LERC's Liaison Officer in the Dominican Republic Mr. Elvis Alam Visits LERC Reported by: Maritta Sislian April 2013

Mr. Elvis Alam, Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) Liaison Officer to the Dominican Republic, visited the LERC with his daughter, Chantal Alam, and two Lebanese expatriates: Mr. and Mrs. Raphael and Louisa Malkoun.

Mr. Alam presented the LERC with new data to add to the Lebanese Emigration Archival Database, which includes a directory of the Lebanese in the Dominican Republic. He has also donated several magazines and documents of Lebanese associations in the Dominican, dating to the 1920s.



Mr. Elvis Alam at the Lebanon Emigration Research Center (April 2013)

Following the visit to the LERC, Ms. Sislian escorted the guests to the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum. The guests videotaped their tour at the museum while expressing how inspired they were by the exhibited cultural material and invited others to contribute to the Center by donating any valuable old document or photograph, or cultural material, which their grandparents who immigrated might have kept.

The guests promised a group visit comprising of Lebanese descendants from the Dominican Republic next summer and expressed their pride and joy for having the LERC as a safe haven and considered it "the home of Lebanese Diaspora."