emigration Research Center welcomed to its premises Lebanese-Brazilian businessman, Mr. Nabih Abou El Hosn, a former governor and current member of Rotary International in Brazil. Mr. N. Abou El Hosn was accompanied by his cousin, Mr. Walid Abou El Hosn, a former emigrant to Brazil, and member of the Artist Syndicate in Lebanon. Both were accompanied by Mr. Roberto Khatlab, LERC's Latin-American Liaison Officer.

Mr. N. Abou El Hosn is a man of many achievements. Honored and awarded numerous times in many countries; an active member of the Druze community in Brazil, participating on their behalf in several international conferences; President of the *Monte Libano Club* in Para Brazil; member of the Chamber of Commerce Brazil-Lebanon in Belem, Para Brazil; owner of the huge *Recanto da Saudade* landscaped cemetery, a final resting place for the dead of all religions, but with each tombstone embellished with an emblem of the Cedar of Lebanon.

However, it was in his capacity as an author that Mr. N. Abou El Hosn called upon LERC. The first edition of his book *O VOO DO ALFAIATE*, written in Portuguese, had already been donated to the LERC library by Mr. Khatlab. Mr. N. Abou El Hosn brought with him the current Arabic version, signed it and dedicated it to LERC's Director Ms. Guita Hourani.



Mr. N. Abou El Hosn (right) presents a signed copy of his book to Ms. B. Abdel Khalek of LERC (Oct 2010).

The book is biographical in content and covers his life in Lebanon and Brazil, his family, migration experiences, his businesses, recognitions, speeches, official correspondence, press clippings detailing his achievements and awards, and a collection of photos.



Souvenir picture at LERC: (from left to right) Mr. E. Nabhan, Mrs. L. Haddad, Mr. Roberto Khatlab, Ms. B. Abdel Khalek, Mr. N. Abou El Hosn, Mr. W. Abou El Hosn, Mr. M. Abdallah (Oct 2010).

Mr. N. Abou El Hosn and Mr. W. Abou El Hosn were then taken on a tour of the Lebanon Migration Museum at NDU. They were delighted to see the collections displayed and especially an early black and white photo of Mr. N. Abou El Hosn and his family, taken in Brazil.

In his statement Mr. N. Abou El Hosn expressed the honor he felt in visiting the museum and learning more about the Lebanese migrants in Brazil and Lebanon, and commended all of those who have worked to beautify the collections.

Mr. W. Abou El Hosn expressed his thanks to LERC for its great efforts and the work it is doing for the migration countries as well as helping people to learn more about old Lebanese migrants who left behind a huge imprint while contributing to the history of the Lebanese diaspora.



A Brazilian flavor at the Museum: (from left to right) Mr. Roberto Khatlab, Mr. N. Abou El Hosn, Mr. W. Abou El Hosn (Oct 2010).



Mr. N. Abou El Hosn at the museum writes his appreciation in LERC's Golden Book (Oct 2010).