

Elementary Six Students from B. E.S.G.B Visit the Museums at NDU

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The Beirut Evangelical School for Girls and Boys organized a day trip to Notre Dame University, Louaizé, covering both the Stone Wing Museum and the Lebanon Migration Museum at NDU. The Elementary Six students were led by Mrs. Rima Algharib, who had only come to know of the Museums at NDU after a documentary was aired on TV.

Around 60 English speaking students were divided into two groups. One was shown, by Mrs. Caline Saadeh Abi-Saad, the prehistoric stone tools used by historic man over several thousand years ago and the collection of precious and semi-precious stones and fossilized fish and plants displayed in the Stone Wing

The other group headed to the Lebanon Migration Museum for an introduction by Mr. Elie Nabhan and Mrs. Liliane Haddad of the Lebanese Emigration Research Center.

The students clarified their ideas about migration and its causes, replying when asked that wars, education, job opportunities and even food could cause people to migrate. Many of the students themselves had either lived abroad, in the United States, United Arab Emirates, Ghana, or had parents who had emigrated to these countries. Many of their families were return migrants.



B.E.S.G.B students listen to Mr. E. Nabhan giving an introduction to migration at the Lebanon Migration Museum at NDU (Nov 2010).

The students were shown around the LERC collections, taking notes concerning the cultural materials displayed, and were fascinated by the materials collected, especially the items related to peddling. The two groups then exchanged their venues.



The students gather around the Brazil display while Mrs. L. Haddad explains the details (Nov 2010)



The students study the Lebanese migrant statue displayed at the Museum (Nov 2010)

The trip was seen as very beneficial to both NDU and the students. LERC feels that such trips could be a way of educating young people, in a visual and interactive manner, about historical, local and international events.



A souvenir picture with the students (Nov 2010).