

***Another year of Elementary-Six Students from B. E.S.G.B Visit the Museums at NDU***

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Following on the success of their first visit to see both the Stone Wing Museum and the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum at NDU last November, the Beirut Evangelical School for Girls and Boys organized another day trip to the Notre Dame University, Louaize.

Just as last November, around sixty English-speaking Elementary-Six 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, while the other group headed to the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum for a detailed tour by LERC's Mr. Elie Nabhan.

The students were shown around the LERC collections, taking notes concerning the cultural materials displayed. The two groups then exchanged their venues.

The students clarified their ideas about migration and its causes, were delighted with the paintings of Lebanese-Australian Maurice Salameh and the traditional Nigerian clothes worn by a Nigerian-Lebanese, and showed great interest in the photos depicting the early Lebanese in Brazil and Mexico. They were also fascinated to see the peddler's *Kasheh* recently donated to the Museum by Mr. Kozhaya Akiki.

The students were accompanied by their teachers Ms. Rima Al-Gharib, Ms. Nadia Abi Azar, Mrs. Jocelyne Dagher, and Ms. Sonia Kanaan. Mrs. Al-Gharib, who had only come to know of the Museums at NDU through an Internet search last year, confided that such was the popularity and benefit of these trips that she feels they will turn into a yearly event.

LERC is delighted to have the opportunity to present the collections in its Museum to all ages. The Center feels that such trips could be a way of educating young people, in a visual and interactive manner, about historical, local and international events.