

Mr. Kozhaya Akiki Visits LERC & Meets with Ms. Mahshi and Ms. Sislian

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Reported By *Maritta Sislian, Akiki Grant Winner*

Mr. Kozhaya Akiki visited LERC to meet with the two winners of the *Kozhaya and Nora Akiki Internship Grant* Miss. Shereen Mahshi and Miss. Maritta Sislian.

Mr. Akiki held a meeting with the two grant-winner interns and asked them how they had benefitted from this opportunity. The young ladies explained to him that the grant was a starting point in their careers and it was an opportunity which had helped them in a variety of ways. It had consolidated their skills in project management and implementation. It had also paved the way to strengthening their research skills through the interviews they had conducted with experts as well as international organizations and agencies, which in turn enhanced their PR skills.

Ms. Mahshi and Ms. Sislian once again thanked Mr. Akiki for the opportunity which had been of utmost benefit to them. For his part, Mr. Akiki was glad to listen to the testimonies and promised to continue his endeavors for LERC through this special internship grant.



From left to right: Ms. Shereen Mahshi, Mr. Kozhaya Akiki, and Ms. Maritta Sislian. (May 2012)

The Kozhaya and Nora Akiki Internship Grant provides some financial assistance to local Lebanese students during the transition period between graduating and finding a job.

This grant indicates Mr. Akiki's commitment to education, his belief in supporting young people, and his love to his homeland Lebanon.