

Diplomats from Brazilian Embassy in Beirut, Visit LERC

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Two diplomats from the Embassy of Brazil in Beirut, Mr. Adam Jayme Muniz, Second Secretary, and Mr. Fabio Rabello de Oliveira, Cultural Attaché, recently visited the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU).

The purpose of the visit was to learn more about the Center's resources, programs, and services, and to explore possible partnerships on topics of common interest.

After a tour of the Center and a meeting with Dr. Guita Hourani, LERC Director, Ms. Liliane Haddad, Chief Archivist and Indexer at the LERC, briefed Mr. Muniz and Mr. Oliveira on the LERC's electronic archive and database.

The two diplomats then visited the LERC Lebanon and Migration Nucleus Museum. Both men were impressed with the exhibited collections and promised to expand this collection with new material from Brazil.



(from left) Mr. Oliveira, Dr. Hourani, and Mr. Muniz at the LERC Nucleus Museum (March, 2014)

During their visit, the diplomats disclosed plans to create an e-Newsletter, focusing on various Lebanese-Brazilian cultural activities, and also revealed their current efforts toward organizing a large event to celebrate Brazilian culture in Lebanon. The diplomats also gave the LERC staff access to an online database where all the bilateral agreements between Lebanon and Brazil over the past decade can be downloaded.

At the end of their visit, the diplomats congratulated NDU on the Center and stated how impressed they were with the Center's collections/database.