## Argentineans of Lebanese Descendant Visit LERC's Museum

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The Argentinean troop *Firqat al Arz*, under the direction of Mr. Munir Nellmeldin, is visiting Lebanon for a month in order to perform traditional Lebanese dances in a number of festivals and exhibitions. This company was formed in the city of Rosario in Argentina by a group of young people of Lebanese ancestry who want to share a piece of Lebanon with the world.



Firqat al Arz Group with Mr. Munir Nellmeldin, Mrs. Liliane Haddad, Mr. Tony Kaddissi of the WLCU and Ms. Victoria B. Huerta at the Lebanese Nucleus Museum at NDU-Louaizé (June 2012)

As part of their tour, members of *Firqat al Arz* visited the Lebanese Migration Nucleus Museum. Among members of the troop who visited the Museum were Nadia Haidar, Yasmina Zgaib, Soraya Nahir Balut, Maria Belen Ferlini Haddad, Iara Jazmin Khalil, Joel Habib and Lenadro Hamoui. Mr. Tony Kaddissi, World Secretary General of the World Lebanese Cultural Union (WLCU) was accompanying them.

Mrs. Liliane Haddad, Chief Indexer and Archivist, showed them each of the collections that the Museum holds. Ms. Victoria B. Huerta assisted in translating from/to English and Spanish.



The group Firqat al Arz at LERC's Museum (June 2012)

As the Lebanese-Argentinean went through the Museum, they had an opportunity to learn more about the Lebanese migration around the world. Once the collection for Argentina was reached, one of them recognized his work displayed in the Museum.

To end the tour, Mrs. Haddad encouraged *Firqat al Arz* to contribute to the Argentinean compilation by sending scanned documents, letters and pictures of their families.