

Argentinean Ambassador to Lebanon Visits LERC

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Following the series of visits to the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) by several notable figures, representatives of the LERC were pleased to welcome His Excellency Mr. José Gutierrez Maxwell, Ambassador of Argentina to Lebanon, at Notre Dame University (NDU) on July 21, 2012.

Amid a warm welcome led by Ms. Guita Hourani, Director of LERC, Mrs. Lilianne Haddad introduced Ambassador Maxwell to the work and mission of LERC, and explained how the center collects reliable data on migration from and to Lebanon. Following the introduction, Ms. Hourani escorted the Ambassador to the Lebanon Migration Nucleus Museum where he was shown exhibits, which provide a window into the historical and contemporary experience of Lebanese emigrants from around the globe. These exhibits include photographs, artwork, documents, and a variety of cultural items that the communities and families in the diaspora have shared with LERC.



H.E. Mr. José Gutierrez Maxwell, Ambassador of Argentina to Lebanon (July 2012)

Subsequent to the museum, Dr. Assaad Eid, the Vice-President of Sponsored Research and Development (VPSRD) at NDU, welcomed Ambassador Maxwell and Ms. Hourani and engaged in a discussion, focusing on Argentineans of Lebanese descent in Argentina. The discussion also included the drafting of a possible Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an Argentinean university. Ambassador Maxwell was extremely cooperative and promised to repeat his visit in September of this year.